

## Truckers, House Join In Tax Fight

By James Flansburg  
The first major battle of the 1973 Iowa Legislature may come this week when the House debates a bill to kill a tax exemption on vehicles used in interstate commerce.

Iowa's interstate truckers and owners of other property used in interstate commerce now are exempt from the 3-per-cent use tax collected on the sale of new and used cars.

A measure recommended unanimously by the House Ways and Means Committee would repeal the exemption, and it is being strongly opposed by the trucking lobby.

"No other state has an exemption as broad as Iowa's, and I can't see any reason at all for it to be in the law," said House Ways and Means Chairman David Stanley, a Muscatine Republican.

Richard Hileman of the Iowa Motor Truck Association said the exemption gives Iowa

truckers some advantage over truckers in other states, and therefore contributes to Iowa's economy.

Also, Hileman raised the possibility that some truckers would move their operations out of the state if the use tax exemption were repealed.

Hileman said the trucking forces, if unable to kill the bill, will move to prorrate the tax on a basis of the number of miles driven in and outside the state.

Stanley said he and a Ways and Means subcommittee on the bill do not accept Hileman's arguments.

"All vehicles ought to pay a use tax somewhere," said Stanley, "if not in Iowa, then in another state. And this is not a matter of double taxation. Under Iowa law you pay the tax only once, so that if you've paid it in some other state you don't have to pay it again in Iowa."

In addition to Stanley, members of the subcommittee were Representatives Keith Dunton, a Thornburg Democrat, and Norman Dunlap, an Ames Republican.

Also sitting in on the subcommittee sessions were Republican Representatives Norman Roorda of Monroe, assistant House majority floor leader; and Floyd Millen of Farmington, who guided a similar bill through the 1972 Iowa House.

The 1972 bill was watered down by the Senate, and died after the House refused to accept the Senate changes.

Stanley said Monday he thinks there is a possibility that the bill, because it has substantial support in the House, will face the hazard of again being watered down by the Senate.

Repeal of the use tax exemption would put about \$2 million a year increased revenues into the state road use tax fund, which finances highway construction in Iowa. "But there is a lot more at stake than the \$2 million we might pick up," said Stanley.

He explained that the present law might be open to successful court challenge by ordinary passenger car owners who contend they should get the exemption because they drive outside the state and, therefore, are involved in interstate transportation.

State Revenue Department rulings have held that passenger car owners are not entitled to the exemption, but the ruling has not been upheld in court.

The use tax on new and used car sales brings about \$27 million annually into the state treasury. "So we might be talking about a good chunk of that \$27 million as well as the \$2 million from the interstate repeal," said Stanley.

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—Donald Kaul

## Road Beauty Unit Life's Extended

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The House sent to President Nixon Monday a bill to extend the time for the Highway Beautification Commission to make its final report. The extension would give it until Dec. 31, 1973, to make the report and authorize an additional \$250,000 for operating expenses, subject to later appropriations.

## ARREST WOMAN ON 13 CHARGES

A Des Moines woman was arrested on 13 traffic charges Monday night after police chased a motorist at speeds of up to 80 miles an hour, records show.

Charged is Diane Marie Schofield, 19, of 2924 Mahaska Ave., police said.

Police said they observed a woman motorist force another driver off the road at S.E. Seventh Street near Lacona Avenue at about 8 p.m.

Patrolman Larry Pendarvis said police attempted to stop the woman, who disobeyed one stop sign at S.E. Seventh and Lacona and another at S.E. Sixth Street and Lacona.

Heading north on S.E. Sixth to Hartford Avenue, Pendarvis said the driver forced a motorist off the road, turned west on Hartford and disobeyed a stop sign at Hartford and Indianola Road.

Pendarvis said the driver continued north on Indianola and then disobeyed a red light at S.E. First Street and Indianola, turned westbound into an eastbound lane and forced a car up onto the curb there.

At S.E. Second Street and Indianola, officers said they observed the woman force another motorist up onto the curb.

The driver continued on Indianola Road, then west on Holmes Street, and north on Courtland Drive to S.W. Seventh Street and Clifton Street where she suddenly stopped the car and got out, Pendarvis said.

Mrs. Schofield was charged with driving 40 in a 25-mile-an-hour zone, reckless driving, driving 50 in a 30-mile-an-hour zone, disregarding officers' signals to stop, two counts of driving left of the center line, three counts of disobeying a stop sign, making an improper left turn, disobeying a red signal light, stopping without an adequate warning, and driving with unsafe tires.

She was being held in city jail Monday night in lieu of \$215 cash and \$1,500 surety, pending a traffic court hearing this morning, records show.

## Tell Limits of Kissinger Trip

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The White House Monday ruled out any Moscow or Saigon visits by presidential aide Henry A. Kissinger in connection with his forthcoming journeys to Hanoi and Peking.

Kissinger will be in Hanoi Feb. 10-13, then go to Peking. Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Kissinger will be accompanied by Ambassador William Sullivan.

## Researcher Cites Physical Dangers of Ballet Dancing

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (AP) — The classical ballet dancer is "probably the world's most neglected athlete," says an orthopedic surgeon.

