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## Senators to push rationing

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WASHINGTON — Ignoring the threat of a presidential veto, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and Sen. Lowell P. Weicker, R-Conn., announced Wednesday they will introduce legislation calling for mandatory gas rationing.

Weicker said he and Mansfield will file the bill today. It would order President Ford to implement a nationwide rationing program within 60 days.

Shortly after the announcement, White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Ford would not only veto a gas rationing bill, but would veto legislation calling for rationing of any kind of petroleum product.

Based on conversations with members of Congress and the soundings taken by his advisers, Nessen said, Ford "has the feeling today that the support for rationing, whatever it is, is lessening."

He said Ford believed critics had been "nitpicking" at his energy proposals and he supported the President's views of rationing by citing Federal Energy Administration figures on the subject.

They showed that the average motorist would get only 36 gallons of gasoline a month under a rationing program, and would also pay higher prices.

At his news conference Tuesday, Ford emphatically rejected gas rationing as a solution to the energy shortage, saying he would veto any mandatory gas rationing bill. "I feel we need mandatory gasoline rationing now, not stand-by authority," Weicker said in a statement.

He added, "If the Congress believes in gasoline rationing as a means to effectively reduce our energy consumption, it should stand up and mandate the President to institute such an energy conservation measure."

In a related development, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., will begin today his attempt to block President Ford's proposed \$3-a-barrel tax on imported oil, despite strong opposition from Ford and hint of a Republican filibuster.

Republicans agreed Tuesday to let Kennedy introduce a joint resolution that would prohibit Ford from imposing the tariff for 60 days and prevent the removal of all price controls on oil produced in this country.

Ford told a news conference Tuesday he would use his executive authority to begin the import tax program on Feb. 1 with a \$1-a-barrel increase in the excise tax. The tax is intended to reduce U.S. petroleum use by jacking up prices.

## Tuition collection no problem here

by Bruce Henderson  
Staff Writer

Non-payment of student loans and tuition fees, a budget difficulty facing many colleges, is no problem here. University officials said recently.

"There is no problem about the collection of loan funds here," said William M. Geer, director of student aid. "Our students are very responsible."

Other schools have problems. Temple University in Philadelphia recently reported that 11,000 students had overdue debts for tuition and loans totaling about \$1 million.

Temple officials, quoted in a Knight Newspapers article, said some students are "just too poor" to repay loans and tuition debts. Many schools lose the money, the article reported, when students who have graduated file bankruptcy petitions.

The UNC collection rate for all loans is 99.96 per cent over ten years, Geer said. UNC has seven major loan programs and 67 loan funds. About 20 per cent of UNC students are on financial aid, he said.

The national loan delinquency rate overall is nine per cent, Geer said. "One well-known institution has a delinquency rate of 49.9 per cent. The rate at some is higher than others." Of 12,000 student loan accounts at UNC, only 1.28 per cent were delinquent in 1974. This rate is one of the best in the country, he said.

There is a slightly larger problem on the payment of student accounts, which include tuition, fees, parking permits, room rent and infirmary bills.

The collection rate of student accounts is 97 to 99 per cent, Sam B. Barnard, University cashier, said. Figures from a recent report indicate that less than 200 accounts from 1971 to 1974 were reported to the state attorney general's office, which handles collection of overdue payments. Those accounts totaled about \$29,000.

"Tuition delinquencies are more of a problem here than at somewhere like Duke or N.C. State; there the students must pay their tuition before they can be registered," Barnard said.

"We have no such regulations here, although we try to set it up so that students do pay on a schedule," he said. "We have no means of threat."

The most trouble comes from unofficial drop-out students who leave school without settling their accounts, Barnard said.

"We usually collect when the student returns to school," he said. "Most accounts are eventually paid."

A "hold" is put on registration records if accounts from previous semesters are not paid, Barnard said.

"We are not harsh, but we are persistent. We encourage students to meet their obligations, and as the statistics show, they have risen to those responsibilities in a beautiful way," Geer said.

"If necessary we do bring court cases, through the attorney general's office. We usually have about three to six court cases per year, out of the 12,000 student loan accounts."

Filing for bankruptcy, a growing trend among college students, has apparently not caught on with UNC students.

UNC has only about two or three cases a year, Geer said.



