

Reports Show Undeveloped Resources

(This is the second in a series of three articles on America's energy future.)
 WASHINGTON, D.C. — Reports from government and industry sources make it clear that the United States is not running out of energy.

In fact, the reports show that this country has vast undeveloped conventional energy resources and the potential to develop new fuels, including synthetics and energy from renewable sources.

Organizations that have published energy studies in recent months include the Department of Energy, the U.S. Geological Survey, the General Accounting Office,

the American Petroleum Institute, the American Gas Association, the Potential Gas Committee, the National Coal Association and others.

For example, a U.S. Geological Survey February, 1981, study contained new estimates of this country's undiscovered recoverable oil and natural gas resources. When combined with estimates of current proved reserves, the USGS figures indicate that the United States can find and produce more oil and natural gas in the future than it has produced since Edwin L. Drake drilled the nation's first oil well 122 years ago this summer.

According to those estimates, future U.S. production may total:

- 137-billion barrels of crude oil, compared with 124-billion barrels produced in the past;

- 27-billion barrels of natural gas liquids, compared with 19-billion barrels already produced; and

- 950-trillion cubic feet of natural gas (the energy equivalent of 167-billion barrels of oil), compared with past production of about 601-trillion cubic feet.

These new USGS estimates include a 22 percent increase in undiscovered natural gas resources, compared with a 1975 study.

These figures suggest that this country's future production could exceed its 1980 output of oil and gas liquids by more than 40 times, and its 1980 natural gas production by about 50 times.

But that is only the beginning. The Geological Survey pointed out that changes in economic conditions and advances in production techniques may make it possible to recover vast additional amounts of oil and natural gas whose existence is known but which are not producible now.

Another estimate of this country's natural gas potential was published in June by the Potential Gas Committee, an industry-sponsored group based in Colorado. The report said current proved reserves, plus undiscovered recoverable resources, add up to 1.1-quadrillion cubic feet (equal to about 194-billion barrels of oil).

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Assembly News From Carolina Review

SPECIAL SESSION...
 The N. C. General Assembly will convene into special session on October 5, at 10 A.M. That final decision was made last week only after some last minute doubts were expressed by a number of legislative leaders.

According to the "temporary" adjournment resolution passed in July, the assembly was to wait until the federal budget was in place, but not later than November 16. Opinion at that time was that the session would occur at "mid-October." After adjournment, House Speaker Liston Ramsey soon zeroed in on October 5 as the special starting date.

After constitutional questions arose over calling the special session, the legislative membership was asked to petition House Speaker and Lieutenant Governor for the session to begin on October 5—which Ramsey and Green did.

Confusion over the starting date isn't the only problem. When the lawmakers first began talking of coming back to Raleigh, they suggested it wouldn't be too expensive for the taxpayers since the "support" staff wouldn't be called back for such a short time.

"They told us not to plan on coming back—that they couldn't afford it," said one Senate secretary.

Now, Senators have been told they should make arrangements for their secretaries to come in for the period they are in town—if they so desire.

Likewise, initially the Appropriations Committee was supposed to come in early and do the nuts and bolts work for the full assembly to vote on when they arrived in town, thus allowing for quick adjournment. Seems now, however, that the legislative leadership feels there will be ample time for the

committee to do its work after everyone is in Raleigh. Apparently the other 150 or so legislators will be able to fine something else to do while waiting for the Appropriations Committee to get the final budget package ready.

Finally, the special session was "initially" sold to the press and public as a one-shot deal to look at a pay raise package for teachers and other state employees. Unfortunately, other issues seem to be slipping into conversations lately.

The restrictive language (which isn't that restrictive) of the July adjournment resolution can be overcome by a simple two-thirds majority vote.

Of interest to state workers, the pay raise delay was sold to them as a possible means of maybe getting more money and (anyway), at least getting the raise retroactively. That sales pitch has quieted

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Revisions Considered

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 the proposed patterns would continue to furnish more than a third of a child's recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for protein, vitamin A, riboflavin, niacin and vitamin B-12. Other nutrients reach approximately one-fourth RDA or greater except for calories and iron, which

have always been less than the overall pattern goal, she said.

The national school lunch program currently provides nutritious lunches to 26 million children in over 94,000 schools nationwide. Nearly 35,000 schools participate in the school breakfast program, and provide breakfast to 4-million children. The child care food program operates in 61,800 child care institutions and day care homes, and provides both meals and supplements (snacks) to 850,000 children. Both schools and child care institutions are required to serve meals that meet the nutritional standards established by USDA, and are reimbursed by USDA for the meals they serve to eligible children.

USDA invites comments on the proposed meal pattern regulations. Comments must be postmarked on or before October fifth, and should be sent to: Cynthia Ford, branch chief, room 556, Technical Assistance Branch, Nutrition and Technical Services Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, Washington, D. C. 20250.

The regulations proposing revised meal pattern requirements for the school lunch, school breakfast and child care food programs are scheduled to be published in the Federal Register of September 4.

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 mittee or until he voluntarily steps down. James and White serves as exofficio members on the State Farm Operations Committee as chairmen of their respective agriculture committees in the legislature. White will remain vice-chairman of the committee.



EDENTON TEA PARTY POURS ON!—Plans for the 4th Annual Edenton Tea Party, sponsored by the Edenton Historic Commission, are now underway. The funds raised by this annual event, which will be held on Oct. 24 and 25, will be used for the restoration and beautification of historic buildings and will aid in the operation of historic tours and the gift shop-visitor center. This is one party you won't want to miss!

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