

Plan may prevent more state dams, senator says

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AUSTIN — The only legislative state water plan which remains to be approved could halt the construction of dams on Texas riverways, a senator opposed to the legislation says.

The bill, carried by Sen. John Sharp, D-Victoria, requires the Texas Department of Water Resources to preserve the historic level of productivity in the bays and estuaries by making sure an adequate supply of fresh water flows through the environmentally delicate bodies of water.

Under the bill, water authorities would determine if a request to take or divert water

from a river would adversely affect marine life in the bays. If it is decided that the damage would be significant, it could require the applicant to compensate for the lost water.

"The feeling among water people is that if this bill passes, there won't ever be another reservoir or dam built in the state of Texas," Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin, said Tuesday.

The Senate gave tentative approval to the bill, but Sharp could not muster the votes needed to give it final passage.

The Senate gave final approval to all other bills proposed in the plan.

The legislation, drafted primarily by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Sen. John Mont-

ford, D-Lubbock, places emphasis on water conservation and avoids any mention of water importation from neighboring states.

Other components of the water plan passed by the Senate include:

- Legislation to give the Railroad Commission and the Water Resources Department concurrent authority to regulate the pollution of fresh water by oil and gas companies.

- A proposed constitutional amendment to allow the issuance of an additional \$300 million in water development bonds, half to improve water supplies and half for water quality projects.

- A proposed constitutional amendment that would pledge \$250 million of the state's credit to guarantee bonds issued by local districts in hopes they would receive a more favorable bond rating. The proposal also would allow the state to appropriate money for major water and flood control projects.

- A proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$200 million in state bonds to create a financing source for farmers who want to buy high efficiency irrigation systems.

The proposals, several of which require approval of the voters in 1984 balloting, were forwarded to the House for its consideration.

Truck insurance law for Mexicans delayed

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BROWNSVILLE — A federal judge has scheduled a hearing Friday on a U.S. law requiring Mexican truckers to carry \$500,000 in liability and environmental restoration insurance.

Federal officials had planned to begin enforcing the new rule Tuesday at major border crossings including Brownsville, Hidalgo and Laredo.

However, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela Tuesday issued an order granting a one-day delay and setting a hearing on the matter for Friday.

U.S. Transportation Department officials said they planned to try again Wednesday to im-

plement the insurance regulations at Brownsville, Hidalgo and Laredo by refusing entry to uninsured trucks.

Lorenzo Blanco Enriguez, president of a group of customs brokers in neighboring Matamoros, Mexico, Monday night called the new insurance requirements a disaster because he said produce and shrimp en route to the border were threatened with spoilage if the trucks were not allowed to cross the Rio Grande.

Texas insurance agents said the required insurance would cost Mexican truckers approximately \$1,000 a year.

The new law, which requires up to \$1 million in insurance on

Mexican and Canadian trucks carrying hazardous materials into the United States, actually went into effect Jan. 6, but has not been enforced.

John Jackson, U.S. Customs port director at Roma said the insurance laws were designed to make United States truckers more competitive with Mexican truckers who have not had to carry the same insurance.

Although Texas requires liability insurance for its trucks, Mexican truckers for decades have crossed the border without any insurance, Jackson said.

Jackson said once the Mexicans learned of the new law he did not expect any trouble when they were turned away at the border.

Five indicted in alien case

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SAN ANTONIO — A major international smuggling ring busted by federal investigators provided Ecuadorian aliens with exit visas, financial loans and repaid airline tickets to New York and Chicago, federal officials say.

U.S. Attorney Ed Prado and Richard M. Casillas, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services, said Tuesday that a federal grand jury had returned indictments against five people who allegedly operated the ring.

They said a six-month federal investigation of the smuggling operation led to the arrests of individuals in New York, Chicago, San Antonio and Laredo.

Prado said the organization specialized in smuggling aliens from Ecuador, Columbia and the Dominican Republic and had brought about 400 aliens into the United States in the last six months. He said the group had smuggled thousands of aliens since it was formed in 1976.

The Ecuadorian part of the operation arranged for exit permits and financial loans to clients, who were charged \$3,000 for a trip that took them to Mexico City and Monterrey, where they stayed in specified hotels.

After receiving instructions from operators in New York, the aliens were taken to Sabinas Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico and eventually smuggled across the border to Laredo, Casillas said.