The artist frequently puts in a six-day or seven-day week of strenuous athletic activity "more physically demanding than any other endeavor imaginable," said Dr. Edward H. Miller.

Few medical studies have been made of these dancers and what is thought to be the first study of alterations in the dancers' anatomy was presented Monday at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in Las Vegas.

Miller, professor and director of orthopedic surgery at the University of Cincinnati, is principal author of the study, based on X-ray examinations of members of the Cincinnati Ballet Company.

"The ability to leap in the air, complete two 360-degree turns and land on one foot in a perfect arabesque facing three-quarters front to the audience, plus or minus 5 degrees, is as exacting as the gross movements of football and basketball," he noted in an interview.

The price of ballet dancers' artistry, Miller said, is "pain and pathology."

Over the long range, ballet dancers are subject to a high incidence of degenerative arthritis of the knee, chronic laxity of hip joint ligaments and prob-

able alteration in the shape of hip bone, Miller and his colleagues found.

Many ballet dancers, especially men, start dancing relatively late in life — in their middle or late teens — and this makes them even more prone to knee injuries, the orthopedist noted.

Miller's wife is a former dancer and his daughter is a ballet student. Dancers affiliated with the university also consult him, Miller said.

To achieve "the appearance of grace and beauty," he explained, the ballet dancer must force hips and legs into positions which are potentially harmful.

The hips and knees must be rotated in opposite directions, so that the feet are horizontal with rather than vertical to the body. And women must stand on the ends of their toes, which causes bunions and calluses.

## Nixon Liaison Post To Tennessee Black

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Stanley S. Scott, a former Tennessee newsman and assistant to White House Communications Director Herb Klein, was appointed President Nixon's liaison with minority groups Monday, making him the top-ranking black man in the administration. The White House said Scott had been promoted to the rank of special assistant to the President, replacing Bob Brown, who returned to private life.

## HALT TURNER'S EXPENSE PLAN

By Louise Swartzwalder  
The Iowa Executive Council Monday refused to pay expense claims submitted by the Iowa attorney general's office, saying it was putting an end to a tactic Iowa Atty. Gen. Richard Turner has used to "pad" his office's budget.

The council refused to pay claims submitted by four investigators from Turner's office who had requested payment for miscellaneous expenses in an investigation of the state's fuel shortage.

State Treasurer Maurice Baringer said the attorney general had been submitting similar expense claims for years under the law which permits the council to pay "court costs" incurred by the attorney general's office.

The law says the executive council may pay "out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated," expenses incurred in "any proceeding brought by or

against the state," or in which the state is interested.

Baringer said Turner has been using that section of the law to make claims for travel costs and miscellaneous expenses in many of his office's investigations.

He said Turner's requests for payments have "grown week by week" and that "every dollar we approve here delivers that much more to his staff's salaries."

Secretary of State Melvin Synhorst said the practice "makes his (Turner's) budget somewhat meaningless."

Gov. Robert Ray questioned why expenses were being claimed for investigation of the state's fuel problems. He said his office had spent "more time on that problem than any of the other offices combined" and that his staff members had not put in any claims for expenses.

"Maybe our guys should start charging their expenses," he said.

Ray said Turner has been interpreting the law too broadly and that the attorney general's interpretation could mean state employees could claim expenses for "any kind of investigation."

Ray said the council should

continue to "protect" Turner when he needs to pay costs in a lawsuit, but that it should not pay any other expenses.

The council refused payment of \$42.70 to investigator Myron Light and \$61.61 to investigator Eugene Wise.

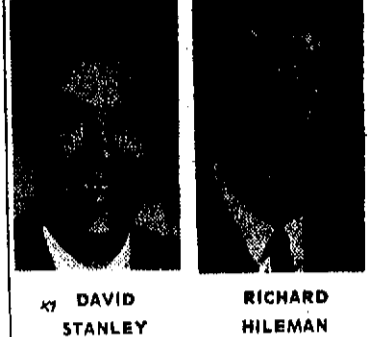
In addition, investigators David Wilson and Karl Schade, who reported spending \$150.43 on three different investigations, were denied the portion of the money claimed for the fuel oil probe.

## Hussein Arrives For U.S. Visit

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived here Monday under strict security.

He is scheduled to confer with President Nixon today, lunch with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, then return to the White House for dinner.

A State Department spokesman would say only that there will be a "general review" of the Middle East situation, and that bilateral questions, such as ongoing economic and military aid to Jordan will be discussed.



DAVID STANLEY and RICHARD HILEMAN

As the president of the Des Moines union said:

"The Union of Iowa Physicians will concentrate on improving health care of patients, preserving and strengthening the doctor-patient relationship and negotiating with 'third parties' who are interfering with this relationship."

Right on, doctor, as we in the labor movement oftentimes shout.

The physicians also called attention to a statement by the president of Nevada Physicians Union, which said, in part:

"Our common goals to the labor movement concern themselves with the provisions of quality medical care to patients.

"This forges a natural union between the labor movement and organized medicine, with the welfare of the patient as a common bond."

