

Lennon Prepares Coastal Bill

Congressman Alton Lennon appeared before the House Rules Committee to request clearance for the consideration of his Coastal Zone Management bill by the House of Representatives.

The Coastal Zone Management bill is basically designed to protect and develop the nation's vital shorelines and estuarine areas. It authorizes \$145 million during an initial three-year program to develop compatible state programs for the rational conservation, development and utilization of the nation's coastal zones.

Lennon is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Oceanography, which hammered out the language and final draft of the complex bill after extensive hearings and executive sessions. The full Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries unanimously approved the bill April 26, 1972.

"It is imperative to implement such a program as soon as possible," Lennon said, "before this nation witnesses the tragic destruction of the living resources of countless miles of coastal beaches and waters, estuarine areas and wetlands. The initial cost of this program - \$145 million - may sound costly, but there are 30 states involved, plus Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa; in other words, this cost averages out to approximately \$4 million per state, and I think this is a small price to pay for these priceless areas that are threatened with deterioration, pollution, and irreparable damage."

Lennon noted that competition for use of the coastal areas will continue, especially between recreational and economic interest, and that approximately 65 million Americans live in these areas.

"As population in these already heavily populated areas increase," he said, "pressures for conflicting and competing uses will correspondingly increase - pressures for industrial sites, power plants, housing, deeper channels for shipping, for marinas and harbors, as well as additional recreational space and facilities.

"Difficult decisions on how these areas will be used as well as conserved must soon be made," Lennon said. "If those decisions are to be rational and in the best interests of all the people, and devised so as to meet the test of the time, a program to provide the guidelines to make these decisions must be established. We must plan now for optimum utilization of the coastal zone resources, and at the same time provide adequate protection of the natural environment of the zone."

The funds called for in the legislation would be made available in grants to the states, on a matching-fund basis, to encourage them to initiate the planning phase of the program, which would be developed in the first three years. Some states, which have already begun to "face up" to coastal zone problems, should be ready to implement their programs during the initial three-year period.

All programs would require approval of the Secretary of Commerce and the national program would be administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); all other federal agencies which would be involved or affected by proposed programs would also actively participate in the approval process.

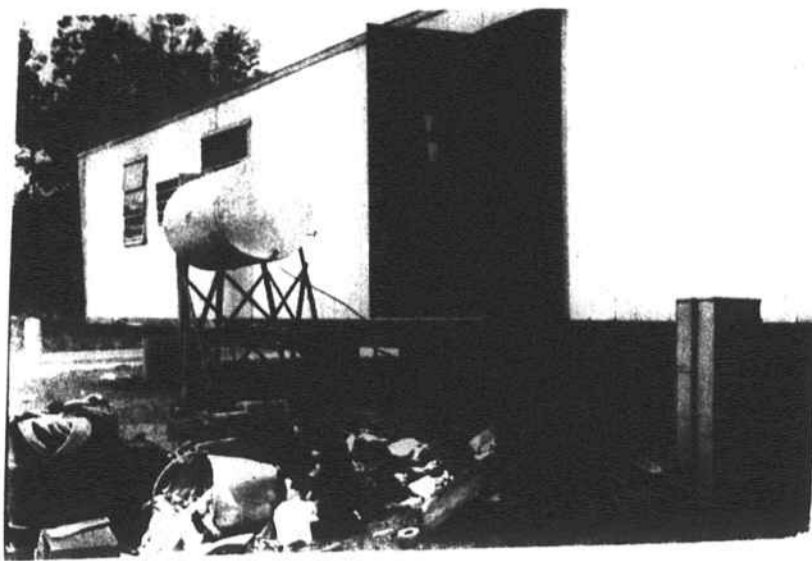
No existing laws would be amended by the Coastal Zone Management legislation, and

Lennon emphasized that - except in cases where overriding national interest is involved - federal agencies would be required to conform to the desires and programs submitted by the individual states; additionally, the states would be required to conform to the views and concerns of local governments and agencies, and all these concerned entities would be encouraged to participate in the development and implementation of state programs.

