

Compromise Antipoverty Bill Faces Rough Road

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate conferees have produced a compromise antipoverty bill after 11 days of hard bargaining but the measure still faces a bumpy road through Congress.

The compromise version agreed to Tuesday would put public officials instead of private citizens in charge of Community Action programs while continuing the over-all antipoverty program at authorized spending levels of \$1.98 billion in fiscal 1968 and \$2.18 billion in 1969.

The measure still must win final approval from a Senate that won't like the shift in control of community programs and a House that won't like the level of spending.

Senate action is possible late this week but the House won't take it up until next week.

In the prolonged bargaining sessions the conferees engaged in a tug-of-war over the provision in the House-passed bill that would make Community Action agencies official arms of the state or local government.

Most are now private, nonprofit agencies.

"That was the real tough nut," said Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., chairman of the Senate conferees, summing up the conference after Tuesday night's agreement.

The change was written in by Democrats on the House Education and Labor Committee to win support for the over-all program from Southerners and big-city members who objected to the loose reins under which many private agencies operate.

"It was a tough decision," said Clark of the Senate's reluctant surrender on the issue.

"But I believe in the end the bill is not only better than no bill at all, but does hold out some hope for meaningful programs for the poor."

The Senate did manage to strengthen a provision in the House bill under which the director of the Office of Economic Opportunity can fund another agency if the official agency fails to draft or carry out a satisfactory program.

The Senate also succeeded in

eliminating from the House bill a requirement that communities put up in cash 10 per cent of the cost of a local project. Present law permits the local contribution to be in services or facilities and that provision was retained.

Senate conferees also boosted the authorization well above the \$1.6 billion the House had approved and added the second-year authorization. The actual funds will have to be appropriated in separate legislation, however, and will probably be substantially lower.

A Senate provision designed to improve coordination of the many antipoverty programs throughout the federal government also was agreed to by the House, as was another Senate provision for special programs in areas with high concentrations of poor people.

But House members appeared to regard the results as a victory. They had made the shift in control of Community Action programs the price of agreement, and the Senate paid it.

President Percy Says Hughes Raps 'Pressure Politics'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Charles H. Percy says "there isn't one shadow of doubt in my mind" that a special fund being raised by his Illinois Republican supporters to meet his office expenses is perfectly right and aboveboard.

Percy said Tuesday that criticism of the \$120,000-a-year fund drive is a fact of political life.

"You do what you think is right," he said in an interview. "I would intend to go right ahead and do exactly what I planned on doing."

He said that until he starts using the fund next year he will continue to pay extra office expenses out of his own pocket—an expense he says so far has totaled about \$70,000. Percy maintains offices in Washington, Chicago and Centralia, in downstate Illinois.

Senators are not provided with sufficient office allowances, Percy asserted, to do a first-rate job for a state the size of Illinois.

"I'm used to doing an absolutely first-rate job," he added.

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — President Johnson personally telephoned greetings Tuesday to Marika Wilson on her 16th birthday.

It happened because Marika and three young companions sent a protest letter to the White House.

Marika said they had spent a dollar phoning the White House number to hear President Johnson's voice in a recorded message.

Instead they heard the recorded voice of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Marika said a White House letter had explained that the President couldn't always tape the daily message for the phone call recording. Other important people then would substitute, it said.

Marika said she and her friends replied that the recording phone shouldn't respond if the President personally didn't tape the message. "You feel you've wasted your money," she explained.

A White House staff member phoned the James R. Wilson home on Monday. He told Mrs. Wilson the President wanted to call and talk to the children—Marika, her sister, Tasia, 11, her brother, Peter, 9, and Holly Sikes, 15, a friend who invested 25 cents in the first phone call.

"Oh, have him call tomorrow. It's Marika's birthday," exclaimed Mrs. Wilson.

All the kids were by the phone when the President called at 7 a.m.

"He told us he agreed every one should get his money's worth."

The President and Vice President Humphrey chatted on with Marika and friends for nearly 10 minutes.

