

Protest grows over anti-smoking bill

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In an effort to defeat legislation banning smoking on airplanes, tobacco companies have deluged Congressional offices with telegrams, and senators from tobacco states plan to filibuster.

An amendment tacked on to the Senate Appropriations Bill sponsored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., calls for a three-year smoking ban on all domestic airline flights of two hours or less. The proposal is expected to go to the floor of the Senate today or Wednesday.

One of the largest tobacco companies, New York-based Phillip Morris, battled the legislation by sending about 4,000 letters from New Jersey residents to Lautenberg alone, said Jim Abbott, Lautenberg's press secretary. The company called New

Jersey residents to ask permission to send the computer-generated telegrams which protested the legislation.

Tobacco giants like North Carolina's R.J. Reynolds have relied on the Tobacco Institute, a lobbying organization, to protest the legislation, said Maura Payne, manager of external communication for R.J. Reynolds.

"This legislation would affect 80 percent of all airline flights in this country," said Walker Merryman, vice president of the Tobacco Institute. "This is not a minor thing."

A similar bill has already been approved by the House, Abbott said. The House bill, however, calls for a permanent smoking ban on airplanes.

Both N.C. senators, Republican Jesse Helms and Democrat Terry Sanford, plan to oppose the legislation, their press secretaries said.

Although Helms realizes that the legislation has much support in the Senate, he formed a coalition with four other Southern senators to filibuster the amendment, said Mark Flemming, Helms' legislative assistant for agriculture.

"There's a Nov. 10 deadline," Flemming said. "We just want to hold this up until then."

As chairman of the appropriations committee, Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., will decide the fate of the proposal if it is not passed before the deadline. Stennis opposed the amendment in committee and would probably oppose it again, Flemming said.

Merryman said the Airline Pilots Association and the Air Transport Association also oppose the amendment.

The two groups could not be reached for comment Monday.

"The pilots are very concerned that under some circumstances a passenger might try to sneak into the restroom to smoke a cigarette, and that creates a fire hazard," Merryman said. "The last thing a pilot needs is another fire hazard."

Merryman said statements by the Department of Transportation (DOT) support the anti-ban group.

But Ed O'Hara, a DOT spokesman, said the department has not taken a position on the issue.

The DOT initiated a 14-month study earlier this month to determine the hazards of smoke in close quarters. The study will gather enough evidence for an empirical ruling.

Opponents also questioned the amendment's legality.

"You cannot legislate with an appropriations bill," Flemming said. "That's against the rules."

Reagan calls for embargo of U.S. imports from Iran

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan moved Monday to ban all U.S. imports from Iran, citing "the continued and increasingly belligerent behavior" of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's government in the Persian Gulf.

Reagan also said he was directing the departments of State and Treasury to bring about a ban on the export to Iran of 14 broad categories of U.S. products "with potential military application."

The punitive economic measures follow the military retaliation Reagan ordered last week against Iran after a Silkworm missile strike against a U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti oil vessel in Kuwaitian waters.

Secretary of State George Shultz said, meanwhile, he hoped other countries would follow the U.S. lead and embargo Iranian oil, thereby causing a drop in the price of Iranian oil and in revenue for the purchase of weapons.

Selling resumes on Wall Street

NEW YORK — A fresh wave of selling gripped Wall Street on Monday as the stock market, reacting to a stock selloff overseas, posted its worst performance since last week's historic collapse.

The 157-point fall followed a record loss on the prime Hong Kong exchange, which lost one-third of its value on the first day of trading in a week. Tokyo, London and other foreign markets also had large losses.

In a procedure adopted Friday, major exchanges closed two hours early to curb the enormous volume building up since Monday's plunge, when stocks lost more than \$500 billion in value and the Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 508 points.

Investor shoots two, kills self

MIAMI — An investor who reportedly suffered heavy stock market losses shot and killed one broker and critically wounded another in their brokerage house Monday, then turned his gun on himself, police and witnesses said.

The gunman, Arthur Kane, 53, of Miami, was dead at the scene, said Metro-Dade Police Cmdr. William Johnson.

"We believe it was, in fact, related to losses suffered in the market during the recent downturn," Johnson said.

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A Merrill Lynch spokesman said the slain brokerage manager was Jose Argilagos, 51. The wounded stockbroker was Lloyd Kolokoff, 39, of Miami. Both men were local vice presidents of Merrill Lynch.

