

Senate passes bill, anti-busing at issue

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Tuesday gave its approval to the most far-reaching anti-busing legislation ever to move through Congress, climaxing months of stall tactics by liberals and hours of emotional debate.

But even as backers of the stringent curbs on the powers of the Justice Department and federal courts hailed their victory, chances for House passage of the legislation appeared slim.

The Senate approved the bill on a 57-37 vote. Sen. Lowell Weicker Jr., R-Conn., had kept the legislation tied up for more than a year, and he insisted it would not clear Congress this year.

The anti-busing provisions were attached to an otherwise routine \$2.45-billion Justice Department authorization for 1982. They would:

—Prohibit federal courts from ordering busing for desegregation purposes of more than five miles or 15 minutes each way daily.

—Prohibit the Justice Department from initiating court suits designed to seek busing for desegregation.

—Permit the Justice Department to seek to remove or reduce busing orders already in effect, a proposal sponsored by Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., and approved 73-21 shortly before the final vote on the bill.

Opponents argued the restrictions on the Justice Department and the courts would be unconstitutional.

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Under an agreement worked out in negotiations with both

sides in the busing fight, the bill returns to the House, where its anti-busing provisions are likely to be stripped off.

"This legislation will not be enacted into law in this session of Congress," Weicker said in the

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final moments of debate. "The fight is not over."

He said many senators voted for the legislation to avoid being labeled "pro-busing" back home, and privately hope it will now die.

During a Senate subcommittee hearing today, Weicker tried to pin down Attorney General William French Smith on the constitutionality of the legislation.

Weicker noted President Carter wrote his Justice Department appropriations subcommittee in 1980 to say anti-busing legislation then under consideration would be an "unconstitutional encroachment" on the executive branch.

Smith said it would not be proper for him to take a position before the current measure completes its journey through

the legislative process and is placed before the president.

On Monday, with the Senate poised to pass its legislation, busing foe Rep. Henson Moore, R-La., predicted the stringent language will die in the House. He rated the chances of House passage at "25 percent at best."

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., sponsored the language to prohibit the Justice Department from filing suits to force busing. Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., wrote a stronger provision to bar federal courts from ordering busing of more than 10 miles or 30 minutes each day for desegregation purposes.

Weicker agreed to Tuesday's vote last Thursday, breaking stall tactics he began last year. The House-passed bill carries the Helms rider in an amendment by Rep. James Collins, D-Texas. Moore is House sponsor of the Johnston rider but it was declared non-germane under the much stricter House rules.

Often a Senate bill goes directly to a Senate-House conference committee to work out the differences.

But Moore said Weicker extracted assurances the bill would go to House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass. O'Neill then would assign it to the House Judiciary Committee's civil and constitutional rights subcommittee, whose liberal chairman, Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., is certain to keep the bill stripped of anti-busing language.

According to Moore, Senate Republican leader Howard Baker and Johnston said if any attempt was made in the Senate today to circumvent Edwards' panel and send the bill to conference committee, Weicker would resume his stall tactics.

Gunmen shoot at NBC in El Salvador, 5 hurt

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — A grenade and gun attack injured two NBC newsmen and their Salvadoran driver when their van sped into a battle zone in eastern El Salvador, a network spokesman in San Salvador says.

The spokesman said an NBC van carrying five people was ambushed Monday by unidentified gunmen as it rushed to the scene of a guerrilla raid on a military post in the town of Tres Calles, 55 miles east of the capital.

A hand-grenade blast blew out the windshield and back window of the van, the spokesman said. The driver, Adon Garcia, threw the van into reverse and backed away as bullets tore through the vehicle.

Producer Douglas Davenport, of New York City, reportedly suffered a mild concussion and either glass or shrapnel

wounds to the face and neck.

Cameraman Allen Stecker, of Atlanta, suffered a minor cut on the right hand and the Salvadoran driver was cut on the face and neck by glass or shrapnel, the spokesman said.

