

Senate refuses to trim farm bill

WASHINGTON — A Senate-passed bill containing subsidies for farmers probably will have to be whittled down by the House to avoid a veto by President Carter.

Before passing the bill 69 to 18 yesterday, the Senate rejected arguments that it should trim the measure's price tag to conform with the budget resolution Congress passed 10 days earlier.

"If we are going to balance the budget in the next decade, as the Carter administration has proposed, then we must face up to the fact that this bill would go against that goal," said Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

HOWEVER, Muskie's amendments aimed at lowering crop subsidies were defeated, 50 to 45 and 51 to 42.

Over the next five years, the bill would cost an average of about \$4 billion annually in crop supports for wheat, feed grains, cotton, rice and soybeans.

The administration wants about half that, and Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland has said that the president would veto a bill with such subsidies as the Senate bill contains.

Before the votes on the Muskie amendments, farm-state senators said the crop subsidies likely will be cut before any bill is sent to the White House.

"We still have a conference (committee) to go to," Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said. "Adjustments can still be made."

The pending House bill would set the supports at about \$2.3 billion annually.

The Senate bill sets price support for wheat at \$2.90 a bushel for 1977 and \$3.10 for 1978, with the guarantees thereafter to be increased in accord with rises in production costs. Carter, even after revising initial proposals upward, had asked for only \$2.47 in 1977 and \$2.90 in 1978.

THE BILL SETS supports for corn at \$2.28 a bushel in 1976, with subsequent boosts based on production-cost rises. Other feed grains would be based on corn. Carter had asked for corn-support levels of \$2.

The House Agriculture Committee has approved supports closer to Carter's—\$2.65 in 1977 and \$3 in 1978 for wheat, and \$2.10 for corn. In addition to setting prices for wheat and corn, the bill sets a price support for milk, wool, cotton, rice, peanuts and soybeans.

The bill also sets up a system of grain reserves and authority for

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How will an energy crunch affect auto racing? Racing people have been down that road before. They took several measures — cutting down the length of races, limiting practice times — after 1973 when the Arab oil embargo limited supplies. Details: Page 1E

Death deadline passes for militants' hostages

ASSEN, The Netherlands (P)—A deadline for threatened death passed today without apparent incident at a Dutch village school and a hijacked train where South Moluccan militants were holding 105 children and more than 50 other hostages.

At the 2 p.m. (7 a.m. Minneapolis time) deadline approached, the armed extremists rejected a government appeal for release of the children and repeated their threat to shoot hostages if the Dutch gov-

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ernment did not meet their demands, authorities said.

Two hours before the deadline, several children were brought to the windows of school. They cried out in unison, "We want to stay alive, van Agt."

Andries van Agt is the Dutch justice minister and the top government strategist in dealing with the gunmen.

The terrorists, who spoke with senior officials by telephone for an hour today, were demanding release of 21 jailed South Moluccans and a jumbo jet to take them to an undisclosed destination.

Some of their jailed countrymen are militants who used political violence to try to force the Dutch government to help gain independence from Indonesia for their Pacific island homeland.

"If you dare not to meet our demands... we will not hesitate or bluff to shoot down a number of hostages for your pleasure...," the terrorists said in a letter to Dutch authorities that was released yesterday.

They also threatened killings if mediation was attempted, if authorities did not meet the deadline or if there were reprisals against

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Mississippi River near Nicollet Island where they found a submerged log to use as a makeshift diving board. St. Cloud and Rochester also reported a record high of 86 degrees. Temperatures today through the weekend are expected to reach about 90 degrees.

RECORD-BREAKER—Keeping cool yesterday was as easy as jumping off a log for some. The thermometer soared to 86 degrees, a record high temperature in the Twin Cities for May 24. The National Weather Service said the previous high was 83 degrees, set in 1928. Kevin Jaworski and Sandy Schires, Minneapolis, spent the afternoon splashing about in the

Short alleges 'deal' by Flakne

By GWYNETH JONES
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Hennepin County Atty. Gary Flakne tried to make a deal with Minneapolis businessman Robert Short to drop a liquor-license violation action against Short if Short would not campaign against Flakne in his bid for reelection next year. Short and his attorney said today.

Flakne denied today that he ever proposed such a deal, and Si Weisman, the Minneapolis lawyer who allegedly was the go-between for the offer, declined today to discuss it.

LEONARD KEYES, Short's attorney, said he made a memorandum on the discussions with Weisman after they occurred at a lunch March 30 and in two later telephone conversations. Weisman also is a friend of Short.

According to the memorandum, Weisman made the offer after Flakne had appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court a decision by Hennepin District Judge Stanley Kane throwing out the indictment against Short and finding the law under which he was indicted unconstitutional.

