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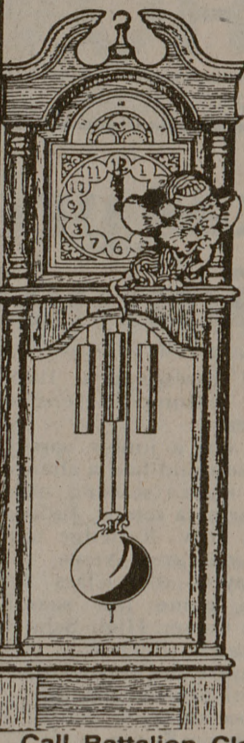
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Flag protection bill gets approval after debate in House committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee on Thursday approved a flag protection bill that was pushed by Democrats but dismissed by Republicans as useless for overcoming the Supreme Court ruling permitting flag burning.

One Democratic leader said he and others in his party would "go to the wall" to block a constitutional amendment against flag desecration, which the Republicans and President Bush say is necessary.

The House Judiciary Committee, in a quarrelsome session, voted 28-6 for a statute that says, "Whoever knowingly mutilates, defaces, burns or tramples upon any flag of the United States shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both."

All but one of the 13 Republicans voting supported the bill — as a symbolic gesture for the flag, one said. But Republican leaders blocked the Democrats' plan to bring the bill before the full House next week.

House Republican Leader Bob Michel of Illinois told reporters that White House Chief of Staff John

Sununu urged the GOP leadership this week to speak out more on the flag because it was a "wedge issue" — one that breaks the Democrats apart.

Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., said at a news conference after the vote that the bill would come up in September, and he couldn't imagine why any lawmaker would favor amending the constitution if a statute would protect the flag.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., added, "The people who pose as the most vigilant supporters of flag protection... seem more interested in adding political graffiti to the Constitution than in protecting the physical integrity of the American flag."

The Democrats carried with them the U.S. flag that flew over the Capitol the day Pearl Harbor was attacked, in Rome after that city was liberated, and over the U.S.S. Missouri when Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted Japan's surrender.

In the war of symbols, Bush had used the Iwo Jima memorial to the Marines when he endorsed the constitutional amendment.

In the committee, GOP members were repeatedly beaten back when they attempted to scuttle the legislation, including a second attempt in two days to substitute a constitutional amendment.

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— Rep. Don Edwards

Health care benefits issue puts collider discussion on backburner in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Thursday wrangled over whether to suspend new health care benefits for the elderly, slowing lawmakers' efforts on the separate issue of the first federal funds for the planned \$4 billion Texas atom smasher.

At issue was the \$18.4 billion spending bill for fiscal 1990 for federal energy and water programs.

The measure includes \$225 million for the superconducting super collider, to be built in Waxahachie, Texas; \$4.2 billion for water projects; \$9.6 billion for nuclear weapons production and research, and \$350 million to study a potential high-level nuclear waste storage site in Yucca Mountain, Nev.

But an afternoon of routine consideration of a non-controversial bill erupted into spirited debate when Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., proposed an amendment delaying important parts of the catastrophic care program for senior citizens.

McCain's proposal would delay for a year the surtax imposed on people over age 65 to help pay for the program, a levy that has touched

off loud protests from many elderly Americans. It also would postpone other segments of the program, including a prescription drug benefit and a ceiling it places on doctors' bills the elderly must pay.

Currently, the law — passed just last year — requires people eligible for Medicare to pay a surtax of 15 percent on the federal taxes they owe above \$150. A cap of \$800 was placed on the amount any individual would owe.

"We believe taxes ought to be collected in order to be paid out in government benefits, not to disguise a budget deficit," said McCain, whose state is home to a large number of elderly citizens.

McCain lost a bid to include the same provision in another spending bill last month by one vote, but was promised that the Senate Finance Committee would study problems with the catastrophic care program.

That panel's chairman, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, angrily told McCain that the review was under way.

Protest

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thorized, but Williams said the solution to the problem would take more than that.