In addition to the \$145 million provided for program development and implementation, the legislation

would also authorize another \$18 million, which would allow for acquisition of a limited number of estuarine areas which would be preserved in their natural state for research purposes.

Congressman Lennon also noted that his subcommittee would hold annual oversight hearings, to provide for Congressional review on the administration of any program implemented. A complete reevaluation of the legislation, and consideration of future needs prior to the termination of the three-year period, will be undertaken during the annual hearings, Lennon said.



AFTERMATH OF BLAZE - Photo taken after a fire which caused extensive damage to the trailer owned by Betty Young. Occupants of the trailer were out of town when the fire was set.

This Is The Law

Is it unconstitutional to convict a person of a criminal offense without trial by jury?

The Sixth Amendment to the Federal Constitution provides: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

The Fourteenth Amendment denies the States the power to "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law."

In a 1968 decision the United States Supreme Court held that constitutional provisions guaranteeing the right to jury trial were applicable to "serious" criminal cases but not to "petty" offenses.

The Court stated: "So-called petty offenses were tried without juries both in England and in the Colonies and have always been held to be exempt from the otherwise comprehensive language of the Sixth Amendment's jury trial procedure. There is no substantial evidence that the Framers intended to depart from this established common-law practice, and the possible consequences to defendants from convictions for petty offenses have been thought insufficient to outweigh the benefits to efficient law enforcement and simplified judicial administration resulting from the availability of speedy and inexpensive jury adjudications."

The Court has not settled "the exact location of the line between petty offenses and serious crimes." Until this is done, the various states will have great difficulty in determining which of these crimes are "jury" cases and which are "non-jury" cases. Most states, like North Carolina, do not define the terms "serious crimes" and "petty offenses." The existing North Carolina statutes define crimes as either misdemeanors or felonies.

In the federal system, petty offenses are defined as those punishable by not more than six months in prison and a \$500 fine. There is some indication that the state courts may take the six-month period as a guideline.

In the particular case before the United States Supreme Court the defendant was convicted of simple battery in Louisiana and sentenced to serve 60 days in the parish prison and pay a fine of \$150. Under the law of two years' imprisonment and a \$300 fine. The defendant had sought a trial by jury, but the trial judge denied such because it was not a case of providing for trial by jury under the Louisiana Constitution. The United States Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Louisiana court and remanded the case for a new trial with a jury.

If the particular misdemeanor had not been one carrying a possible maximum penalty in excess of six months, apparently the 60-day sentence would not have been one requiring trial by jury. "The penalty authorized for a particular crime is of major relevancy in determining whether it is serious or not."

The Supreme Court found no fault with the practices, common in both federal and state courts, of accepting waivers of jury trial.

Criminal cases below the grade of felony must be tried in the district courts of North Carolina without a jury. The convicted defendant has the right to a de novo trial before a jury in the superior court.

Presbyterian Synod Meets

Presbyterian Men of the Synod of North Carolina will hear a panel of three congressmen discuss "Living My Faith in Personal and Political Life" at their weekend conference, June 16-18.

Congressman L.H. Fountain, Tarboro, Earl B. Ruth, Salisbury, and James T. Broyles, Lenoir, will make up the panel according to T. LaFontaine Odum of Charlotte, President of the Men's Council.

The conference will open Friday evening, June 16, when the keynote speaker, Dr. J. Sherrard Rice, will speak on the theme "Living with Christ in the 70's." Dr. Rice is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, La.

Mini-Workshops will be a new feature for Saturday morning. Each person will be able to attend two of his choice. The subjects will be Drugs, Alcohol, Prison, Reform, Child Care, Hunger, Career and Personal Counseling, Senior Citizens, Mentally Disturbed Children, Family Problems and Personal Evangelism. Qualified and experienced specialists will serve as leaders in each area of concern.

