Men aid in friend's suicide

United Press International NEW LONDON, Conn. — Two young men who helped a paraplegic friend commit suicide received suspended sentences from a judge who said the memory of what they had done was punishment enough.

Brian W. Taylor, 25, and William R. King, 26, were sentenced to 2 to 4 years each Monday, with the terms suspended by Superior Court Judge Seymour Hendel, who then released the men without condi-

"If ever the ends of justice required an unconditional discharge, this case does," said Hendel, who was asked by the dead

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man's mother and sister to show the pair

Taylor and King pleaded guilty last month to one count each of second-degree manslaughter. The pair admitted they had taken Kenneth B. Wright to a wooded area of Ledyard, Conn., in his wheelchair on Sept. 27, 1980. They said they then gave him a 20-gauge shotgun, sawed off so he could point it at his stomach and pull the

Wright, a high school football star paralyzed in a 1978 wrestling accident, was described by his mother as unable to cope with his paralysis

"He was an athlete," his mother Phyllis

Mrs. Wright, who had been told that her son would never recover from his paralysis, told authorities her son was despondent and often said he would kill himself.

"It was only a matter of time before he did it." Wright's mother said. "They (Taylor and King) were victims of circumst-

She said she suspected her son asked his friends for help so he could spare her the anguish of finding his body in the trailer

Proposed amendment Ag approved by committee

United Press International WASHINGTON — The Senate

Judiciary Committee Tuesday approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would require the United States to have a balanced federal budget except when the nation is at war

The amendment would forbid deficit spending unless approved by a three-fifths vote of the House and the Senate, except in time of a

The roll call vote was 10-1, with Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., casting the dissenting vote by proxy. Chairman Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., kept the count open until 5 p.m. so the seven absent members could vote.

At the White House Tuesday, acting press secretary Larry Speakes said although President Reagan favors a balanced budget, he would prefer the deficit be eliminated without mandatory legis-

Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., proposed adding a second exception for time of military emergency, but withdrew it in order to revise the wording of his proposed addition

Despite concerns of several members, the committee left in a section that would forbid the government from transferring part of its duties to states in order to keep its budget balanced. The wording was retained with the understanding that it can be changed or deleted during Senate floor debate.

Heflin said the proposal have the effect of weakening even repealing the 10th Amement, which says all powers expressly granted the federal ernment in the Constitution reserved for the states.

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National parks deteriorating, need improvements, money

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WASHINGTON — Secretary
of the Interior James Watt insisted



existing national parks be given priority over park land purchases. And National Park Service Di-

rector Russell Dickenson joined Watt in urging that money be taken from the \$900 million Land and Water Conservation Fund and used to halt deterioration of existing parks. Under existing law, the fund,

which receives most of its re-venues from offshore oil and gas leases, is used to buy both federal and state park land.

Watt has declared a moratorium on further park land purchases and is pushing for passage of legislation to allow the fund to be

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Appropriations subcommitte and got t Interior Department fund Watt said President Rep budget for the 1982 fiscal seeks \$105 million more asked by Jimmy Carter form ing and improving areas of to

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Watt called the comm attention to an October 198 eral Accounting Office rewhich estimates that there \$1.6 billion backlog of needed to improve health safety conditions in the park

Subcommittee Chairman's ney Yates, D-Ill., told Watthe been campaigning for re-elect Tuesday be when the report was released before the 1980 elections, and agreemen not yet seen it.

'I think there was an effort the Player we not see it," Watt said
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the report was released. Dickenson said the Park Systion is in as "admired and used as a informed was "admired and used as an el" by many other countries

Over the past 20 years, he was reach funds have been gradually the modification away from existing parks for purchase and development of

The need for meeting dear and effect and water standards, consent that led to handicapped, and health and safety cor also added to the parks' fina

problems, he said.

The Park Service director lodging, visitor centers, bridges and campground older parks have reached the where patching and minor are not enough.

Many do not meet curre health and safety codes," he "Finally," Dickenson is there is inflation — the lacost of doing business that

every park and every aspec operation, to the point when vices and facilities at some have had to be reduced on in recent years. The higher costs, he said,

making it "difficult, if not imp ble" to meet the public's en tion that parks be clean, safe, maintained and open at reable hours. The end result, Dickens

was "an inevitable decline in quality of the park experient millions of visitors.

'We are committed to r ing this decline, but we wi unable to accomplish this wi additional funding," he said

For that reason, Dicke said, the administration is a that money from the Land Water Conservation Fund used to restore and impro isting areas, with land aco "minimized for the next

years. He said the Park Servi asking for \$497.4 million in ating funds and \$61.6 million construction in fiscal 1982

Dickenson said the adm the Land and Water Conse Fund to administer grants: made to states and for eme federal land acquisitions changes.

He said the \$105 million seeking for restoration an provement of existing should also come out of the and be used to correct healt safety deficiencies and redu backlog of major mainterehabilitation work.

Butz to plead guilty to income tax evasion, prosecutor says

United Press International INDIANAPOLIS — Former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz will plead guilty Friday to income tax evasion, a federal prosecutor

U.S. Attorney David Ready Monday confirmed a report in the Indianapolis Star on an agreement between Butz, 71, and the federal

1976, Ready said.

Butz was appointed secretary of agriculture in 1971 and served under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. He resigned in October 1976, after a racial joke he

told was made public.

Butz will plead guilty to one count of tax evasion, apparently for the 1978 tax year, before U.S. The tax violation occurred after District Judge Jesse E. Eschbach

Butz resigned from public office in in Fort Wayne Friday, Ready

Ready said no agreement had been reached on sentencing. He said the maximum sentence would be five years imprisonment and a

Other details of the agreement were not disclosed.

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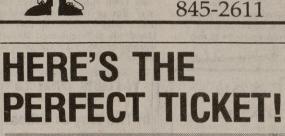
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