No one was struck by the bullets, the spokesman said, adding the three men were taken to the Policlinica Hospital in San Salvador for treatment.

But in New York City, NBC spokesman Ron Najman said only the producer, cameraman, driver and soundman were in the vehicle at the time of the attack, confirming all except the soundman were slightly injured. He expected them all to be back to work Tuesday.

In the attack at Tres Calles, 50 to 100 guerrillas raided a military post, prompting troops to call in reinforcements and an air strike. No casualties were reported in the attack.

In a separate incident, two or

three shots were fired near the motorcade of U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton, reporters following the convoy reported. No one was hurt and it did not appear to be an assassination attempt, they said.

Reporters said shots rang out as the two cars and station wagon in the Hinton convoy were returning from the first anniversary celebration of the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Brigade in Santa Tecla, 7 miles west of the capital.

The motorcade raced away from the scene, they said, adding the ambassador's own bodyguards may have fired the shots to clear traffic from the road.

Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia said 2,000 soldiers have surrounded 400 to 600 guerrillas in the 8-day-old offensive on the slopes of Guazapa Volcano, 19 miles north of the capital.

Dart playing: tavern extols virtues of sport

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TRENTON, N.J. — Set into the floor tiles in the men's room of the Veteran's Tavern is this advice: "Play Darts."

Darts is one of the chief reasons a person would go into the Vet. The tavern is owned by Conrad Daniels, who is president of the North American Darting Association and one of the best darts players around.

Daniels, in his mid 30s, is even built a little like a human-sized dart; about 6 feet tall, slim, short curly hair, glasses and a slight bulge in the middle.

In 1975, he won the U.S. Open and was a finalist in the News of the World tournament — the Super Bowl of darts sponsored by the British newspaper of the same name. It is played in the Alexandra Palace in North London before a crowd of more than 12,000 and a national British television audience of millions. He was only the second American to play in the tournament.

A visitor to Veteran's, in a working class neighborhood, will first notice the television over the bar by the front door, the pool table and the jukebox. Behind the jukebox is the idle pinball machine and on the far

wall are a row of five well-lit dartboards, backed by red floor-to-ceiling carpeting.

There is drinking by the dartboards. Some say it helps the concentration. There also is a quiet intensity broken by low voices and the "thk" of darts hitting boards.

The game they play at the Vet is as much like the basement kiddie variety of darts as tournament table tennis is like Ping Pong played with sandpaper-covered paddles. The rules are the same, but the game is played on a different level.

At a far board, the second from the back, Daniels stands with three other men, quietly tossing darts with a deceptive ease and uncanny accuracy.

"OK, Jimmy, the 7," Daniels tells his partner.

Thk. The 7.

"Now the double 9."

Thk. Double 9.

"Double 16."

Thk. Double 16. Game's over.

A standard British dartboard — used by the vast majority of players — is a circular target 18 inches in diameter divided into 20 wedges with a bullseye in the center. A dart landing in the 11 wedge scores 11 points. Around the rim of the target area is a

three-eighths inch wide "doubles ring," where darts score double. Halfway to the bull is a similar "triples ring," where they score triple.

This night, Daniels is complaining that he is tired. As a result, the other team stacks up a fairly substantial lead.

"Yeah, you left too early," Daniels remarks the next evening. "I finally found the board and we won seven games running." Some might call that hustling, but while Daniels conceded that some cash changed hands, he claimed he didn't make any money off of it.

The game is not for men only. Women often are as good shooters and fully as astute money players as the men.

The history of darts is fuzzy, at best. One of the earliest references — repeated so often that it has become accepted, if not true — is believed to be that Anne Boleyn gave her husband, Henry VIII, a set in 1532. It is not known whether the gift spurred the king to spare her life for a while or hasten her execution.

Anyone who has ever picked up a dart and thrown it at a board would understand both impulses.

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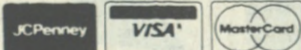
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