There will be free time Saturday afternoon.

Sunday morning events will begin with the impressive early communion service, followed by Church School at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship will be at 11 a.m., with the Rev. David Burr of Winston-Salem First Presbyterian Church bringing the message.

Donald Plott of Davidson College will direct the music and hymn singing.

Programs and registration forms have been distributed to the 700 churches in the Synod. Pre-registration is urged by conference planners. Advance registration is required for those wishing to use Montreat's camping facilities. Room accommodations are available by contacting Mr. C.A. Stubbs, Montreat, N.C. Registrations should be mailed now to the Rev. Robert Turner, 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202. Wives are encouraged to attend.

Grads Honored

The St. Matthew Church of God honored graduating Hoke High seniors with a banquet last Saturday evening.

The banquet address was delivered by Elder R.D. Gaddy, a member of the Anson County faculty of Wadesboro. Approximately 35 guests and three graduates attended the banquet. Educational department chairman Mrs. Mary K. Thomas presided. The graduates who attended were Cynthia Johnson, Sherry Campbell Bartlett and Shirley Butler.

Cash awards were presented by Arthur B. Kemp, church organist and member of the Samuel Leonard School faculty.

Each of the seniors stated their summer plans and fall college choices.

On Sunday, the chairman presented cash gifts to the junior high graduates.

Family Planning And Health

Dear Gloria:

I started taking birth control pills a month ago, not knowing at that time that I was already pregnant. Of course, as soon as I realized I was going to have a baby, I stopped taking them. Now I am worried that the pills may have harmed the baby. Is this possible? Or could they cause me to lose the baby? My husband and I had not planned to have a baby just yet, but now that we are expecting, I don't want to have anything go wrong.

Mrs. W.

Dear Mrs. W.:

No, the birth control pills you took will not have any effect on the baby, nor will they cause a miscarriage. You did not mention seeing a doctor since you discovered you are pregnant. If you have not yet been to the doctor, please do so - regular doctor visits during pregnancy are very important, both for your health and that of your baby.

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:

There are so many kinds of birth control pills now - not only different brands, but different strengths. I understand some pills are stronger dosages than others. How does a person decide which one she should take?

P.R.

Dear P.R.:

A woman doesn't decide which type of birth control pill she should take. This is one reason the pills are not available except by prescription. A woman needs to be examined by a doctor and interviewed by the doctor or a nurse or social worker before a decision is made as to whether or not she should take the pill at all, and if so, which of the many types of pill now available she should take. Birth control pills are a drug, and just as with any other drug, even aspirin, there are a few women who should not take them. As I have said before in this column, only a doctor is qualified to decide whether or not you should take the pill and what brand and dosage is best for you. That is why you should never borrow pills from a friend or obtain them in any way other than by a doctor's prescription.

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:

I hope you don't mind getting a letter from a 12 year old girl. Some girlfriends and I have been talking about going swimming when you have your period. One girl who goes to high school says the girls go in

the pool whether they are "sick" or not. But some of us have been told by our mothers never to go in swimming at that time of the month. What is the right thing to do about this?

S.T.

Dear S.T.:

Of course I don't mind receiving a letter from a 12 year old. I am delighted to hear from anyone who has a question concerning reproduction or any matters relate to this general area.

Nowadays most doctors, health teachers and physical education teachers agree that it is perfectly all right for a girl to go swimming during her menstrual period, provided she wears a tampon to prevent the water from becoming contaminated. Swimming or bathing in very cold water may stop the menstrual flow temporarily, but indoor pools are generally heated.

It is true that, in your mother's day, it was generally said that it would be harmful for a girl to go swimming or even shampoo her hair, but this is no longer the case. The normal, healthy girl should suffer no ill effects from swimming, no matter what

time of the month it is.

And please, don't refer to the menstrual period as being "sick." This is another "old-fashioned" term which should no longer be used. Having menstrual periods is a normal bodily function of a healthy female, not a "sickness!"

