

Senate may yet include tax in new energy bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate displayed some support for President Carter's proposed crude oil tax hike Saturday but failed again to complete work on legislation covering energy taxes.

Senate leaders said they hope to complete work Monday on the tax bill, the last of a five-part energy package.

During Saturday's debate members, by a 47 to 30 vote, rejected a "sense of the Senate" resolution offered by Sen. William Roth, R-Del., to go on record against the crude oil tax which is intended to raise the price of oil to the world level.

The proposed tax, a "cornerstone" of Carter's energy proposals, would make oil products more expensive and discourage their use. The vote indicated the Senate may eventually accept some form of the tax in a final compromise energy bill.

The Senate tax bill contains no

crude oil tax, but the House passed one similar to the Carter proposal.

The Senate also rejected a move to end the federal income tax deduction for state and local gasoline taxes but voted to provide a tax credit of up to \$150 to middle and low income users of home heating oil.

By a voice vote, the senators approved a trust fund to help finance energy production and energy-efficient transit. The amendment, by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., would be funded by any tax increases in the final bill. Congress would decide later exactly how the money would be spent.

Finance Committee Chairman Russell Long, D-La., lost one major battle Friday night when the Senate cut back from 50% to 25% the tax credit that industry would receive for the equipment necessary to switch from oil and gas to coal or some other fuel.

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Authorities stymied in girl's death

By ELAINE OBERLANDER

How did 15-year-old Lisa Elaine Miller die?

Investigators have worked three weeks since her body was found in the woods south of Burlington trying to answer that question.

So far, they have been stymied.

The Hawk Eye, through interviews with Sam Swain, state Bureau of Criminal Investigation agent, Dr. Edward Harrow, Macomb, Ill., pathologist who conducted the autopsy, and others, has learned that:

- The death of Miller, 648 S. Central, was not a homicide victim (death at the hands of another).

- No determinable natural causes for her death have been found.

- The possibility exists that a crime or crimes were committed in connection with her death.

- She was not sexually assaulted.

- There was no alcohol in her blood.

- There were no traces drugs in her system. Not all drugs can be traced.

- There was no evidence of bruises or injury. Body discolorations were attributed to post mortem lividity (settling of blood to lowest points). Other marks on the body were attributed to insect damage.

- Some fluid was found in her lungs. Viral pneumonia, overdose of drugs or exposure are among the possibilities that could cause fluid in the lungs.

- She did not arrive at the spot where her body was found (3 1/2 miles south of Burlington) by herself.

- Lisa left home with her purse Oct. 3, but the purse has not been found.

- A death certificate, which could list the cause of death, had not been filed in Des Moines county district court by Friday afternoon.

Among points of information that authorities are believed to know but refuse to disclose are:

- Complete contents of the autopsy report.

- Approximate time of death.

- Where and by whom she was seen during the last week of her life.

- What, if anything, was found by lawmen who combed the area where her body was found.

Points of information that lawmen apparently do not know are:

- Whether Lisa was dead or alive

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Manhunt on for missing millionaire

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (UPI) — Police launched a nationwide manhunt Saturday for the kidnapers of Dutch millionaire Maurits Caransa but said they could not confirm he was being held by the terrorist Baader-Meinhof gang.

Armed units threw up roadblocks around the country, searched households and holiday homes while other officers checked out a flood of anonymous telephone calls to newspapers.

An Amsterdam police spokesman Saturday night said police have received some 300 tips from the public but neither these nor any of the numerous anonymous phone calls to police and newspapers have given any clue to the case.

"There has been no indication yet that the affair might have a political implication," he said, adding he assumed that the abductors had not yet contacted the Caransa family, as "otherwise we would have been informed."

One call said Caransa, 61, was being held in exchange for the freedom of West German Red Army Faction terrorist Kurt Folkerts, held on charges of killing a Dutch policeman.

However, Folkerts' lawyer, Pieter Bakker Schut, said he doubted a connection between his client and the Caransa kidnapping.

"As far as I can fathom the ideas of the Red Army Faction, it is not likely they would abduct a capitalist at random to enforce their demands," he said.