Former Sen. Sam Ervin defends his record at a news conference Wednesday

## Caucus keeps Hays Patman loses post

by Gene Bernardt  
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WASHINGTON — Rebellious Democrats Wednesday ousted a third veteran House committee chairman, Rep. Wright Patman of the Banking Committee, but voted to keep Rep. Wayne Hays as chairman of the Administration Committee.

Rep. Henry Reuss of Wisconsin, a 62-year-old, 11-term congressman, was given the chairmanship of Banking — a post the 81-year-old Patman held for 12 of his 46 years in Congress. The vote in the Democratic party caucus was 152-117.

Hays, of Ohio, however, easily defeated his opponent, Rep. Frank Thompson of New Jersey, on a 161-111 vote.

Thompson had accused Hays of using the panel's authority over the size of committee budgets and members' allowances to build a personal power base.

The Democratic caucus will send its decisions, along with GOP committee assignments the Republicans approved Wednesday, to the full House for final action today.

The caucus last week ousted Reps. W.R. Poage of Texas as chairman of the Agriculture Committee and F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana as head of Armed Services. It approved Reps. Thomas Foley of Washington to succeed Poage, and Melvin Price of Illinois to replace Hebert.

It took two secret ballots to unseat Patman.

A Reuss-Patman runoff was required because no one got a majority of votes cast the first time around.

Patman, of Texas, long criticized the Federal Reserve System for failing to crack down on the banks that it supervises for charging high interest rates, and the big banks campaigned against him and actively supported Reuss.

Reuss rejected this accusation. "I got no support, and I'm glad I didn't, from any of the financial interests," he said, and added that his first effort as chairman will be "to legislate lower interest rates around the country."

Patman was asked if his age was a factor. "I don't know," he said. "I doubt that because I've been one of the most active members."

Reuss said as soon as his committee organized next week the first order of business will be an attempt to lower interest rates by directing the Federal Reserve Board to "cut down their loans for conglomerates, fostering monopolies and foreign banking ventures and toward things that combat inflation like decent housing."



Attorney General Rufus Edmisten meets Wednesday with Chapel Hill citizens

## Demonstration fizzles; Ervin defends record

by Kevin McCarthy  
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Plans to protest former Senator Sam Ervin Jr.'s civil rights record in Congress at his honorary banquet fizzled Wednesday when NAACP chapter president Robert Kelley cancelled the demonstration.

Kelley had previously predicted more than 200 protestors would picket outside the Carolina Inn. None appeared.

At a news conference preceding the banquet, Ervin defended both his past voting record and the right of public protest, but he

called the planned NAACP demonstration unwise and unnecessary since all civil rights votes in question "have already been cast."

At a news conference Kelley said, "In view of the potential violence tonight, we have decided to cancel the demonstration for this evening."

"We are disappointed in not being able to finalize our effort, but in the best interests of the community and those who are running for higher office and for racial loyalty we have decided otherwise."

Kelley said he felt that the NAACP's goal of bringing attention to the overall

congressional record of Ervin's was "an extremely effective effort."

Kelley denied that the decision to cancel was made at the state level of the NAACP. The state NAACP director, Charles McLean, however, was present at the news conference.

Kelley also said he had received calls from other organizations in the state which planned to send representatives to protest Ervin's appearance at the charity dinner. He declined to identify these people but added, "We didn't have a broad enough monitoring system to know who was in our picket lines."

The local NAACP was also concerned about violence occurring from a planned opposition picket line, Kelley said. "I have stood for civil rights," Ervin stated strongly at his news conference. "I understand some people have not approved of my voting record on civil rights, and that's fine. But every civil rights bill I voted against except one took away the rights of certain people."

"I am in favor of demonstrations, wherever and whenever people want to demonstrate," the former Senator said. "But my voting record is in the past. Let me suggest that any who want to demonstrate do so for a good cause, the cystic fibrosis fund."

When asked if he would change any of his "nay" votes on civil rights legislation if it were now possible, Ervin replied emphatically, "No, not a one."

"Those votes are already cast. I couldn't recall them if I wanted to, and I don't want to because I was fighting for equal rights for everybody."

"The best way to get rid of foolish ideas," Ervin said of freedom of speech, "is to run them out in public and let someone swallow them."

Ervin said he did not object that the planned protest was directed against him personally.

"If you want to have a protest against me, you can find a lot of people to do it," Ervin said. "There are a lot of people who didn't want Watergate investigated."

## Proposed budget slices UNC funds

by Don Baer  
Staff Writer

The University of North Carolina's proposed budget was drastically cut in the spending recommendations made by Gov. James Holshouser, Jr. to the N. C. General Assembly Monday night.

