

Tax on liquor, tobacco may aid highway fund

By KATHY PITMAN
Staff Writer

Bills that would add 30 cents to the price of a six-pack of beer and 10 cents to the price of a pack of cigarettes were recently introduced by North Carolina legislators as ways to raise revenue for the state's highway fund.

Sen. George Marion, D-Dobson, who introduced the alcohol tax, said a tax on beer, wine and liquor would raise an estimated \$115 million in fiscal year 1981-1982.

The bill also would increase the tax on wine from 21 cents to 24 cents per liter. The tax on liquor would be increased to 22½ percent of the retail price.

Rep. Ruth M. Easterling, D-Mecklenburg, who introduced the cigarette tax, said an increase on cigarettes and liquor seemed more logical than a gasoline tax.

A legislative tax expert said the cigarette tax would bring the highway fund about \$59 million a year.

A revenue decrease of \$342 million is anticipated for the state's highway fund because of dropping gasoline sales and gasoline tax collections.

Gov. Jim Hunt has not taken a position on either bill, said Hunt's assistant press secretary, Stephanie Bass. Hunt is concerned about using general fund

money for highway revenues, since the general fund is already tight, Bass said. Spokesman Brent Hackney said Hunt would probably make a recommendation in April.

Although general fund monies are used for many services, highway fund taxes usually are collected only from highway users.

Rep. Patricia Hunt, D-Orange, said she had no objection to an additional tax on alcohol, but thought there were other alternatives such as a tobacco tax.

Hunt said she didn't think her constituents would have any problem with a tax on beer, wine and liquor. But she said the tax might be more objectionable for students. "I think Chapel Hill would be very much in favor of that," Hunt said of the proposed tobacco tax. "But I doubt if that bill will ever come out of committee," she added.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said he was undecided. "I'm inclined to think the people I represent don't want any taxes," he said. "I would like to hear from the people of Orange and Chatham counties." He also said he was reluctant to invade the general fund for highway purposes.

Sen. Charles Vickery, D-Orange, said, "I would generally favor a tax on liquor or tobacco. I think this community would favor a tax on luxury items rather than on gasoline."

Vickery said both proposed bills were possibilities that had to be considered. People do not want any tax increases, but the money is needed by the state for the highways and to offset cuts made by the federal government, he said.

"We have got to do something about our roadways," he said.

A study commission appointed by Gov. Hunt has made several suggestions for raising money for the highway fund, including raising the gasoline tax by 5 cents.

Commission member Edward S. Holmes said the cigarette and liquor bills should be considered as possible alternatives.

"I have no objection to that," Holmes said. "I think it might be a good way to raise revenue."

Easterling said that a cigarette tax increase and a liquor tax increase might be used together with a small increase in the gasoline tax to provide funds for the state's highways.

News In Brief

Judge denies mistrial for Garwood

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A military judge, wishing Marine Pfc. Robert Garwood "peace and happiness," Tuesday denied final defense motions asking that he declare a mistrial and overturn Garwood's conviction for collaborating with the enemy in Vietnam.

During a 1½-hour court session, military judge Col. R.E. Switzer turned down a defense motion that he overrule the jury's guilty verdict, saying, "It is my finding that proof of guilt was established beyond a reasonable doubt."

Garwood, who spent 14 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, was found guilty earlier this month of collaborating with his captors and assaulting a fellow POW. He faced a possible life sentence, but a jury of five Marine officers last week ordered only that he be dishonorably discharged, reduced in rank to private and forfeit pay and allowances.

U.S. might send arms to El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration enlisted congressional leaders Tuesday in a U.S. effort to "do what is necessary" to help the ruling junta of El Salvador hold off insurgents allegedly armed by the Soviet-bloc nations of Cuba, Ethiopia and Vietnam.

Reagan's plan is likely to revolve around a boost in military aid, congressional leaders briefed by Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. State Department officials said no decision has been made to request more aid.

The congressional leaders predicted such a request would have bipartisan support based on "hard evidence" that leftist guerrillas seeking to overthrow El Salvador's civilian-military junta were armed with weapons smuggled in from Cuba, Ethiopia and Vietnam.

Basques riot after leader's death

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — An estimated 300,000 angry Basques marched in strife-torn northern Spain Monday, protesting what they claim was the torture-death in prison of an alleged member of the Basque separatist group ETA.

Demonstrators clashed with police in San Sebastian, Pamplona and Vitoria as a general strike paralyzed Spain's three Basque provinces.

Jose Ignacio Arregui Izaquirre, 30, died Friday in Madrid's Carabanchel Prison, nine days after he was arrested in a shootout with police and accused of participating in terrorist bombings that killed three security officers and a civilian in the past two years.

In Pamplona, police fired smoke grenades and rubber bullets to break up a demonstration by 8,000 militants following a band of masked youths carrying an ETA banner. ETA terrorists, demanding independence for the Basque region, are blamed for 96 political killings last year. ETA is a Basque acronym standing for Basque Land and Liberty.

Association helps nurses

By TED AVERY
Staff Writer

The UNC Nursing Association gives its members an insight into nursing that enables students to make sure that nursing is what they want to do, association vice president Doree Behrman said Tuesday.

Behrman, a freshman, said the association was especially helpful to pre-nursing students who wanted to learn about the nursing field. The association helps with blood drives, and is involved in state nursing conventions and lobbying efforts for nursing laws, Behrman said.

As a member, she said she had lobbied to make changes in the existing Nursing Practice Act. "It's going to be a change to clarify privileges, rights and duties of nurses," she said. The association also wants to eliminate a clause in the act which devalues nursing skills by allowing

doctors to appoint anyone regardless of qualifications to aid him in his job, she said.

Joining the association enables members to be eligible for scholarships, receive additional malpractice insurance coverage and go to conventions where exhibitors offer information about their hospitals, Behrman said.

Association members are also able to enter writing contests and to testify before congressional committees on nursing.

She said students who wanted to join the group should wait until the beginning of next semester so they wouldn't have to pay yearly dues for the remaining three months of this semester.

"You don't have to be a member to come to the meetings, though," she said.

Students who would like to join should contact association president Steve Galyon.

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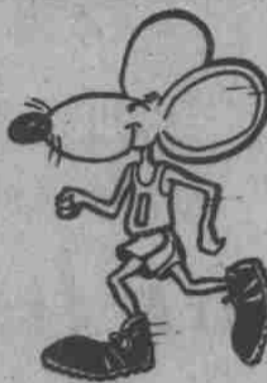
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We encourage you to participate in the selection process by recommending a professor or professors who IN YOUR EXPERIENCE WERE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL CLASSROOM TEACHERS. (Please note that the professors listed on the adjacent column have received awards during the past five years and are therefore not eligible for nomination this year.) The responsibility of the Student/Faculty Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards is to select from those names suggested to us by the faculty and students a small list of nominees, from which the Chancellor makes the final selection. Thus the quality and accuracy of our selection process is dependent upon our getting from you a list of the most deserving candidates. This process offers one of the most tangible means available to you to identify and acclaim those teachers who have given you something of value. We therefore urge you to avail yourself of this opportunity by submitting to us the names of those faculty members who have inspired you through their teaching. While we welcome brief nominating statements, fuller supporting statements by you will help us to make the best choices.

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