Mean green

Not all the witches roaming the streets of Hawk Eyeland tonight will sport the deathly pallor and menacing demeanor that Margaret (above) displays in a portrait made Friday in her home. Still, you'd best give them, and the ghouls, fiends and assorted weirdos that will undoubtedly accompany them, whatever they ask when they knock on your door. For it's trick or treat in Burlington and West Burlington and who knows what will be going bump tonight. (Characterization by Kathleen Clark; Photo by John Gram)

Diplomat denounces 'lie'

PARIS (UPI) — U.S. diplomat Constantine Warvariv Saturday denounced Soviet charges that he was a war criminal as an "outrageous lie" and said they were designed to cover up an attempt to force him to become a Soviet spy.

"These charges are a pure, absolute fabrication," the 53 year-old deputy American permanent representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, said.

"It is an outrageous lie of which not a iota is true. It was a move aimed at covering up their unfruitful attempt to recruit me as a spy," he said.

The Soviet news agency Novosti has circulated a dispatch claiming Warvariv collaborated in Nazi massacres of civilians in his native Ukraine from 1941 to 1943.

The United States has filed a strong protest over what it called a "heavy-handed" attempt to blackmail Warvariv into becoming a Soviet spy.

Warvariv charged that Soviet secret

agents who tried to draft him into their intelligence service used not only offers of money and other amenities, but outright threats.

"They told me that my denials and my protests that this was a frameup were of no importance," Warvariv said. "They told me they knew how to

"It was a move aimed at covering up their unfruitful attempt to recruit me as a spy."

produce incriminating evidence against me."

Warvariv said that the Soviet agents who contacted him in Tbilisi, Soviet Georgia, this month presented him with an old photograph showing him when he was 8, plus forged documents

and pictures of mass graves from an execution in which the Russians claim he participated.

"I told them this was absolutely a big lie, and that I had never held a weapon in my hand," he said.

He said they alternated threats with "sweet" promises that he would be taken care off if he agreed to cooperate with them.

Warvariv said he was born in in 1924 in Poland's Volynhia province, now part of the Soviet Ukraine. He said during World War II the German occupation forces sent him to labor camps in Ulm and Stuttgart in late 1943 and he later was liberated by the American army.

Maybewet

Partly cloudy Sunday, with a chance of showers developing tonight and continuing into Monday. High today 65, low tonight 53. High Monday 60. River stage: Burlington, 9.2, steady.



LOOKING AWAY to avoid falling glass, firefighter Dennis Wabb breaks a window to reach flames at work in a second floor bedroom of the Dennis Tackleson home, 521 May, Friday afternoon. The four Tackleson children, whose ages range from 3 to 12, were at home at the time of the blaze and all escaped unharmed. (Photo by John Gram)

Four children escape home fire uninjured

The Daniel Tacklesons' four children won't miss out on trick or treating this year, because their thankful parents won't mind buying new costumes to replace those destroyed in a bedroom fire at their 521 May home Friday night.

All four children were at home when the fire started about 5 p.m., and all escaped uninjured.

Jason, 3, was upstairs in his parents' room playing with a lighter left on a dresser and set the costumes, lying on the bed, on fire shortly after 5 p.m., said his father, who was out of town at the time. His wife was at work, Tackleson said.

Jason ran downstairs to where the other children were watching TV

and got Wendy, 12, who went into the bedroom, Tackleson said. She threw the bedding on the floor and noticed the flames had spread underneath the bed, firemen said.

She led the children outside and went to a neighbor's house to call firemen, who received the alarm at 5:12 p.m.

Firemen had the blaze out in about 10 minutes, said Lt. Bill Carlson, but not before it had severely damaged the room and contents.

"You can't punish 'em," Tackleson said, referring to Jason who is "young enough that he didn't realize" what he'd done.

"I hope it scared 'em enough that they won't fool with it anymore."

We set our clocks back an hour last night—Did you?

Death

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when she arrived at the spot where her body was found.

- How she died.
- Who took her to the spot where her body was found.
- How she was transported there.

Sheriff Bob Glick said he has never seen a death investigation surrounded by so much "rumor and conjecture." Some acquaintances, as well as some members of her family, who apparently base their convictions on early reports that Lisa had been beaten, still cling to the belief that she was slain.

