

Caperton says legislative session busy, disappointing

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State Sen. Kent Caperton said Thursday that while the recently completed legislative session was productive, it still fell short on some of its education commitments.

"All in all," Caperton said, "we passed some 75 bills, including the House companions to our Senate bills. It was a busy session, and one in which I hope the constituents and people of the fifth district will find they were represented well."

"But at the same time," Caperton said, "the session was filled with disappointment."

"We found once again that the promises of campaigns do not necessarily translate into meaningful laws. We found that teachers have once again been relegated to a second-class status, and they've been told again through the inaction of the legislature that while the campaign time is important, when it comes down to delivering, somehow the legislature falls short."

and for all," he said.

In regard to tax increases, Caperton said, the legislature needs to realize it's going to have to increase revenues some way.

"I'm willing to do that, but that responsibility also rests with the House of Representatives," he said, "and I call on our colleagues in the House to join with the Senate to recognize that we're going to have to do something in a dramatic way to address the problems of education."

Caperton added that the House has not been trying to cooperate with the Senate in raising taxes.

"They've just turned their heads, looked the other way and blindly parroted no new taxes. That may be safe at home if your worried about getting re-elected, but it doesn't meet the very real problems that we have about quality education."

Specifying the education areas that need money the worst, Caperton said the legislature needs to focus on teachers. He said that is where the problem is and the area in which there is trouble attracting qualified people.

Caperton said the Senate's proposed Education Excellence Fund was a bill that would have provided help by giving lump sums of money to school districts specifically for teacher pay increases, but that it was rejected by the House.



Sen. Kent Caperton

Supreme Court upholds oil tax

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 WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday unanimously upheld the windfall profits tax on crude oil, which is expected to pour some \$66 billion into government coffers.

The 9-0 ruling reversed a Wyoming judge's ruling the tax was unconstitutional because it singled out Alaskan oil for preferential treatment.

The government had been battling to have the court reinstate the tax, saying the revenues were crucial to planning the 1984 budget which projects a deficit of nearly \$200 billion.

The windfall profits tax, passed to block oil producers from reaping profits from decontrol of oil prices, was held unconstitutional by a federal judge in Wyoming because it exempts oil produced in Alaska. Justice Lewis Powell delivered the high court's ruling, held that Congress could not be faulted for determining that Alaskan oil required favorable treatment.

"It had before it ample evidence of the disproportionate costs and difficulties — the fragile ecology, the harsh environment, and the remote location — associated with extracting oil from this region," he said.

Powell also added that, "Nothing suggests that Congress intended to grant Alaska an undue preference at the expense of other oil-producing states. This is especially clear because the windfall profit tax itself falls heavily on the state of Alaska."

Crude oil produced in Alaska north of the Arctic Circle was exempted from taxation by the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act, which President Carter signed in April 1980.

The tax on domestic oil was designed to recapture some of the profits oil companies enjoyed when price controls were lifted in 1981. Net revenues from the tax in 1981 and 1982 were about \$26 billion. The government estimates the tax will net the government \$40 billion over the next five years.

The Treasury has been collecting the tax while the case was pending.

H.B. Scoggins, general counsel for the Independent Petroleum Association of America, which filed suit against the tax, said the ruling "is a blow to the energy security of the United States."

He warned the decision will "cause marginal oil wells to be abandoned," and vowed, "we won't accept it."

"We will continue to fight the tax. There are several other legal issues involved and we'll have to look at this ruling and perhaps initiate several other suits."

But Edwin Rothchild, assistant director of the Citizen Labor Energy Coalition, lauded the ruling as "a major victory for the Treasury of the United States" and said it shows "the government has every right to tax the windfall profits earned by oil producers."

CounselLine supplies information

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More than one student has turned that number for help in the past few years. It's the number of the CounselLine Self-Help Tape Program, a program of the Academic Counseling Service.

In fact, between 1980 and 1982 more than 2,000 students availed themselves of the service, says Dr. Lewis, associate director of the Academic Counseling Service.

In spite of its name, however, the CounselLine Self-Help Tape Program is not a counseling service, Lewis says.

"It's not meant to counsel or to

solve problems," Lewis says, "but to provide information."

The list of topics on which it provides information is extensive. The topics range from dating skills, to taking lecture notes, to how to deal with depression.

