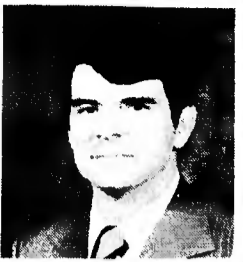


Senator
Joseph E. Thomas
Legislative Report



April 13, 1979

A Bill has been introduced in the State Senate that would "prohibit the hauling of building materials between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. without documents to establish ownership and source of the materials."

The legislation is designed to help eliminate, or to at least make more difficult, the escalating costs of nighttime theft at construction sites. The cost of these thefts is a problem not only for the construction companies that suffer the losses, but also for the general public because such losses are ultimately passed on to the consumer through increased prices.

My own personal experiences in the home-building industry have shown that there is a tremendous loss of time, money, and materials, as a result of this ever-increasing problem.

On site theft has always been a problem in the building industry. However, the theft of expensive building materials has dramatically increased in recent years. The reasons for the dramatic increases are relatively simple.

The materials must, by necessity, be delivered to the premises at a time when there is often no closed security space yet available. The hardest hit are the areas away from population centers in quiet isolated locations.

Thus, the relative ease with which this type of crime can take place is an important reason for the increase.

Another, perhaps more important reason, is the rising cost and consequent value, of building materials used in the construction industry. In this time of severe inflation, the theft and resale of building materials can be extremely profitable--much more so than in the past.

Obviously, the same opportunities exist for criminal activity in the agricultural field. In fact, a phenomenal resurgence of the old-time cattle rustling is now taking place in many areas across the country--including North Carolina. Theft of farm machinery, fertilizers, and even livestock and money crops, is also taking place.

Unfortunately, Senate Bill 555 probably will not be able to help the farmer. It might even cause some concern since farmers and other individuals often forced to transport building materials in the evening hours. Naturally, this is the type of problems that must be addressed and solved before the night-time hauling law can be passed.

Hopefully, we can work out such problems and put together a law--possibly with some amendments and stipulations--that can accomplish the goals of the law and yet not place undue constraints on the law-abiding citizens of our State.

This Bill is in the Senate Transportation Committee, and I would appreciate having your comments. My address is State Legislative Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, and my telephone number is 733-5659.

The Washington Report

by
 Rep. Walter B. Jones

No to foreign aid

In a week cut short because of the Easter break, the House of Representatives' main business was the 1980 foreign aid bill. This legislation has always been controversial and this year proved no exception as spirited debate spanned four legislative days. In the end the House approved an amended version of foreign aid.

The total cost of the package is over \$4 billion. It is interesting to note that nearly half of this money is earmarked for only two countries--Israel and Egypt; and this bill does not include any of the costs committed by the recent Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Among the major amendments which were



Orientations Set for National Volunteer Week

During National Volunteer Week, April 22-28, the new volunteer bureau in Craven County, Volunteers for Children, will offer volunteer orientations in both New Bern and Havelock for prospective "big brothers and big sisters."

Adults of any age, 16 or older, are invited to come for information about the program. Men and couples are most needed at this time.

The orientation to the program is presented in two sessions. In New Bern, orientation meetings will be held on successive Wednesdays, April 25 and May 2, at 7:30 in the auditorium of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library. In Havelock, the meetings, will be

held on successive Thursdays, April 26 and May 3, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Chapel of the Marine Corps Air Station.

The purpose of the big brother-big sister program is to provide children ages 6-16 with adult friendship. Volunteers make a commitment to get together once a week with "little brothers or sisters" over a period of 6-9 months to take part in activities that are fun for both child and volunteer.

Children are referred to the program by their parents, by the Department of Social Services, by the Neuse Mental Health and Juvenile Court.

The Volunteers for Children program is one of two big brother-big sister programs in the

county. Personal references, training, and on-going supervision are required of each Volunteers for Children volunteer. The other program is sponsored by Coastal Progress, the anti-poverty agency serving Jones, Craven, and Pamlico counties.

For more information about volunteer opportunities in Craven County, contact Cathy Hendren, Coordinator for Volunteers for Children, at 633-0131.



By M.A. PETTI, M.D.

Avoid sunlight on any area that has a fresh scar for about six months. The sunlight may cause pigmentation of the scar.



By SALLY and JIM ADAMS
 SAVING GAS

Gasoline is inexorably approaching \$1 per gallon and before summer there may be some sort of curb on consumption -- more stations closing on weekends, and possibly rationing. Nothing much you can do about it, but there's plenty you can do to cut your gas consumption and thereby cut the cost of driving.

An engine out of tune is a gas-gulper, so get regular tune-ups.

The average driver runs on about 700 gallons of gas a year, so saving even a few cents a gallon will add up. The price of gas varies substantially; look for the lowest price. Check discount stations and the ones selling off-brands. Buying at self-service stations will save a few cents per gallon.

Save on gas by adopting conservative habits when driving. Keep speed under 55 miles per hour. At 70 mph the gas consumption goes up about 50 percent. On the highway, try to keep your speed constant; varying speed more than five mph costs you 1.3 miles per gallon.

Check your tires frequently. Tires that are underinflated cost about a mile per gallon.

Are you a fast starter? This not only wears out your tires faster but costs at least two miles per gallon. Turn off your engine if you're stuck in traffic for a minute or more. An idling engine uses one cup of gas per minute, more than it takes to restart.

Trips of under five miles are gas wasters because starting a cold engine increases consumption, so combine your chores -- to drugstore, cleaners, supermarket -- in one trip.

If you're in the market for a new car, concentrate more on miles per gallon than on the color of the upholstery.

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The average U.S. worker works 37 hours, 6 minutes per week.

approved was a provision requiring the President to try to convince other western nations to help underwrite the cost of a Middle-Eastern peace settlement. Also the House made funds available to Syria and Jordan dependent on their co-operation and good faith in seeking peace. The House also rejected a provision that would have sent American observers to Rhodesia to monitor that country's upcoming elections because a majority of Representatives felt that this was too much American intrusion on the internal affairs of another sovereign state.

On final passage I voted against this bill as I have voted against other foreign aid bills in the past. I feel that most foreign aid money is used in ways that do not benefit American interests and do not help persons in third world countries who are truly needy.



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