Threats directed at the girl's acquaintances have been reported to Glick's office, he said, but those that have been traced were pranks. One threatening note was from a 12-year-old neighborhood child "who thought it would be fun," Glick said.

"I would certainly like to get to the bottom of this to set some people's minds at rest," Glick said. "It's certainly not a natural situation, but we do not have a homicide."

Lawmen are continuing daily interviews and have contacted at least 80 persons who knew or had seen Lisa Miller, Glick said.

She was seen every day from the time she left home until the day before her body was found, Swain said.

She was last seen in Mel's Food Store, 1000 S. Central, three blocks from her home, between 5-6 p.m. the Friday before she was found, Swain said. Her body was found at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Because they don't know how Lisa died, due to inconclusive results from the autopsy and tests conducted at the state BCI lab, investigators are working to determine the other circumstances surrounding her death.

"We're at a great disadvantage when we don't have medical corroboration," Glick said. "You have to arrive at a conclusion based on evidence, not on logic, not on rumors, not on what you think."

Authorities have refused to allow the Hawk Eye to see reports from the autopsy and state lab tests.

"An autopsy contains information that is specific and peculiar to an investigation," Glick said. "It must of necessity be reserved for the investigation and cannot be released."

Swain said actual written lab reports are not released to the public.

The pathologist, Dr. Harrow, said he would send his autopsy report, which he hasn't finished compiling, to Dr. Joseph Stoikovic, Des Moines county medical examiner, in a few days.

There is no unusual delay in sending the report, Harrow said.

He refused comment on time of death and other details of the autopsy.

Autopsy results don't always pinpoint how someone died, Harrow said.

"Sometimes an autopsy doesn't give you the answer," he said. "We're not certain exactly what happened. The agent that caused her death has not been determined."

Authorities say Miller wasn't a homicide victim, but a crime may be involved.

County Attorney Steve Hoth said (it is) "very possible that there could be charges." He said that a "wide array of possible charges," including drug-related charges or a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor might be involved.

Disposing of a body in a public place is a felony, punishable by a maximum two-year prison term or \$2,500 fine. It's also against the law to remove or conceal a body, and anyone who does faces a misdemeanor conviction of 30 days in the county jail or a \$100 fine. Failure to report a death calls for a maximum \$500 fine.

It has been 21 days since her body was found.

Radiologist lashes report

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — A Des Moines radiologist lashed out Saturday at a report by Ralph Nader's Health Research Group that accused the breast cancer detection unit at Iowa Lutheran Hospital of incorrectly diagnosing two women suspected of having cancer.

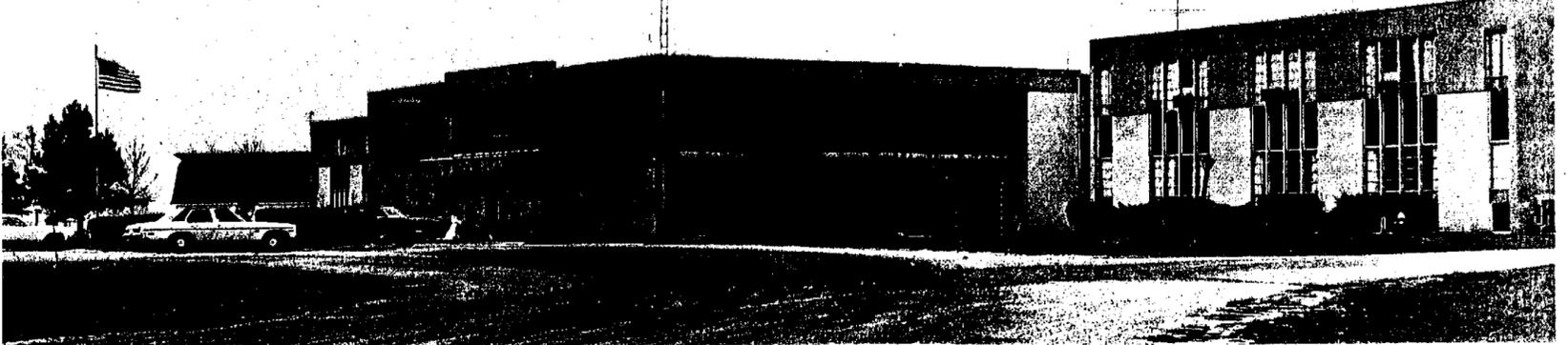
"Those two cases, in our eyes, were justified, without a doubt," said Dr. Dwight Rafferty, a member of the Iowa Lutheran radiology team. "We see no validity in questions raised by the Nader group."

