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# New legislation proposes increase in speed limits

AUSTIN (AP) — Automobiles and semi-trailer trucks cruising down Texas highways could adhere to the same speed limits under legislation given tentative approval Thursday by the House.

A bill by Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, would allow heavy trucks as well as cars to travel at 70 mph during the day and 65 mph at night on numbered highways outside an urban district. Under current law, semi-trailer trucks have limits of 60 mph during the day and 55 mph at night.

Isett said that equalizing the speed limit for cars and heavy trucks would create a safer driving atmosphere, as accidents occur more often when trucks

go slower.

His bill was met with opposition, however, from Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson.

"You all travel down the highway just as much as I do and know that even though their limit is 60 mph now, trucks go 70," Hill said, adding that setting their limit higher would only result in a speed increase in turn.

His amendment to charge drivers of heavy trucks twice as much when caught speeding as other drivers failed when Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, killed it on a procedural point.

The essence of Isett's bill was offered as an amendment to other legislation on Wednesday but was withdrawn after it incited

debate from other members.

The other bill, by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, would raise from 70 mph to 75 mph the daytime maximum speed limit for cars, motorcycles and light trucks on state and federal highways outside urban districts.

As amended, Gallego's bill would also raise the speed limit from 75 mph to 80 mph on interstate highways traveling east to west in counties with populations under 25,000. All of those changes would be subject to approval by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Gallego's bill was given final approval Thursday and now heads on to the Senate. Isett's bill now awaits final House approval.

# Annual Dinner celebrates unity

BY APRIL YOUNG  
The Battalion

In celebration of "A Kaleidoscope of Cultures," Delta Xi Nu will host its second annual Unity Dinner at the Archery Room at the Student Center.

The dinner will give students an opportunity to come together to celebrate their diverse cultures.

Delta Xi Nu is a multicultural organization whose aim is to educate the campus on cultural diversity and spread awareness.

Jaime Slaughter, president of Delta Xi Nu and a senior engineering major, said the theme of the Kaleidoscope of Cultures, "do not refer to ethnic cultures but to meanings as well."

"There are so many different cultures out there, not just black, Asian, Hispanic, but also Native American, and each time you look at a person you get a different perspective just like when you look into a kaleidoscope you get something new every time you turn it."

Joyce Brisco, a speech communication teacher in Austin, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Brisco will explore the theme of the Kaleidoscope of Cultures and encourage the celebration of diversity.

Liliana Orozco, treasurer of Delta Xi Nu and a junior applied major, said the unity dinner will challenge those in attendance to respect the differences between cultures.

Orozco said Delta Xi Nu is committed to promote diversity and cultural awareness on campus and in the community.

"Delta Xi Nu is a great opportunity to interact and educate yourself on other cultures and to understand the diversity in a personal way," she said.

The Unity Dinner will be held from 7 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the MSC Box Office.

# Long Island Lolita offers her apologies to Buttafuoco's wife

**•Parole board to decide Fisher's fate within days.**

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — A judge Thursday opened the way for Amy Fisher's possible parole within days after the Long Island Lolita apologized in court to Mary Jo Buttafuoco, the woman she shot in a jealous rage.

"What happened to you — it wasn't your husband's fault ... it wasn't my father's fault. It was my fault and I'm sorry," the 24-year-old Fisher said in a barely audible voice, looking directly at Buttafuoco.

As Fisher walked past Buttafuoco in the courtroom, they

brushed fingers and the younger woman mouthed, "I'm sorry," holding back tears.

"Through faith in God I am able to forgive," Mrs. Buttafuoco said. "It did not come easily or quickly."

In 1992, Fisher, then 16, knocked on the door of Buttafuoco's Massapequa home and shot her in the head. At the time, Fisher was having sex with Buttafuoco's husband, Joey. He later served six months in jail for statutory rape.

Fisher had already won Buttafuoco's forgiveness through letters the two began several months ago. But Thursday was the first time they had seen each other since 1992.

During the court session, Judge Ira Wexner threw out Fisher's 1992 guilty plea to assault on

the grounds that her lawyer at the time provided ineffective counsel.

Fisher then re-entered the plea and was sentenced to 3 1/2 to 10 1/2 years. She has already served seven years of the original 5-to-15-year sentence.

"You are still a young woman and could be a productive member of society if you channel your energies," Wexner told her. "Based on the information I have received, I believe you can do that."


Buttafuoco said her recovery from the shooting gave her a second chance at life. "You are being given a second chance, too," she told Fisher. "I pray you take it."

The Buttafuocos reconciled and now live in Los Angeles. He was not in court Thursday.

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