THE MEMORANDUM said Weisman told Keyes that Flakne would consider dropping the appeal if Short would promise not to openly back or financially support another candidate against Flakne in 1978 or to publicly attack Flakne—Short is a longtime DFL activist who has periodically been a political candidate.

Flakne said Weisman had contacted him but that he had not authorized "any kind of deal. I don't deal that way," Weisman was a supporter of Flakne in his 1974 election campaign.

Flakne said he would take a lie-detector test to prove his denial. Short was asked by reporters if he and Keyes would take lie-detector tests. "You're damned right," he said.

Flakne also denied that his office at any time, before or after the dismissal of the indictment, had offered Short the possibility of pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge, which would carry a \$300 fine or 90-day sentence, instead of the gross misdemeanor for which he was indicted. The latter charge

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Professor, pimp trapped by student 'bait'

By ROBERT OSTMANN JR.
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Debra Kostal was not really surprised when a college professor asked her one day if she, like other students, was having trouble finding her way through school.

But she was incredulous, as she testified later in court, when the professor—a department chairman at Moorhead State University—asked her to pick up a little extra cash by becoming a prostitute.

That conversation more than a year ago was only the first in a chain of events that

made Ms. Kostal, a 21-year-old television reporter for station KXJB, Fargo, N.D., the main figure in an investigation and trial that led to the suspension of the professor and the conviction last week of a Minneapolis pimp, Ellis Edsel Belfield, 29, who, according to the prosecutor in the case, is the proprietor of the Kama Sutra parlor in Minneapolis, was convicted by a Moorhead judge of soliciting Ms. Kostal for prostitution. The Kama Sutra establishment advertises prominently in the classified ad sections of the Minneapolis newspapers with the slogan "You De-

scribe-We Provide."

M. Kenneth Hendrix, chairman of the minority-group-studies department at Moorhead State, also was to stand trial for soliciting but was granted immunity from prosecution by the Clay County attorney in return for his testimony that he put Ms. Kostal in contact with Belfield.

Hendrix denies that he solicited Ms. Kostal to become a prostitute.

The professor has been suspended with pay until university officials complete investigation of his actions.

"He (Hendrix) came on as being very concerned about how hard it is for students to get through school," Ms. Kostal said in an interview.

But she said his kindly professor concern quickly gave way to increasingly explicit suggestions that she become a hooker.

"He told me that Fargo-Moorhead is a growing area and that someone like me

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Fire fighters now are inspectors, too

By ROBERT GUENTHER
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In a change of policy, Minneapolis Fire Chief Clarence Nimmerfroh has ordered the city's 30 fire companies to perform building inspections.

A controversy over the inspections arose shortly after two firemen were killed in a four-alarm blaze March 15 that destroyed Vic's Auto Body Shop, 2212 Hennepin Av. Investigators found numerous violations of city fire codes in the building, which had not been inspected since April 1974.

Nimmerfroh blamed the lag in inspections on city council action that cut the number of inspectors to four from nine for this year. Nimmerfroh believes 25 inspectors are needed.

BUT ALDERMEN have maintained that added inspectors aren't needed and that fire companies have plenty of time to perform the inspections. For that reason, they have kept the number of inspectors in an effort to force Nimmerfroh to institute the change, which became effective May 16.

Alderman Walter Rokenstein, IR-1 Ward, said he's pleased with Nimmerfroh's action and noted that the council has been pursuing such a policy for some time.

inspections," Rokenstein said. Nimmerfroh directed all companies to spend a minimum of six hours a week on inspections.

However, he said, the change doesn't eliminate his request for more inspectors.

"They can't accomplish the same kind of inspection that a full-time fire-prevention inspector could," he said, adding that although the fire fighters were given a four-hour training session on fire prevention and inspections, "they don't have the fire code memorized."

IN THE CASE of the Hennepin Av. fire, Nimmerfroh said, some of the violations probably would have been caught, had fire companies inspected the building. But other violations involving the types and quantities of chemicals that were stored in the building probably wouldn't have been noticed, he said.

"This doesn't alleviate the need for added fire inspectors," he said. Nimmerfroh said there will be some benefit in having fire fighters doing the inspections. The number of inspections will increase, he said, and fire fighters will become familiar with buildings in their district.



3 women believed to lead race for spot on state Supreme Court

By GWYNETH JONES
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Three women are believed to be leading candidates for appointment to the Minnesota Supreme Court to succeed Justice Harry MacLaughlin, who was recommended yesterday for appointment to the U.S. District Court.