SURE IT does. Isn't that what trade unionism is all about? The welfare of the patient?

Can you imagine a union doctor getting a call from his AFL-CIO agent?

"Doc," the agent says, "I hear you've been making house calls again."

"Well, I made one the other night. I don't do it often, but the child was quite ill."

"We don't mind the house call, Doc, but you didn't take along a doctor's helper."

"I didn't need a helper."

"A plumber needs a helper to take apart a toilet but you don't need one to fix up a sick kid, eh? What are you, a scab?"

"I beg your pardon."

"YOU SHOULD, and another thing, you charged the family straight time, didn't you?"

"I charged my regular fee, yes."

"That was after working hours. After working hours you charge time-and-a-half. On Sundays, double-time. How many times I gotta tell you?"

"See here now. You're interfering with the sacred doctor-patient relationship."

"You're the one who's screwing up the doctor-patient relationship, if you gotta know. Time-and-a-half for overtime, double-time for Sundays and holidays, six weeks vacation with pay and 15 minutes wash-up time. That's the doctor-patient relationship. You keep on going like you're going and we're going to have you up in front of the National Labor Relations Board for unfair labor practices. You got that?"

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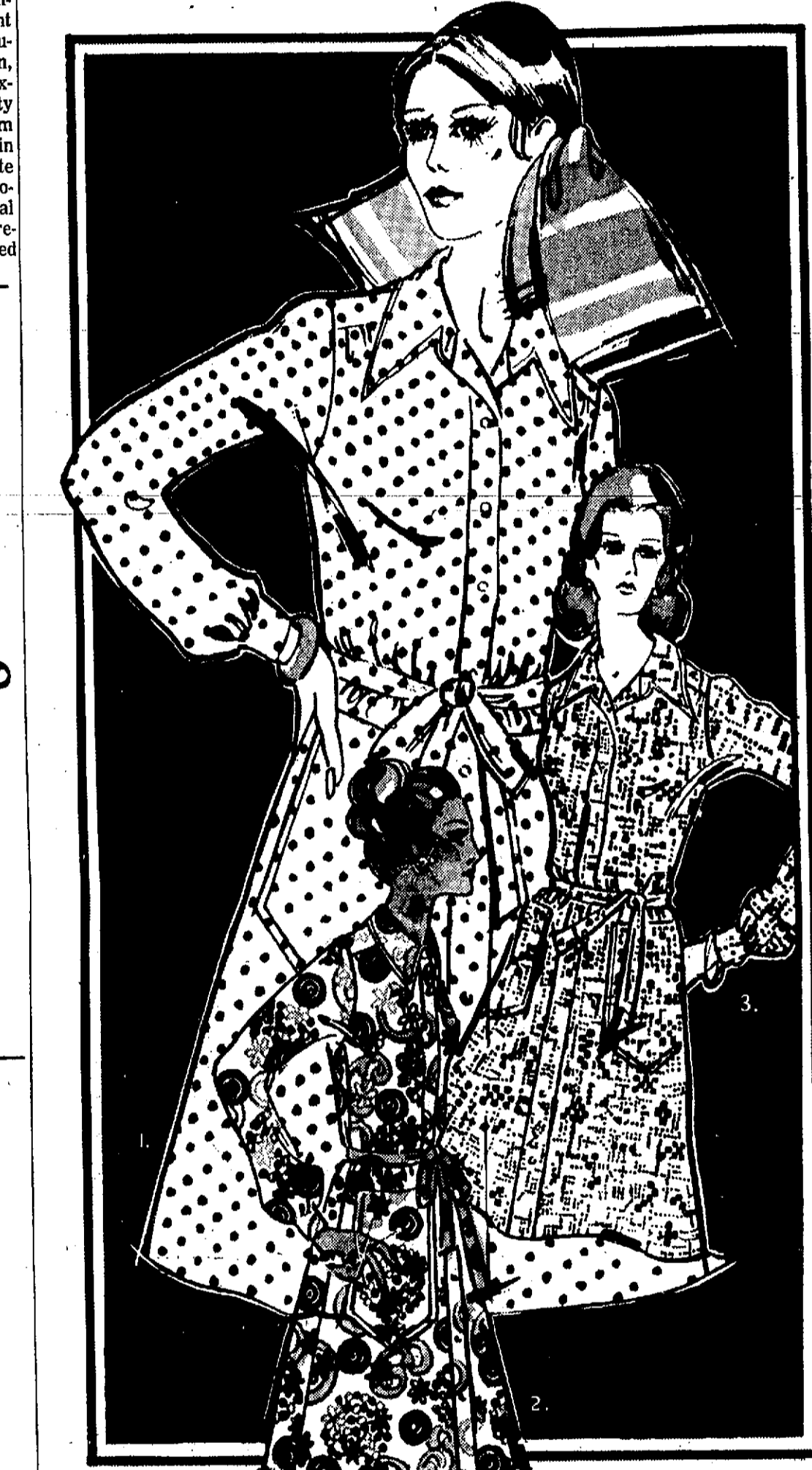
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