Dear Gloria:

I would like to have a copy of that free booklet you mentioned one time, about tests and treatments for people who want to have a baby but have not been able to. I can't remember the name of it, but hope you know which one I mean.

S.S.

Dear S.S.:

The booklet you want is called "Fertility Tests and Treatments" and I am sending you a free copy in the mail today. This booklet, or a booklet which explains birth control methods, will be sent free of charge to anyone who requests one. Send your requests and your letters to: Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee, 214 Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

Accent On Agriculture

Farmers, basically, have been the type of businessmen that like to do things by themselves, for themselves. They have been able to take the three basic inputs for agricultural production - land, labor and capital - and produce an abundant crop sufficient to feed our nation and others.

Until now, most farmers have generally taken the price that was offered them for commodities they sold. Now, just as any good businessman will, they are looking for better ways to market their products.

Legislation now in Congress - the National Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act - would enable farmers to have a voice in the pricing and marketing of their commodities through their own organizations. It also defines farmers' rights to organize into associations for the purpose of bargaining and requires processors and buyers to bargain in good faith.

A "clarified" version of the bill was recently introduced in the House by Rep. B. F. Sisk of California, who was first to introduce the previous version. Among other changes, the new bill incorporates clarifying amendments (1) indicating the

bill applies only to bargaining for commodities produced or sold under contract and (2) including within definition of producer a grower who contributes only labor and facilities to production of a commodity grown or marketed under contract.

Such legislation, which is fair to both farmer and processor is vitally needed to assist modern farmers in keeping up the best-fed people in the world.

Appalachian Team Arrives

Appalachian State University's baseball team, which will play its home games at Red Springs' Robbins Park in the N.C. Summer Collegiate League this summer, arrives here Sunday with its 20-man baseball vanguard.

The Mountaineers will swing into action immediately with two exhibition games. The same day of their arrival on Sunday, they will play a team of Red Springs area semipro and high school players at 3 p.m.

On Monday, after being guests at a special 6 p.m. Red Springs Chamber of Commerce buffet at the lakeside cottage of Ralph McQueen near Red Springs, the Appalachian team will take on another area semipro team that night at 8:30 p.m.

Hosts for the buffet along with McQueen will be Jim Blalock, president of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce. Blalock is vice president of Southern National Bank in Red Springs, while McQueen is vice president of First Union National Bank.

Appalachian launches its official league schedule Tuesday at UNC-Wilmington. First home game at Red Springs for the Mountaineers is Wednesday, June 7, against Campbell College at 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 10, is a big date on Red Springs' home schedule. UNC-Chapel Hill will be here on what has been designated as "Long Meadow Night." That dairy will sponsor the game, giving away prizes

and free ice cream. Admission will be only 50 cents with a Long Meadow ticket. In 1969, when Red Springs was in the Carolina League, "Long Meadow Night" attracted an overflow crowd of over 4,000 at the 2,500-capacity Robbins Park.

The Appalachian team will play 17 home games at Red Springs. Other schools in the summer league, which is in its second year of existence, are UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Wilmington, East Carolina, Campbell and Louisiana.

The Mountaineers will be quartered at the Village Inn here until the school term is out at Vardell Hall. The town of Red Springs is obtaining jobs for the players here this summer.

Tom Cope, long a booster of baseball in Red Springs, and Billy Currie, a local insurance man, are two of the leading forces behind bringing college baseball here this summer.

The home schedule of Appalachian here is as follows: June 7 - Campbell; 10 - UNC-Chapel Hill; 15 - UNC-Wilmington; 20 - UNC-Chapel Hill; 21 - East Carolina; 23 - UNC-Wilmington; 30 - East Carolina.

July 1 - UNC-Wilmington; 4 - Campbell; 13 - Campbell; 15 - UNC-Chapel Hill; 16 - Louisiana; 21 - Campbell; 22 - Louisiana; 27 - East Carolina; 28 - UNC-Wilmington.

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