Gov. Rudy Perpich has promised publicly to appoint a woman to the first vacancy on the court.

The front runners are reported to be Roberta Levy, 40, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota Law School; Diana Murphy, 43, a judge of Hennepin Municipal Court, and Rosalie Wahl, 52, an associate professor at the William Mitchell College of Law.

Also under consideration are DeLores Orey, 47, a St. Paul lawyer who also teaches at Mitchell; Susanne Sedgwick, 46, judge of family division, Hennepin District Court, and Esther Tomljanovich, 45, state reviser of statutes.

U.S. Sens. Hubert Humphrey and Wendell Ander-

son, as expected yesterday, recommended MacLaughlin's appointment to President Carter.

MacLaughlin has been a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court since May 1, 1972. Though the president appoints federal judges, the custom has been that he consults first with the senators of his party.

MacLaughlin is an old and close friend of Vice President Walter Mondale and reportedly had been promised a federal judgeship while Mondale was a senator.

Minnesota may get two additional federal judges under a bill to expand the federal judiciary. The bill was amended yesterday on the Senate floor yesterday to provide for two extra judges for Minnesota, for a total of six. One additional judge had been recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The House bill would give Minnesota only one new federal judge. An aide to Humphrey said today that the Senate amendment probably would be approved by a House-Senate conference committee.

Another member of the Minnesota Supreme Court,



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could make a lot of money pleasing the young men. He said what harm is there in going to dinner with a man and then letting whatever happens happen." Ms. Kostal said, "He told me he could make a lot of contacts for me."

Ms. Kostal said the professor persisted in his attempts to recruit her and even tried to solicit one of her girlfriends.

She said she angrily rebuffed Hendrix on several occasions and was exploring what kind of action she could take against him when she learned that the television station she was working for was planning a series of stories on prostitution in the Moorhead area.

She told the station's news director that she had been hustled by the professor and the station official contacted the county prosecutor.

Ed Klinger, an assistant county attorney assigned to the case, asked Ms. Kostal if she would be willing to act as "bait" in an investigation into who the professor's prostitution contacts were.

She agreed and, with electronic bugging devices attached to her clothes, she went back to Hendrix saying she had had a change of heart and was interested in working as a prostitute.

SHORTLY thereafter, according to Ms. Kostal, Hendrix told her he had made a contact for her with a pimp named Buster in the Twin Cities. She said he told her that Buster ran a "safe house," meaning that the girls are dispatched to make "house calls" at the homes of male patrons.

She said that a few days later a man calling himself Buster telephoned her, interviewed her briefly, and told her he wanted to set up a prostitution operation in Moorhead. He asked her if she would be interested in running it, she said.

"He had one of his girls talk to me. She said she was 17 and described some of the things she had to do for men. She said she made \$60 for 45 minutes," Ms. Kostal said.

IN FEBRUARY of this year, Ms. Kostal said, Buster bought her an airplane ticket and told her to fly to Minneapolis to meet him.

Accompanied by plainclothes Clay County sheriff's deputies and wearing bugging devices, she stepped off the plane at the airport and walked to the ticket area.

"I saw the deputies and off to the side I saw this guy who called out, 'Hey Deb.' He walked up and I said, 'Are you Buster?'"

When Buster, actually Ellis Bellfield, said "yes," Bloomington police brought in on the case arrested him.

"I guess you could say Buster got busted," Klinger said.

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carries a possible one year in the workhouse and \$1,000 fine.

Short said that Keyes was approached twice by Weisman with informal offers to have Short plead guilty to a lesser charge. Keyes said today that there was no formal offer from Flakne for a plea to a lesser charge.

He said that a peculiarity of the law would mean that if Short had pleaded guilty to a charge under the city ordinance he would be subject to a \$300 fine for every day he operated under an illegal license.

SHORT WAS charged with violating a state law forbidding one owner to have an interest in more than one liquor license except in specifically exempted circumstances.

Short said today he believes Flakne never had any intention of pursuing the appeal, which was dropped April 20, but was using it to "buy time to try to work out a deal."

Short said he contributed \$1,000 to Flakne's 1974 campaign and \$1,000 to his opponent, Chester Durdan, now a district judge.

Short said the contribution to Flakne was "the biggest error in judgment I ever made in my lifetime." He called Flakne a "buffoon."

He said he made it only because his brother, Richard, an investigator in the county attorney's office, asked him to help Flakne.

Short said that he has not spoken to Flakne since he was indicted, and on one occasion when he met Flakne in the Hotel Leamington, which Short owns, he refused to shake Flakne's hand. "I told him to get lost," Short said.