"I'm not sure signs are going to solve the problem," Williams said. "It can help it, but I think we need to provide them with a proper map and instructions at registration. I don't think they paid much attention (to this year's map). They may have, but obviously some of them didn't because they're parking in the wrong places."

The role of Parking Transit and Services is to provide parking spaces for faculty, staff and students, and assign spaces for students, he said.

"I think maybe we've made it through the first week and hopefully the word is out that we're with the fire school when they register next time and we can provide them maps," Williams said.

Charles Page, director of the A&M Firemen's Training School, said he was aware firemen were unhappy with the parking situation, but he wanted to know all the facts

POLICE BEAT

- The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department from July 21 to Tuesday.
- THEFT OF SERVICE:**
 - A white Ford Mustang left the Parking Garage without paying. The Mustang escaped the garage with the assistance of a white male who held the gate up until the Mustang had exited. A license plate number was recorded, and the owner of the vehicle will be identified and contacted. Investigation continues.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT:**
 - A Bryan juvenile was taken to the Brazos County Juvenile Detention Center after hitting an A&M student with a piece of pipe outside Southside Residence Hall "B". The student was taken to the Beutler Health Center for treatment of cuts and bruises to the left side of his face and his arms.
 - The student confirmed that he and the juvenile had a verbal confrontation while moving furniture into the residence hall. The juvenile struck the student twice without warning.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
 - A student's vehicle was struck by a red pellet while driving down Hogg Street. It is believed that the pellet was thrown from the area of Hobby Hall.
- A windshield of a Ford station wagon was broken by an unknown object while it was parked adjacent to the north dorm athletic field.
- The air was let out of one of the tires on a GMC pickup parked in Parking Area 39.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION:**
 - A sabre, Ross Volunteer Uniform and a uniform hat were reported stolen from a room in Crocker Hall. Later it was discovered that all the missing items had been borrowed from a friend and returned.
 - PUBLIC INTOXICATION:**
 - A man was taken to jail after police noticed him staggering on the traffic on East Main Drive.
 - MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
 - Two bicycles were stolen from campus.
 - Two backpacks were stolen on the same day in the library. Both backpacks were left unsecured.
 - \$20 was stolen from a wallet in a student's locker in the Reed Building.
 - A Panasonic clock radio was stolen from a room in the Veterinary Medical Administration Building. The room was unoccupied and unattended at the time of the theft.

WHAT'S UP

- Friday**
- STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE (SOTA):** will have a brown-bag lunch for its 'Students With Children Subcommittee' meeting at noon in Room 204 O&M Building. For more information contact Nancy Thompson at 845-1741.
 - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0820.
- Sunday**
- CHINESE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** will meet in the LRD of the Evans Library to watch a Chinese movie. For more information contact Hsu at 845-0389.
 - Monday**
 - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.
 - Tuesday**
 - CO-OP STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry to answer questions about corporations and co-op experience. For more information contact Angela Rice at 693-6131.
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are not on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

DC-10

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"There's nothing that's come out of the Sioux City accident indicating a basic design flaw that would warrant such an action."

Also on Thursday, a Korean Air DC-10 crashed short of a fogbound airport in Tripoli, Libya, killing at least 82 people. However, a spokesman for the South Korean embassy there said no mechanical problem was reported prior to the crash.

Within hours of the IAPA announcement, McDonnell Douglas, the maker of the DC-10, countered with its own press conference at the Long Beach headquarters of Douglas Aircraft.

"I find it difficult to believe that a rational public, a rational FAA and even a rational congress will put very much credence in the statements of the IAPA," Dale Warren, a McDonnell Douglas vice president, said.

"The real concern, in my opinion, is that we worry about the credibility of our aircraft to the traveling public," Warren said. "We'd like to assure the traveling public that we have a fine piece of aircraft that is safe to travel in."

Nevertheless, Warren said engineers are studying the crashes to determine whether a design modification is needed.

Among possible changes under consideration are additional backup controls, ways of containing the damage from a jet engine explosion and methods of shielding the hydraulic system from such damage.

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