Iowa Lutheran was one of 19 clinics and hospitals around the country that were named in the Nader group's report, which said 64 women had been misdiagnosed and 58 had surgery before original biopsy reports could be reviewed.

The Iowa cases were not identified. But Rafferty said both involved women in hospitals outside Des Moines, whose doctors asked the Iowa Lutheran unit for confirmation of their diagnoses.

He labeled the findings of the Nader group study "groundless."

"Iowa Lutheran has tested 10,000 women for breast cancer and only two have been challenged by the (National) Cancer Institute," he said. "I don't think that's too bad."



Lee county home at Summitville north of Keokuk

Solar energy for Lee county home studied

By BOB SOGARD

FT. MADISON — Solar heat at the county home?

The Lee county supervisors are leaning toward a \$150,000 installation that would collect the sun's rays to heat the water used at the Summitville facility north of Keokuk.

The home has an average of 135 residents each day.

"We feel it's the duty of government bodies to be leaders in this respect," said supervisors chairperson Darlene Morrison. "We will decide whether to go ahead within a month or so."

A feasibility study was made by Brooks Borg and Skiles, Des Moines consulting firm. Thomas J. Van Hone, who directed the study, and David P. Rebhuhn, who prepared the report, were here Friday afternoon and evening for informal public meetings.

Van Hone said, "The attractiveness

of an investment in solar energy for the Lee county home depends on the future availability and cost of natural gas... Continued availability of gas at an inflation rate of 20% has been assumed for this study."

Rebhuhn said gas in recent years has increased in price much faster than the general rate of inflation for goods and services. He estimated that installation of a 5,000-square-foot solar collector would cost \$30 per square foot, a total of \$150,000.

"We estimate that this would pay out in 16 or 17 years and provide an accumulated savings of \$176,000 over the 20-year life of the installation," Rebhuhn said. "In most conventional heating systems the major portion of the costs involved is the cost of energy. In a solar system the major costs are the hardware and the operating expenses."

The study, for which the county paid \$1,000, assumes only domestic hot water will be handled by the collector. However, the consultants estimated, an investment of \$1.2 million would be required to provide a complete solar heating system and the returns wouldn't be as high proportionately as for hot water.

The gas bill for the home runs between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year, supervisor Adrian Brinck said, and "one heck of a lot" of hot water is used.

The consultants said it would be possible to expand the collector system in the future to provide more of the heating for the home if savings are evident. They stated that, because of cloudy days, solar systems are most cost-effective if they provide 70% of the energy from the sun, meaning that auxiliary or back-up heating systems

are required to give the greatest overall savings.

Van Hone said his firm designed the solar heating plant used in the new Raccoon Valley State Bank at Adel and also the experimental solar heating system for the Iowa State Capitol complex.

The basic design of the system proposed for the county home is a collector with plastic or fiberglass panes through which the sun heats a fluid or semi-solid substance in containers within an enclosed chamber. A heat exchanger transfers the heat to water which is pumped to a storage tank as at present.

Based on the last couple of years gas usage, an average of 16 cents per 100 cubic feet of natural gas was incurred.

The consultants noted that, since revenue sharing funds would be used, the county wouldn't have mortgage

payments as would a private person or firm. Also, property taxes, interest and income tax credits wouldn't be involved in this study, meaning that the costs could be recovered faster than by a homeowner or business.

The roof and exterior walls of county home are being renovated by Carl A. Nelson Co. of Burlington, under a \$221,560 contract. The project includes providing insulation and a pitch to the roof so the water will run off.