UNC officials plan to try to convince the legislature that the proposals for higher education won't satisfy the system's needs.

The UNC Board of Governor's request \$252.4 million for new programs and construction for the 16 affiliated schools was cut by the governor to \$54.6 million for the 1975-77 budget at the recommendation of the Advisory Budget Commission.

The Bi-partisan commission's proposals completely ignore requested funds for the veterinary school at North Carolina State University. Included in the proposal is \$54 million to build a four-year medical school at East Carolina University.

Both the veterinary school and the medical school were included in requests separate from the main university budget. The veterinary school was refused partially because it was separate.

UNC President William C. Friday said the board will present a new budget request directly to the General Assembly. He said it is too soon to say what will be in the new report.

Holshouser's proposals were presented with his third annual State-of-the-State address to the General Assembly Monday night. He cited the state's responsibilities to provide food, jobs, housing and fuel to the state's citizens, but did not mention any programs dealing with higher education.

The proposed new women's gymnasium at UNC-Chapel Hill was not included in the budget commission's report. The \$5.4 million structure is needed because of increased female enrollment, Friday said.

Also excluded from the proposals was a \$2 million law school building at N. C. Central University. Their law school is currently under accreditation investigation.

In defense of the smaller salary increase, Sen. Ralph Scott, D-Alamance, a member of the advisory budget commission, said, "I've got plenty of people out of work altogether in my part of state, and we'd have a pretty hard time explaining to the unemployed how

we could raise university-related salaries that much."

Citing the more than \$80 million allotted by this budget to the state treasury, Holshouser proposed repealing the three per cent sales tax on food.

He said the tax could be repealed effective July 1 "withouth cutting a single penny from a single state program."

Holshouser also called for improving the unemployment benefits process, continuation of state jobs recently attacked by Democrats, removal of legal barriers against lowering retail milk prices and stabilization of the gasoline tax.

The proposals to the joint session of the House and Senate were met by usual partisan reaction. The 160 Democratic legislators in the 170-member Assembly received the speech with little enthusiasm. The only applause interrupting the 30-minute speech was led by Republican legislators, members of the Governor's cabinet and Holshouser's wife.

## Town official favors Foxcroft food sales

by Andy Siddon  
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Alderman Alice Welsh said Wednesday she favored the sale of food items at Foxcroft Apartments.

"I sort of like the idea," she said. "It seems a lot worse for the tenants to have to hop in their autos and go across town just for a hot dog."

Welsh said the apartments should be allowed to continue selling to the public.

The apartments have sold food and drinks since Feb. 1973. Foxcroft plans to sell beer at a band party this weekend.

The sales violate a town zoning ordinance, Art Berger, Chapel Hill planning and zoning

administrator, said Monday, and could cause the apartments to lose their special use permit.

Berger said such sales were allowed only in central business, suburban commercial and commercial districts. Foxcroft is located in a single-family dwelling zone, but the special use permit allowed the apartment complex to be built.

The Board of Aldermen has already considered revoking the permit, because no secondary access road to Route 15-501 has been built, said Welsh.

Loss of the special use permit would prohibit Foxcroft from expanding the complex or making major repairs.

The easiest way for the apartments to continue selling, Berger said, would be to get a modification of their special use permit from the Board of Aldermen.

Building Inspector John Davis, who enforces the zoning laws, said he was mailing Foxcroft developer Dan Vogel a copy of the zoning law along with a request that the selling stop.

Davis said he felt Vogel would comply with his request.

"At least I'm praying he will," he said. Vogel said Tuesday that the sale violated no town zoning ordinance and that it would continue.

A former zoning official told him a modification of their special use permit was not needed, Vogel said.

The only stipulations were that the food be sold away from the access road and that no signs advertising the sale be posted, he said.

## Carolina beats Virginia, 85-70

The North Carolina Tar Heels, still stinging from their narrow defeat at N.C. State last Saturday, staved off a rally by the Virginia Cavaliers in Carmichael Auditorium Wednesday night to win, 85-70. It was the third ACC victory for Carolina.

With about eight minutes to play in the game, the Cavs closed to within four points, 66-62. But without Wally Walker, who fouled out of the game, Virginia could not stop the strong inside game of UNC center Mitch Kupchak.

Kupchak had one of the best nights of his career, leading the scoring with 28 points and rebounding with 15. Details in Friday's DTH.