Tape titles include:

- "Friendship Building"
- "How To Say 'No'"
- "How To Deal With Loneliness"
- "Infatuation Or Love?"
- "Parenting Skills"
- "Death And Dying"

There also are about 40 others. The range of topics is large because

college students face so many problems, Lewis says. Not only do students face pressure from the academic life of deadlines, exams and classes but also from just being in their late teens, he says.

"It's a very unsettling time, typically, in our society," Lewis says of the college-aged years.

Compounding that problem is the fact that many students are too afraid, shy or proud to see a counselor about their problems, he says.

"When you come in to talk to somebody you're taking a personal risk of being judged," he says, adding that

that's a risk some students prefer not to take.

Lewis says that was the original philosophy behind the CounselLine. It provides information to students hesitant about going to see a counselor. Not only does the information take no more effort than a phone call, Lewis says, but it is anonymous. No one knows who makes the calls.

And that, he said, sometimes enables students to make the first step — or phone call — that could lead to the student seeking needed professional help.

\$700 cap proposed for Reagan's tax cut

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 WASHINGTON — House Speaker Thomas O'Neill Monday proposed a \$700 cap on the third year of President Reagan's tax cut, eliminating the huge tax cuts that go to high income individuals.

Speaking to an audience of the wealthy — stock market officials — O'Neill said that as beneficiaries of Reagan's policies, "The financially well off must be asked to sacrifice to reduce the deficit."

O'Neill's cap would affect mainly those making more than \$50,000. He noted in his speech to the American Stock Exchange that someone earning \$100,000 a year would gain \$2,300 from the tax cut scheduled for early July.

O'Neill also proposed a military buildup of 5 percent above inflation. Reagan asked for 10 percent.

"We need to slow down the defense build-up right now," O'Neill said in remarks prepared for the group.

An aide said O'Neill was particularly anxious to make his proposal before a forum in which all the participants make far more than \$50,000.

"He likes the idea of doing it before an audience like this," the aide said.

O'Neill's proposed \$700 cap is a middle ground between those who want to leave the tax cut alone and those who want to eliminate it altogether.

The proposals come a day before House Democrats are to meet to decide how to attack the 10 percent tax reduction scheduled for July 1.

The House is expected to pass a bill quickly, probably the week of June 13, and send it to the Senate, where GOP leader Howard Baker has promised Democratic leader Robert Byrd he will bring it to a vote.

The aide, who asked not to be identified, said O'Neill also feels placing a cap on the tax cut rather than repealing it will force Reagan to think before a veto.

"He (Reagan) will have to say, 'I'm for the rich,'" to veto a tax cap, the aide said. The aide said the tax cap would increase projected federal revenues \$6 billion, a relatively small figure in light of budget deficits approaching \$200 billion, but that the burden would be placed only on the wealthy, who can afford it.

O'Neill also called on the Federal Reserve Board to intervene in financial markets in an effort to weaken the dollar in overseas markets and solve balance-of-trade problems with Japan and other western trading partners.

Nicaragua to expel U.S. diplomats

United Press International
 MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaragua Monday ordered the expulsion of three U.S. diplomats, accusing them of plotting the assassination of leftist leaders as part of a plan to destabilize the Central American nation.

Linda M. Pfeifel, a political affairs official, David Noble Greig, first secretary and Ermila Loreta Rodriguez,

second secretary, were all declared persona non grata, the Foreign Ministry announced.

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy.

An investigation by the Interior Ministry said all three were guilty of "abusing their condition of diplomatic officials by developing a growing activity destined to destabilize the government of Nicaragua."

"Such investigations have demonstrated that among the criminal actions the diplomats in question planned to undertake were organizing attempts against the lives of leaders of the Sandinista revolution and high functionaries of the Nicaraguan government," the Foreign Ministry said.

The ministry accused the diplomats of having had meetings and

clandestine contacts in Nicaragua and outside the country with Nicaraguans, including government officials "with the object of recruiting them, training them and give them the means necessary to execute their criminal actions."

The Nicaraguan government will send a formal protest to the United States after the incident, the ministry said.

Police stop traveler en route to Houston

United Press International
 CORSIANA — Investigators say they have no clues about what a 20-year-old Colorado man intended to do with 10 pounds of high-intensity explosives potent enough to level a house.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested Clyde Ura Cain Jr.