The place was built less than 20 years ago and the bonded indebtedness hasn't been retired yet. Supervisors had to delay reglazing or replacement of windows in the home for lack of funds.

Mrs. Morrison said the board hopes that if the decision is made to build a solar unit, some funds might be available under federal energy programs.



A LUMBERING LOOK — Marv Pohren surveys what's left of his once tree-lined island on the Mississippi river north of Burlington. Someone, presumably a Ft. Madison logging company, cut a wide swathe through the center of his private island, felling by mistake about 100 century-old maples without Pohren's permission.

Island's virgin timber violated; error blamed

By PETER THOMPSON

They raped his island.

It was plainly a case where they came, they sawed and left — a mess.

"You've heard of them putting a roof on the wrong house? Well, here they logged on the wrong island," said Marv Pohren, owner of a Mississippi river island 2 1/2 miles north of Burlington that was cleared of much of its virgin timber a week ago.

It took some doing, but Pohren apparently finally found out who committed the dastardly crime of leveling about 300 trees that covered the interior of his 5-acre cay less than 100 feet west of Rush island.

Langenbach Wood Products Co. of Ft. Madison appears to have been the culprit, although Pohren is convinced it was an error. "I'm sure it was unintentional; there had to be a mistake," he said. "They've been logging up there on Rush island and probably saw those trees over there and just thought 'Oh hell, it's part of Rush island.'"

The Ft. Madison logging company has had a contract with the city of Burlington the past few years to cut trees on Rush and O'Connell islands, city clerk Dick Cain noted.

Company owner Carl Langenbach was reportedly hunting Saturday, but Pohren said he talked with a Langenbach family member who acknowledged that the local loggers hauled a load of maples from the Burlington area last week. Pohren told Langenbach that he owned the island the wood was taken from and that it was done without his permission.

Company officials weren't anxious to talk about the apparent blunder with anyone else, though. Someone at the Langenbach office quickly hung up Saturday when a Hawk Eye reporter telephoned and asked to speak with someone about the incident.

Pohren has had the dot of land known as Jamison's island since purchasing it at an estate auction three years ago. "I bought it to leave it there as it is — in its natural state," he said.

The purchase attracted considerable attention then with newspaper accounts in the Hawk Eye and Des Moines Register and national coverage via Paul Harvey's radio newscast. "I guess it's a novelty to own an island," Pohren said.

It remained untouched until about 10 days ago when someone moved in and cut 100 fully-grown maples, Pohren said. "Some of those were up to 100 years old and four feet in diameter." About 200 smaller trees were felled in the process of cutting the larger timber, he added, "and they left all the tops there; it's a real mess."

Pohren says he didn't find out about the tragedy that befell his island until several days after it occurred.

Cabin owners on neighboring islands told him the cutting took only two days. A tow-barge loaded with the wood was well downstream by the time Pohren found out. Ben Lundell, a friend who owns a cabin on O'Connell island, saw Pohren at the YMCA and asked why he had the trees cut. "They what?" Pohren recalls was his shocked reaction.

He has been up to the island nearly every day since to survey the scene and figure out a clean-up plan.

Wide tire tracks from bulldozers and crayon markings on the tree stumps indicate that it was a professional job.

Pohren said he "just about fainted" after first viewing the hacked up island, "especially since the last thing I would have done is cut them down."

As for the legal angle of settling responsibility for the deed and retribution, Pohren said, "From here we're going to have some fun." He hasn't decided yet whether or not to file suit against Langenbach. "It may not have to go that far," he said.

There is one advantageous offset, though. There's no mistaking which island is Pohren's anymore.

Man crushed between cars

FT. MADISON — A Ft. Madison man was killed Saturday when he was crushed between the bumpers of his car and another car he was preparing to tow.

Ft. Madison police said Billy Jim Eaves, 37, of 2912 Ave. J, was connecting the two vehicles with a tow bar when a third vehicle, driven by his wife, Patricia, struck the first car and pushed it into the second. Eaves was pronounced dead at the scene about 9 a.m. Police said the brakes on his wife's car malfunctioned. Obituary on page 27.

Former county home heads in controversy

IOWA CITY — The former administrators of the Des Moines county care facility, Richard and Doris Kelley, are the focal point in a controversy over their operation of the Johnson county home here.