U.S. to trade atoms for talks with India

WASHINGTON—The Carter administration has decided to supply India with several months worth of U.S. uranium for its big atomic power reactor on condition that the two countries open talks on nuclear relations.

Informed sources said the U.S. decision will be officially proposed in the near future by the arriving U.S. ambassador, Robert Cohen. A large shipment of uranium for the reactor at Tarapur has been held up for nearly a year because of U.S. concern over India's decision to hold unrestricted nuclear testing.

Carter to erase 304 advisory committees

Washington Post

WASHINGTON—The Carter administration has targeted 304 government advisory committees for extinction, but President Carter, dissatisfied with that initial recommendation, has ordered his cabinet secretaries and agency heads to find other committees that can be eliminated.

White House and Office of Management and Budget officials were debating yesterday whether to make an early announcement of which committees are on the initial target list. Once the list becomes public, they expect a flood of protests and lobbying efforts.

THE ADVISORY panels range widely, from the Agriculture Department's Advisory Committee on Hog Cholera Eradication to the Veterans Administration's Chief Medical Director's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Spinal Cord Injury.

What they have in common is that they are made up of people outside the government, who are paid up to \$184 a day plus travel expenses, to meet and offer advice to federal agencies.

Budget office officials say this costs \$65 million a year and involves about 25,000 individuals and 1,189 advisory committees.

In February, the president ordered each agency to see what committees it could do without. The initial list of 304—representing 26 percent of the total—is the result of that review by the agencies.

THE BUDGET OFFICE is keeping its own scorecard, which shows that the Agriculture Department has been the most aggressive in seeking to root out unnecessary committees. Those with the least inclination to pare are the Commerce, Labor and Interior Departments, the budget office says.

The Agriculture Department has recommended doing away with 89 advisory committees, representing 81 percent of the 110 committees serving it. The Commerce Department would eliminate only six of its 91 committees.

Among independent agencies, the Export-Import Bank proposed doing away with its lone advisory committee, a 100-percent performance in the budget office's view.

Stadium panel gives no notice for 1st meeting

Associated Press

The seven-member stadium site commission continued its first meeting today—without giving public notice of the session.

The group named by Gov. Rudy Perpich to choose a location for a stadium in the metropolitan area opened the meeting yesterday in a hotel in Arden Hills.

The meeting was arranged by Ronnie Brooks, a top aide to Perpich. She said the governor's office was not required to notify the public or press of the meeting because the commissioners had not yet taken the oath of office and thus are not covered by provisions of the Minnesota open-meeting law.

Ms. Brooks acknowledged that the interpretation might be "stretching" the open-meeting law but said there was no deliberate attempt to hold a secret meeting.

She described the meeting as a seminar on the responsibilities given to the commission under terms of the stadium bill approved by the Legislature two weeks ago. One purpose of the meeting, she said, was to impress upon the commission members "how strongly the governor feels about ethical behavior and to establish a code of ethical conduct."

Stillwater escapee indicted nine times

A Washington County grand jury has indicted Fredrick Armell, a 28-year-old convicted murderer who escaped from Stillwater Prison last week, on nine felony counts, ranging from prison escape to kidnaping.

The jury also has indicted on escape counts three other men who fled with Armell from the prison Friday. They include Edwin Hull, 30, convicted for a triple-murder, who was recaptured yesterday at his southern Minnesota home of his girlfriend.

In addition to being indicted on the one count of prison escape, Armell was charged on two counts of burglary, two counts of robbery, three counts of assault and one count of kidnaping.

THESE EIGHT indictments stem from an incident in which Armell allegedly surprised a Stillwater couple in their home late Saturday night, terrorized them with a shotgun and knife, stole several guns and a case of liquor and kidnaped 52-year-old Winifred Shaw. Mrs. Shaw later was released unharmed in Minneapolis. Armell was recaptured later Sunday morning by Minneapolis

police, who were investigating the murder of Armell's brother, Kenneth. When officers went to an injury call at 2413 1st Av. S., they found Fredrick Armell lying unconscious on the floor next to the body of his brother, who was dead with a gunshot wound in the abdomen.

Armell, two women and another man in the house were arrested immediately and two other women, who arrived while police were on the scene, were arrested later. All but Armell have since been released, pending completion of the murder investigation.

Armell was serving a 25-year sentence for third-degree murder. If Armell is tried and found guilty of the new charges, he could receive a maximum sentence of 120 years in prison and a \$120,000 fine.

Mrs. Meir has tests

TEL AVIV (P)—Golda Meir, the 79-year-old former Israeli prime minister, entered a Jerusalem hospital yesterday "for routine tests," a spokesman for Mrs. Meir said today.

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