Monday on Interstate 45 about 40 miles southeast of Dallas. A search of Cain's car uncovered the 10 pounds of explosive gel, homemade detonators and a radio-controlled igniter, authorities said.

Cain, who gave police no home town and told them he was en route to Houston, was jailed in lieu of \$10,000

bond on charges of possession of illegal explosive devices and possession of marijuana.

Trooper Reese Morgan said he and his partner, Mike Price, stopped Cain because they had received a report he had left a service station in nearby Ennis without paying for a \$5

gasoline purchase.

A Fort Hood bomb squad was called to detonate the explosives, Morgan said.

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African organization faces possible collapse

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 ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — The Organization of African Unity's latest effort to meet faced collapse today with leaders divided over the Western Sahara and Chad — issues that have twice postponed the 19th summit.

The third attempt in two years to convene the summit failed Monday, as did Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy's chances on becoming the chairman of the OAU, delegates said.

After nearly eight hours of informal discussion among at least 21 African nations, African delegations and especially Libya were pessimistic the summit would take place.

Disputes over the seating of Western Sahara's Polisario Front and Chad, together with Khadafy's pledge to fight for the chairmanship, threatened the very existence of the 20-year-old organization.

Conference sources said moves by moderate African states to block Khadafy's chairmanship created bitterness in the informal sessions and

dampened any chance of compromise over the Western Sahara and Chad.

Delegations said Ethiopian President Col. Mengistu Haile Miriam, a close ally of Khadafy but considered less radical, was the main contender for the chairmanship should the 19th summit get off the ground.

By late Sunday, at least 32 heads of state and government had arrived but it was not clear exactly how many were present Monday. At least 34 states, two thirds of the organization, is needed for a quorum.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, the current OAU chairman, and other African leaders have said a third failure could spell the end of the pan-African body.

Moi is staunchly pro-western and considered a moderate by his fellow African statesmen, compared to Khadafy, who is opposed by moderate African leaders for his revolutionary politics.

Underground group takes blame for Libyan shooting

United Press International
 A gunman pumped seven bullets into Libya's highest-ranking diplomat in Beirut and an underground organization opposed to Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy Monday claimed responsibility for the assassination attempt. The shooting occurred only hours before Israeli troops in Lebanon were told to watch for possible attacks Monday, the first anniversary of their invasion.

The underground Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners claimed responsibility for the attempted assassination of Libyan Charge d'Affaires Abdel Kader Ghouka, who was shot seven times as he entered the lobby of his Beirut hotel late Sunday.

"Catch him, catch him. Don't let him get away," shouted Ghouka as his assailant slipped out of the Napoleon Hotel and down a darkened street after the shooting at 11:30 p.m.

Ghouka was reported in serious

but stable condition at Beirut's American University Hospital.

The Front, which has claimed responsibility for attacks on Syrian and Palestinian targets in the past, gave no reasons for its attempt to kill Ghouka.

"We declare with pride that we are responsible for the assassination attempt. We also declare that we have taken it on ourselves to free the world from Khadafy," The Front said in a statement.

It was not known if the attack was connected to a month-old mutiny by radical Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, who accused Khadafy of financing the rebellion.

Last month, Arafat vowed to "cut off the tongue" of Khadafy and called the Libyan leader "an ant" who should "get back to your hole."

In Damascus, Syria, Algerian President Chadli Jenjedid urged the PLO to unite and pledged his efforts to end the mutiny.

No further fighting between rival factions of Al Fatah — the largest PLO guerrilla group — was reported Sunday and PLO officials in Damascus said accounts of clashes Saturday were exaggerated.

Police sealed off streets in the Hamra district of Moslem west-Beirut in their search for Ghouka's assailant, described as a young man who spoke with a Lebanese accent and wore a denim jacket and a sport shirt.

Doctor's operated on Ghouka for several hours at Beirut's American University Hospital. One hospital official later said he was "out of danger" but doctors expressed some concern and said he would need blood transfusions.

The assassination attempt occurred as Lebanon was about to mark the first anniversary Monday of the Israeli invasion to crush PLO guerrilla camps along Lebanon's southern borders of the Jewish state.

forecast

Skies becoming clear to partly cloudy today with a high of 83. Northeasterly winds of 10 to 15 mph. Tonight's low near 62. Clear to partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday with a high near 87.