Kolokoff was in critical condition at Baptist Hospital following surgery to remove bullet fragments. He had a gunshot wound to the back and suffered injury to a lung and the spinal cord, said hospital spokeswoman Adrienne Silver.

First lady's mother dies

WASHINGTON — Edith Luckett Davis, mother of first lady Nancy Reagan, died of a stroke Monday at her home in Phoenix, Ariz., the White House announced. She was 91.

Davis, a onetime actress who was the widow of Chicago neurosurgeon Loyal Davis, had been ailing for several years.

President Reagan was told first about Davis' death at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Reagan's press secretary, Elaine Crispin, as he concluded an interview. He immediately went to the residence to inform his wife and remained with her the rest of the afternoon.

Human rights leader killed

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Two men with silencer-equipped handguns killed the president of the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission on Monday as he left home to take two of his six children to school, official sources said.

As the children stood some distance away, the assailants shot Herbert Ernesto Anaya point-blank in a small parking lot, police said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but a spokesman for the human rights commission blamed the shooting on right-wing death squads linked to the military.

Anaya, 32, was the fourth member of the commission, an independent private organization made up of lawyers and other professionals, to be assassinated since 1980. Two other members disappeared while in police custody.

New academic plan in the works for Duke

By LISA WYNNE
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After it is revised and resubmitted to the board of trustees next September, a plan outlining an estimated \$100 million in improvements may result in a tuition increase and a reduction in enrollment for Duke University.

The Academic Plan, which targets five- and 10-year goals for improvement, includes a 300-student reduction in the university's undergraduate enrollment, from 6,000 students to 5,700 students, which will better the student/faculty ratio, said Leonard Pardue, associate vice president and director of university relations.

For the Record

Monday's story, "New book slams State Department," reported that David Funderburk challenged incumbent Jim Broyhill for the Republican Senate nomination in 1984. Funderburk sought the nomination in 1986. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the reporting error.

Pardue said the plan did not result from any immediate crisis, but rather from an ongoing dedication to maintaining the university's standards.

"We're in a strong position, but we want to take steps to ensure that we not only stay where we are, but move forward," he said.

The plan, initiated by the board of trustees under the leadership of the provost's office, restates the university's commitment to hiring women and blacks. The university, as a private institution, is not required to comply with government regulations in affirmative action.

The plan also calls for more computers on campus, improvement in scientific laboratories, elimination of courses taught by first-year graduate students, increased study abroad programs and improvement in job placement programs for seniors.

Although university officials know the plan will require added revenue, specific costs have not been discussed, Pardue said. But the university may raise tuition if alternate ways of raising money are not found, he said.

The provost's office initiated the plan in January after the chairman of the board of trustees suggested the need for an overall picture of the academic departments' direction, said Susan McDonald, assistant provost.

After university administrators formulated a report, deans of individual schools reported their department's status and goals to the provost, she said.

The provost's office presented the preliminary plan to the board of trustees at its September meeting, McDonald said.

After the deans make the recommended revisions, the plan in its final form will be presented at the board's September 1988 meeting.

Along with improvements in academic departments, the plan recommends changes in the library system, Pardue said.

Although Duke's library budget has grown steadily, it must keep pace with the growth in university programs, said Jerry Campbell, university librarian and vice provost for university affairs.

"It's not a crisis because the

university is just now moving to increase its programs," he said.

In addition to the Academic Plan, the provost's office is formulating a plan to address the lack of building space at the university, McDonald said.

Pardue said undergraduate housing and faculty offices have definite space needs. Possible solutions include building a new residence hall and renovating an old classroom building to provide additional faculty space, he said.

Lack of building space also affects the library system, and to manage the problem, the library may switch from general shelving to compact shelving, he said. Compact shelving allows space for twice as many books, he said.

Other options include storing books off campus or putting the content of older, fragile books into computers or microfilm, Campbell said.

Campbell said the Academic Plan will increase awareness of university problems before they reach crisis level.

He said, "It is exceptionally healthy for the university to look at the real cost of excellence."

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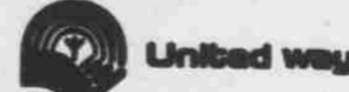
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