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Busing bill now before Senate

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department would be effectively prevented from trying to desegregate schools through forced busing under a House-passed amendment now before the Senate.

On a vote of 265-122 Tuesday, the House approved a measure that would cripple desegregation efforts, but which proponents

maintained would only stop an ineffective tool that has driven schools "downhill."

Introduced by Rep. Jim Collins, R-Texas, the amendment would deny the Justice Department funds to force schools to desegregate by busing. It is identical to one passed by Congress last year but vetoed by President Carter.

Approval by the Republican-dominated Senate seems likely. And the mood of the Reagan administration seems to favor the same basic goal.

Last month, Attorney General William French Smith announced he would de-emphasize forced busing in favor of more creative desegregation efforts.

In speaking in favor of his

amendment, Collins said, "The American people demand that we take action on this. They refuse to let this issue die."

The amendment was debated for only about a half-hour. It was tacked onto the Department of Justice authorization bill for 1982, which later was approved 353-42. Its difference with a similar Senate measure must be resolved.

"The courts have got kids going back and forth, back and forth. As a result of it, education in America has gone downhill," he said.

The language bars any of the money appropriated from being used "to bring any sort of action to require directly or indirectly the transportation of any student to a school other than the school which is nearest to the student's home."

"Until we can deal with the problem with a constitutional amendment, the amendment is

Hunt says report ignores evidence

DALLAS — Nelson Bunker Hunt says a recently released Commodity Futures Trading Commission report on last year's crash of the silver market ignores evidence of a conflict of interest on the part of futures exchange governors.

The CFTC analysis of the causes for the drop in silver prices — from \$50 per ounce to \$10.80 per ounce by March 27 — prompted Hunt's criticism. He claims his family eventually faced \$1.7 billion in silver debts and he charges Commodities Exchange officials acted in their own interest.

Hunt called on the CFTC to continue to analyze the New York-based Commodities Exchange and the silver holdings of members of its board of governors.

"Material in the (commission's report) contradicts the report's own conclusion, and in fact supports the claim that some of the exchange board members protected themselves from losses in the market and ended up with a profit because of the rules changes they made," he said.

The steep drop in silver prices left the Hunt's with an estimated \$2.5 billion in paper losses. Their failure to make a series of margin calls triggered a panic on Wall Street that nearly forced the closing of several major brokerages.

Conservation creates temporary oil surplus

TULSA, Okla. — American oil companies have been paying \$2 less for a barrel of domestic crude oil in recent weeks as conservation measures by motorists created a temporary surplus of petroleum products.

"Apparently people are just driving less," said Forest Brokaw of Sun Oil in Tulsa.

"Our prices (paid to producers) were lowered in response to market conditions," Brokaw said. "Consumption of petroleum products has declined, creating a temporary surplus."

Sun recently lowered the price it pays for low sulphur domestic crude from \$38 to \$36 a barrel, he said, and dropped the price it is willing to pay for high sulphur crude, which is more expensive to refine, from \$36 to \$34.

Brokaw and other oil company spokesmen said the short-term surplus was due to conservation, including improved automobile mileage and decreased driving, plus a mild winter.

Although gasoline costs at the pump have dropped a few cents a gallon in many areas of the country, oil company spokesmen disagreed whether the lower prices for domestic crude was playing any part.

"Of course we'll see a change," said Dick Robinson of Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville, Okla. "I think we're seeing a decrease at the pumps now."

"I don't think there was any immediate decrease (in the price paid by gasoline dealers)," said Kent Young of Cities Service Co. in Tulsa. "It takes awhile for decreased prices to roll through, then they would just be on a percentage basis for the most part."

"It would only pertain to the part of our crude we buy from U.S. sources. There could be (a dealer decrease), sure, but it's not going to be all that much," Young said.

"We can't talk about prices or what it is going to do to prices," said Brokaw, "but I can say in most areas (gas prices) are stabilizing or have dropped slightly."

Charles Smith of Getty Oil Co. said Getty had decreased the price it pays for crude oil in Kansas and Oklahoma, where Getty purchases almost all its domestic oil.

Smith said Kansas and Oklahoma were the only

two states where Getty posts oil prices, but if oil was purchased in other states the price would depend on what competitors were paying.

Getty decreased its prices "to match the competition," Smith said. There were no other factors, he said.

"The competition's prices were down," he said. "It's the same reason you go up in price. If that's what it takes to get the product that's what you do."

"If you pay more you have to get it back in the market or you lose money," he said.

Robinson said causes for the decrease in domestic crude prices are nothing new.

"It is not a new situation," Robinson said. "People are conserving more, for whatever reasons, and there is a decline in the amount of oil we are importing and the amount used by people."

A Phillips official said the recent decrease was the company's first since September 1980. Phillips prices increased approximately \$1 per month until President Reagan decontrolled the industry, he said.

Oil company officials said the \$2 decrease did not affect prices American companies paid for foreign oil, which according to the American Petroleum Institute makes up almost 34 percent of the country's petroleum supply.

Many oil companies have unamendable contracts with foreign oil suppliers, officials said. However, Cities Service Co. is attempting to open foreign contracts for re-negotiation, Young said.

Most members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries recently froze oil prices for the remainder of the year and agreed to decrease production.

American oil officials agreed the U.S. had a temporary oil surplus, but said consumers were not actually using less petroleum products than before. The conservation efforts simply resulted in a slower rate of demand, one official said.

"Who knows how long this is going to last?" Young said.

The price decrease should not hurt American incentive to seek more domestic oil supplies, he said.

"We're still interested in the long term," Young said. "We're still looking for supplies."

Judge says attorney general can intervene in court suit

HOUSTON — The Texas attorney general has been allowed to intervene in a court suit filed by Vietnamese refugees to stop harassment by Texas fishermen and the Ku Klux Klan, but his aim is to shut down KKK paramilitary camps.

U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald on Tuesday granted Attorney General Mark White's petition to intervene, but did not schedule a hearing on his

request for an order shutting down Klan paramilitary camps. White contends the camps violate Texas law forbidding private armies.

White filed the petition in a larger lawsuit in which the Vietnamese seek permanent court protection from illegal harassment by the Klan and native fishermen who have complained Texas waters are overcrowded.

F-16s 'ready for delivery' to Israel

FORT WORTH — No decision has been made on whether to delay delivery of four General Dynamics F-16 fighter planes to Israel, a Defense Department spokesman said Wednesday.

The fighters, built in Fort Worth, are similar to those used in Israel's attack on an Iraqi nuclear reactor this week.

"The matter is not in our hands," General Dynamics spokesman Rob Mack said. "The planes are ready for delivery. We only manufacture the planes. It is the U.S. Air Force which delivers them."

The four planes had been scheduled for delivery Friday. Reports had indicated the delivery may be delayed while the Reagan administration studied implications of the Israeli raid on the Iraqi reactor last Sunday.

Under Foreign Military Sales Act, the president has the authority to suspend the Israeli arms sales because the act prohibits U.S. weapons from being used for purposes other than national or regional defense.

"I don't have any information and as far as I know no decision has been taken to delay or not to delay the delivery (of the F-16 planes)," Lt. Col. Mark Foutch, Defense Department spokesman, said.

The decision would be made by the State Department, he said.

General Dynamics already has dispatched 53 planes to Israel. Mack said the four F-16s were still at the Fort Worth plant as of Wednesday morning. However, he said the planes could still be delivered in the next two days.

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