Allegations of patient abuse, use of county employes and residents to work on the Kelley's private home, and employe harassment resulting in several resignations are being investigated by the Johnson county attorney's office, supervisors and the patient care review committee.

The Kelleys have denied the allegations, which include a comment by Des Moines county supervisor Bob Christensen that Mrs. Kelley is not fit to deal with home residents.

The allegations of improper management stem from several Johnson county employes who resigned recently.

The Kelleys managed the Des Moines county care facility for nine years prior to accepting the Johnson county posts in July.

Last week Des Moines county supervisors' chairman Merle Kelly and two members of the Des Moines county care review committee met in Iowa City with Johnson county officials to "defend the operation of the Des Moines county facility" while the Kelleys were in charge, supervisor Kelly said Saturday.

Complaints allege the Kelleys used Johnson county home residents or employes to work on their private home; ordered a tuberculosis test for a patient against her will; and that their "harassment" led to the resignation of a nurse and two physicians; and that they contributed to a general lack of communication at the facility.

One of the two physicians who resigned was quoted as saying he had seen no evidence of patient abuse.

The allegations, published in the Daily Iowan, quote Des Moines county supervisor Bob Christensen as saying that "anyone with Doris Kelley's temperament shouldn't be dealing with mentally ill people."

Christensen was also quoted as saying that Doris Kelley became "hysterical" when he approached her about an employe complaint of discrimination earlier this year at the Des Moines county facility.

The Hawk Eye could not reach Christensen Saturday for comment.

Merle Kelly said newspaper articles have implied that there has been "mistreatment" at the Des Moines county facility under the Kelleys. "We went up there to refute that," he said.

Kelly, Des Moines county care review committee chairman B.L. Robinson, and member Chris Gerst met with Johnson county supervisors and an assistant county attorney. Kelly said he, Robinson and Gerst told those officials that the operation of the Des Moines county home was "closely watched" and that the Kelleys did a "good job."

B.L. Robinson, who has served five years as committee chairman, Saturday criticized Christensen's comments as a "dirty damn shame. Christensen is sticking his neck out. I don't know what his object is."

Robinson said Christensen's comments "were uncalled for. We went up there of our own volition to defend the patients and employes, the complete organization."

Robinson said that his committee's reports filed with the Iowa Dept. of Public Health would attest that the Kelley's managed the Des Moines county facility "very, very well."

Antifreeze aids police

A trail of antifreeze helped police track down two persons in a pickup that reportedly hit two parked cars Friday night.

An officer was called to the 300 block of Columbia, where witnesses said a pickup headed westbound after striking two cars. According to a police report, the officer followed the trail which led him to the pickup on Agency.

Thomas W. Ament, 26, of 208 Union, was charged after the 2 a.m. incident with permitting an authorized person to drive, no driver's license, striking an unattended motor vehicle and failure to display a rear license plate.

A companion, Kimberli S. Touchette, 19, of 312 Melrose, was charged with striking an unattended motor vehicle, public intoxication, and not having a driver's license.

Police said the pickup, driven by Touchette, struck a car owned by Blanche I. Vath, Keokuk, pushing it into a car owned by Brenda King, 501 N. Third. Ament then took over the wheel and backed the pickup into a car owned by Alice C. Schepers, Lost Nation, police said.

Boy suspended for pushing teacher

WAPELLO — A male student has been suspended from Wapello high school for the balance of the semester for "pushing aside" a woman teacher, Supt. Gerald Carlson reported.

The incident occurred last Wednesday in the doorway of a classroom. The youth, who wasn't further identified, was accused of shoving the teacher. Rumors that he struck her apparently weren't confirmed by the subsequent investigation.

Carlson said the suspension was made immediately after the incident and was effective for three days. It was confirmed and extended Thursday night, after a hearing before the school board.

The student may return to school next Jan. 13, Carlson said. The teacher didn't complain of injury, school authorities said, and the case apparently will be handled internally. The sheriff's office wasn't informed.

The superintendent said this was the third such incident in the past 27 years. It was handled in accord with established board policy, he added.