Marika's father is a physicist at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa's 18 state licensing boards have used "pressure politics" to "maintain their independent status," Gov. Harold Hughes said Wednesday.

He called for "a breakdown of the pressure structure."

"The only way to get this done," he added, "is to get the message to the people."

The boards control licensing in such fields as medicine, dentistry, accounting, barbering,

teaching, plumbing and engineering. L. J. Lathrop, Des Moines, Daily News, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1967.

Sen. Lee Gaudinier, D-Des Moines, chairman of the governmental reorganization subcommittee of the legislature's Interim Committee, said hearings will be held next year to study the feasibility of eliminating the boards or making them more responsive to the people.

"These boards constitute a closed shop, a state-enforced guild set-up," said Gaudinier. "In many cases these boards don't have authority to discipline."

The House killed a bill earlier this year which would have abolished the boards and placed their regulatory functions under a new Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Gov. Hughes said that while "protecting a single profession is their (boards') concern, protecting the public interest is our concern."

Gaudinier said the boards have not been abusing their authority but the individual citizen should have some way to get satisfaction if he has a complaint.

He said most boards use an official censure to discipline members of the professions they license.

\$13,000 Shortage in County Office

KEOKUK (AP) — The Keokuk branch of the Lee County treasurer's office was ordered closed Wednesday while auditors tried to track down an alleged \$13,000 fund shortage.

County Atty. Robert Dickey said the state auditor's office discovered the shortage during a routine audit Tuesday, and county officials ordered the office closed while a special audit was made.

Dickey said it won't be known until the special audit is completed, how the shortage came about and who is responsible.

Honored for Safety

DES MOINES (AP) — Razor Construction Co. of Clinton was honored by Master Builders of Iowa at the trade group's convention Tuesday for operating eight years without an employee losing time from work because of accident or injury.

Probe of Shootings Continues

COUNCIL BLUFFS (AP) — Investigation continued Wednesday into the fatal shooting of a supper club operator and an off-duty policeman.

The bodies of 32-year-old patrolman John Stephens of Council Bluffs and 51-year-old Paul Rayer of Ralston, Neb., were found Tuesday in the office of the popular steakhouse, Club 64. Robbery apparently was the motive.

Sheriff's officers are attempting to learn if Stephens was carrying a gun. They said that though Stephens was employed as a security guard, no weapon was found at the scene of the slayings.

Sheriff Roy Michael says it is not known if Stephens owned a pistol other than his service revolver, found in his police locker.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Miller says a total of eight bullets, fired from at least two guns of different caliber, struck the two men. He says at least three of the slugs appear to be .22 caliber and at least two are 38 caliber.

Deputy Sheriff Jack Corbaley made a routine check of the club and saw Rayer's car in the parking lot, but not that of Stephens. He says he saw no other cars driving in the area.

Sheriff Roy Michael says it's believed more than one person was involved in the killings. The sheriff said there is no indication of forced entry and it is not known if the assailants hid in the building or gained entry after the supper club closed.

Mild Day for Iowans

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Temperatures were on the mild side in Iowa Wednesday, but fog, rain and drizzle kept the day from being really pleasant.

Fog cut visibility to zero in some areas during the morning, and possible rain or drizzle was forecast through the day. Highs were moving toward the 50 degree mark.

Rain or snow was predicted Wednesday night, continuing Thursday morning in eastern Iowa. Lows Wednesday night were to be in the upper 20s and lower 30s under the influence of northerly winds.

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies and colder temperatures were on tap for Thursday.

Highs Tuesday were between 55 at Ottumwa and 45 at Mason City. Lows early Wednesday varied from 16 at Spencer to 43 at Burlington.

Assignments for Highway Commission

AMES (AP) — Several reassignments among the Iowa Highway Commission's administrative staff were announced Wednesday by Joseph R. Coupal Jr., director of highways.

James L. Stober was named secondary roads engineer, replacing Melvin B. Larsen, who resigned recently to accept a similar position with the Illinois Department of Highways. Stober will be paid \$15,850 per year.

