

# Congressman says sodomy law needed

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AUSTIN — State Rep. Bill Ceverha publicly opened his legislative war on homosexuals Tuesday, fortified by one homosexual expert who said public health hazards of homosexuality could spell the end of western civilization.

Ceverha, R-Richardson, urged a briefing on his legislative proposal to re-establish a state sodomy law. The former law was declared unconstitutional by a federal judge.

He outlined support for his legislation by the Alert Citizens of Texas, Dallas Doctors Against AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Inc., and the Institute for Scientific Investigation of Sexuality.

Paul Cameron, chairman of the sexuality institute, said Ceverha's bill was needed to address a growing threat to the general public's health.

"Homosexuality probably belongs in the top five medical

risks of our time," Cameron said. "AIDS conceivably could right now be the demise of western civilization."

AIDS destroys the body's immune system, making the sufferer more susceptible to bacteria and infection.

Cameron said studies show at least 72 percent of the approximately 1,300 cases of AIDS diagnosed nationwide have been contacted by homosexuals.

"The public health concerns of homosexuality surpass the health problems of heterosexuality," Cameron said. "The law will be good for those foolish people who practice homosexuality."

"This law will help prevent both the cause, as near as we can determine, as well as the spread of AIDS."

Ceverha's bill, scheduled for a public hearing before the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee later Tuesday, would outlaw sexual intercourse between two people of the same sex.

# Meat industry asks why

# Cutting out fat is 'in'

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NEW YORK — The meat industry wants to know why people are cutting back on fat in their diets.

"In the past we've been somewhat reluctant to address this issue" because of fear of implicating red meat, says Manly Molpus, of the American Meat Institute.

Now, the AMI and a second trade group, the National Livestock and Meat Board, are co-sponsoring a follow-up study to assess consumer attitudes about this and related issues.

The original study by Yankelovich, Skelly and White was done two years ago to learn consumers' attitudes toward meat in terms of diet, health and nutrition.

"What we hope to find out (in the new study) is whether consumers' concern over fat is related to calorie intake and staying thin or to health

reasons," Molpus said at a news conference in New York co-sponsored by the two trade associations.

Until the verdict is in, members of the two groups have

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suggestions for reducing fat intake:

"Use a wine marinade for meats and reduce the oil to one or two spoonfuls," said

John Francis, director of the meat board's merchandising department.

"Wrap leftover roast in layers of paper towels before you refrigerate it," said Kathleen Horner, consumer relations director for a Cincinnati meat packer. The towels will absorb the excess fat and what's left on the surface can be scraped off before you reheat the meat.

"I'm a corn-fed Iowa farm boy," said Russ Sanders of Des Moines, director of consumer product marketing for the National Pork Producers Council. "I watch my number of helpings."

"We do a lot of cooking out," Sanders added. He uses a lot of vegetables when kebabs are the main course.

Frances Jones Paddock, consumer affairs manager for an Oklahoma City meat packer, said she does a lot of stir-fry cooking using only one or

two teaspoons of fat. "And when I really need a reminder (to cut back) I wear a tight girdle," she said.

These were among 101 suggestions compiled by JoAnn Shurpitt of Chicago and other members of the AMI Consumer Affairs Committee, magazine editors and authors.

"Almost half the fat we consume comes from vegetable oils, vegetable fats and butter," Ms. Shurpitt said. She is home economics director for a Chicago-based food manufacturer.

Her suggestions for reducing fat consumption from meat include:

— Drain fat from ground beef after browning, then blot the meat on paper towels.

— Stuff chops and poultry with grain or vegetable mixtures instead of fatty bread stuffings.

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# Energy industry on an upswing

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HOUSTON — Energy Secretary Donald Hodel told refinery workers the energy industry is on an upswing.

Invited to Houston by Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas, to see the extent of layoffs first hand, Hodel said response recently for bids on leases in Alaska drew about 50 percent more than anticipated.

"We take that as an encouraging sign that the energy business is on the upswing," he said.

Fields, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, urged Hodel to

push hard for energy independence and gas deregulation, which Fields said would help put Houstonians — 10 percent of whom are unemployed — back to work.

"Houston is America's energy capital," Fields said. "In my own 8th District, half the workers are employed by the energy industry."

"U.S. energy independence — meaning full use of our resources, not OPEC's or anybody else's — means jobs for our people. Our local energy slowdown has created most of our unemployment."

# Kennedy declines Dallas visit offer

United Press International  
DETROIT — Sen. Edward Kennedy has turned down a bid to address the United Auto Workers convention in Dallas next month because he doesn't want to visit the city where his brother was assassinated 20 years ago, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

UAW President Douglas Fraser told the Detroit Free Press Monday that the Massachusetts Democrat told him he has not set foot in Dallas since

President John F. Kennedy was shot on Nov. 22, 1963. "He made a point of the fact that this year would be the 20th anniversary of the assassination," Fraser said.

Fraser said Kennedy did not indicate any ill feelings toward Texas or Dallas, but rather said that visiting Dallas would be a traumatic experience for him personally.

The union has not decided on a replacement for Kennedy, Fraser said.

# Couple makes love in public on slide

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SAN ANTONIO — A couple of carnival workers who woke up any sleepyheads in the county courthouse by making love in full view atop a giant slide won't be sleeping, or doing anything else, up there again.

The couple, who witnesses said had slept on the slide since it was assembled for the city's 10-day Fiesta celebration, apparently were unaware a crowd had gathered at the adjacent Bexar County Courthouse windows to watch their encounter Monday about 8:45 a.m.

As word spread through the

courthouse, employees scrambled for choice spots in the windows, cheering and applauding the amorous pair.

When they finished, the woman dressed and slid down the slide to even more cheers.

County Judge Albert Bustemante was not amused when informed of the atypical way to start the work day and questioned why no one called the sheriff's department, which is located in the same building.

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