From there, they were taken in private vehicles or tractor-trailers to San Antonio, where they were furnished with repaid airline tickets to New York and Chicago.

Indicted for conspiracy to smuggle and for harboring, concealing and transporting illegal aliens were Edgar Argurdo-Argurdo, of New York, Cornelio Molina Alvarez, Juan Carlos Molina-Alvarez, Armando Peralta Soto, and Celia Ochoa Garcia, all of Laredo.

Argurdo-Argurdo, who was indicted on three counts, used the aliases Francisco Hernandez and Mr. Rodriguez, federal officials said.

Others who were arrested in the case were identified as Alba Lopez-Velazquez and Carlos Alberto Romero-Castro, both of New York, and Leticia Garcia of Laredo.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Hilbeck said the investigation began last year after two Ecuadorians were arrested at the San Antonio airport, and investigators "started putting things together."

"We just started pulling at the ball of twine," he said. "It was a fairly sophisticated operation."

Hilbeck said Gary Renick, supervisor of the anti-smuggling unit, checked other points of entry along the U.S. border and found that all the Ecuadorians were coming through the Laredo-San Antonio route, indicat-

ing the smugglers felt the route was safe.

"If it works, don't fix it," Hilbeck said, adding that the route has now been disrupted "for a major portion of the individuals."

Prado said the government investigation was still underway and that more indictments are expected.

AIDS spreading to small towns

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, which has afflicted primarily homosexual men in large cities, may be spreading to smaller communities, says a researcher at the University of Rochester.

AIDS, first acknowledged in the male homosexual community about two years ago, is a mysterious disease which eats away at the body's ability to fight infection. Since 1981, its pool of victims has expanded to include hemophiliacs, Haitian refugees, and intravenous drug users.

"Most of the cases originate in big cities like Houston, New York City and San Francisco," said Dr. Thomas Rush, of the University's AIDS screening clinic.

But doctors at the clinic are seeing "a lot of men" with symptoms known to lead to the disease, and Rush believes this may mean AIDS will come to Rochester and possibly other smaller cities.

The illness probably does not originate so often in Rochester and other mid-size cities, Rush said, because homosexual men in these areas are apt to be less

promiscuous than those in big cities.

But the disease may spread as those men return to the small cities to be with their families or friends when they are sick, Rush said.

Researchers do not know the origin of the disease, the symptoms of which include fever, dramatic weight loss, swollen glands and diarrhea. Nearly half the 1,200 persons AIDS has stricken since 1981 have died from the disease, most of those victims in big cities.

"These people really suffer," said Dr. Roy Steigbigel, who also works at the clinic. "I've never seen such wasted patients. They know what's happening to them; they remain very alert. It's very tragic."

Rush said there is no known way to treat the illness, which researchers believe is transmitted through intimate sexual contact or contact with blood products.

Rochester's screening clinic is the only one upstate, Rush said, although there are many in New York City, where treating potential AIDS victims "has become a full-time job."

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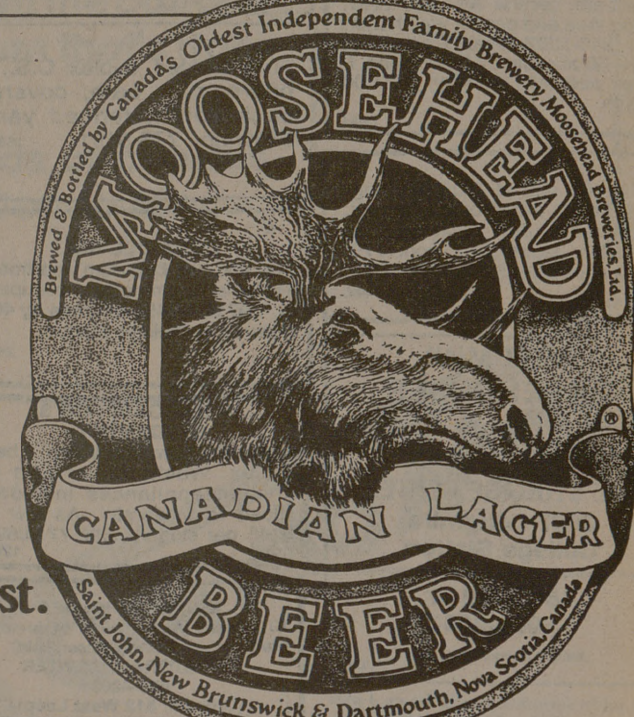
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