

# National

## Senate knocks down milk price supports

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WASHINGTON—The Senate Agriculture Committee Tuesday approved a stopgap bill to roll back higher milk price supports, which took effect last week when the old farm bill expired.

The committee sent the House-passed bill to the full Senate without a recorded vote. Sens. Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb., and Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., said they would have voted no if a

tally had been taken. Committee chairman Jesse Helms, R-N. C., said he hoped the Senate could act on the measure as early as today, although Senate Republican leader Howard Baker had warned it might not be taken up until next week.

Baker tried to get quick consideration of the bill last week by the full Senate without sending it to the Senate Agriculture Commit-

tee, but Sen. William Proxmire, D.-Wis., blocked consideration.

The Agriculture Department estimated that failure to pass the bill would cost \$1 million a day in higher payments to dairy producers. Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng told the Senate committee that passage of the measure this week would help the Reagan administration "avoid hardly any purchases at the higher price."



Photo by Richard Oliver

### Final touches

Taking advantage of last Saturday's beautiful weather, Texas A&M University senior Jon Heidtke washes his

motorcycle. Heidtke, 22, is the weekend sports anchorman at KBTX-TV in Bryan.

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## Odd Brazilian cattle brought to boost US beef industry

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Strange-looking cattle imported under U.S. Agriculture Department supervision from Brazil don't bother U.S. cattle breeders. The breeders hope the zebu will boost beef production in the United States and particularly the hot southwest by providing a resistance to tick infestation, hot weather and certain diseases. When bred with American cattle these traits will be passed on to the calves.

The zebu looks different from U.S. breeds: a darkly pigmented

loose hide, thick hair, long horns and humped back. A large fold underneath the neck is called the "dewlap."

Texas breeder-importer Walker Wilson brought 54 head of the first shipment to Overton last year.

"These cattle are pure blood and very fertile," said Marilyn Gounah of Wilson's office.

"They are pure bred from the Indian brahma so we get a lot of interest from the brangus and brahma breeders. New blood means greater fertility and hybrid vigor."

Hybrid vigor is the ratio of pounds of feed consumed to pounds gained. The more pounds gained per pound of feed, the greater the hybrid vigor.

"The breed will help the commercial rancher by providing cat-

tle that produce more meat quicker at less cost," Gounah said.

Zebus were first brought into the U.S. only a year ago because of a law banning cattle imports from countries with infestations of rinderpest foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases not occurring in the United States.

Rinderpest causes high fever and inflammation of the digestive tract and a high death rate in cattle. Foot-and-mouth disease causes blisters and sloughing in the mouth and nose and on the feet of cattle, sheep goats, and swine, resulting in major economic losses.

Breeding stock of the zebu that have been imported are under 11 months old and first were quarantined for 60 days on the Brazilian ranches where they were selected.

After that, tests were performed by Agriculture Department scientists to determine whether the animals had been exposed to a specific list of diseases.

Cattle passing these tests were transported and tested again at Canaëia Quarantine Station outside the Brazilian mainland. Those that passed were shipped to the Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center, located on an island off Key West Fla., where they remained under strict quarantine for more tests for about 150 days.

After passing the final tests, the zebus were released to the U.S. mainland. Of the 744 animals selected in Brazil, 141 were imported into the United States in two shipments. The entire quarantine procedure took eight months for each shipment.

## Three Americans hurt in Sadat assassination

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WASHINGTON — Three American military observers were among those wounded in the hail of gunfire and grenade explosions that left Egyptian President Anwar Sadat fatally wounded Tuesday.

A State Department spokesman said none of the officers were seriously hurt.

The three were identified as:

— Air Force Lt. Col. Charles

Loney, 42, of Austin, attached to headquarters in Washington — a flesh wound in the shoulder.

— Air Force Capt. Christopher Ryan, 34, of Sacramento, Calif., attached to the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, West Germany — shot in the foot.

— Marine Maj. Jerald Agnew, 36, of Bruneau, Idaho, attached to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. — shot in the leg.

A Pentagon spokesman said Loney was treated by doctors at the U.S. Embassy. Ryan and Agnew were taken to Mather Armed Forces Hospital, where Sadat died about two hours after the attack.

The Pentagon said two other top-ranking U.S. military officers were on the reviewing stand at the Armed Forces Day parade when the attack occurred but were not hurt.

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