Stober, who has been right-of-ways director, will be replaced by Gordon A. Sweitzer, right-of-way manager for the New Mexico State Highway Commission for 3½ years. Sweitzer, who previously served with the Iowa Highway Commission, will receive \$15,228.

Thomas E. McElherne was appointed to the newly-created position of specifications engineer, and will be responsible for drafting and reviewing specifications for materials and construction. McElherne, who has been materials engineer for six years, will receive \$16,140 yearly.

Fay O. Bloomfield, a district engineer, was named to replace McElherne at a yearly salary of \$16,128.

Award to Ed Sullivan

NEW YORK (AP) — Television personality and newspaper columnist Ed Sullivan was awarded the Bronze Medallion of the City of New York Tuesday on the occasion of his 20th year in television.

Mayor John V. Lindsay, in presenting the award, described Sullivan as "the laureate of American television" and said his Sunday night TV show had "broken all records for excellence as well as longevity."

Car Full of Diamonds Stolen

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A Los Angeles jewelry salesman told Sacramento police Tuesday night that someone stole his car containing about a quarter of a million dollars worth of diamonds.

Police said Edward Harris of Los Angeles told them he parked his car and entered a restaurant for a moment. When he returned, he said, his car, which carried about 1,500 diamond rings in the trunk, was missing. Harris said the rings were not insured. He said the car is equipped with special locks.

'I Spy' Couple to Be Married

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actor Robert Culp and Eurasian actress France Nuyen, who appeared together on the "I Spy" television series, said Tuesday they plan to marry this Saturday.

Culp, 37, and Miss Nuyen, 27, appeared together in three "I Spy" sequences, with the last two scripts written for her by Culp.

It will be the third marriage for Culp, who has four children by his second marriage. Miss Nuyen has been married once before and is the mother of a 3-year-old daughter.

UNI Student Suspensions Are Upheld

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — University of Northern Iowa President J. W. Maucker Wednesday upheld the suspensions of four former UNI students who appealed to him after their alleged participation in a cheating ring.

"I concluded that proper institutional procedures had been followed, that no new evidence was introduced through the appeals, and that the recommendations of the committee on student discipline were reasonable," Maucker said in a statement.

The four were among eight students suspended last month for periods from six months to three years in connection with the cheating scandal.

University officials said the investigation is continuing. A Black Hawk County grand jury convenes next Tuesday to consider possible criminal charges in the case.

Vinton Man Dies in One-Car Crash

SHELLSBURG (AP) — Calvin E. Statler, 45, of Vinton, was killed early Wednesday when his car went out of control, threw him out and rolled over him in a county road ditch, the Iowa Highway Patrol reported.

Statler's car was found in a ditch one mile from Oak Grove Church north of Shellsburg. The patrol said it went off the road on the right side, crossed over to the left and flipped.

Shirley Temple Soda Fountain Dispenses Booze

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — The soda fountain in Shirley Temple's childhood home "now dispenses scotch and bourbon," according to the auctioneer who sold it.

The two-story, rambling English manor house, reportedly purchased with the proceeds of the motion picture "The Good Ship Lollipop," was sold Tuesday for \$154,000 to Christopher Cord, grandson of the maker of the Cord automobile.

Auctioneer Milton J. Wershow said the soda fountain built in the house for the curly-haired movie moppet is now used as a cocktail bar. The house also contains a full-size bowling alley.

The home was sold to Harry Fitterman two years ago by the former child star, now Mrs. Shirley Temple Black, a Woodside, Calif. matron defeated last month in a bid for a seat in Congress.

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Dry New Years Eve for Iowans

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowans apparently will have to toast the new year at home if they plan to use anything stronger than ginger ale.

New Year's Eve, 1967, falls on Sunday, and officials say state law is "very definite" in prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages between 1 a.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday.

Iowa GI Killed

MONTEZUMA (AP) — Relatives here were told Tuesday that Army Sgt. Donald Thompson, 22, of Montezuma, was killed in action Dec. 2 in Vietnam.



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