

Washington Report

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AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS

Nearly every American car owner has been confronted with automobile repairs at some time in the life of his car. Repairs range from the relatively replacement of a tail light or bumper to replacement of a major part of such as a transmission or fender. Although many car repairs are paid for by insurance companies, this cost must often come out of the pocket of the car owner.

Many of us have seen television advertisements which supposedly demonstrate the ability of various types of cars to withstand collisions. However, the American purchaser has little real evidence available concerning the comparative collision resistance of automobiles. Legislation which was passed by the House of Representatives last week would provide for the development of such comparative information and would make it available to the American consumer at the time he purchases a car.

Other features of this legislation include provision for the Department of Transportation to adopt standards for bumpers to reduce front and rear damage in low-speed collisions, the establishment of diagnostic centers to test motor vehicle safety systems, and a provision making it illegal to tamper with odometers (mileage indicators).

BUMPER STANDARDS: In recent years, the public has become increasingly impatient with the soaring costs incurred in repairing damage to vehicles involved in minor collisions. For example, 1972 car models tested by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ranged in repair costs from \$154 to \$402 for damage sustained at a speed of five miles per hour. These costs could be reduced or avoided if manufacturers equipped their vehicles with more functional bumpers. The Congress has been presented with strong evidence

that existing technology would allow manufacturers to equip vehicles with bumpers which would prevent any front and rear damage at impact speeds of five miles per hour. This section of the legislation would give the Secretary of Transportation the authority to adopt bumper standards which, in addition to protecting safety equipment, would reduce a vehicle's susceptibility to damage.

As originally introduced, this legislation would have authorized the Federal government to set property loss reduction standards for all auto parts. The Congress wisely decided to limit the government's authority to bumper standards, which would provide the maximum cost saving to the consumer.

COMPARATIVE DAMAGEABILITY: This provision would authorize a study to determine the susceptibility of passenger cars to damage, their relative repair costs, and the extent to which they protect occupants in motor vehicle accidents. This information would be made available to the public, along with the comparative costs of insuring various car models. The availability of this information would allow the purchaser to make a more enlightened decision and should create incentives for manufacturers to produce cars which are more resistant to damage, less expensive to repair, and safer.

DIAGNOSTIC CENTERS: As long ago as 1968, the Department of Transportation estimated that approximately half of the U. S. motor vehicles were deficient in critical aspects of safety performance. This provision of the bill would provide for a limited number of diagnostic techniques to test for compliance with safety standards.

ODOMETERS: Purchasers of used cars commonly rely on a odometer (mileage) reading as a measure of the vehicle's condition and value. Unfortunately it has become the practice of unscrupulous dealers to disconnect or reset odometers in order to

Rescue Squad Gets Ambulance

Cleveland county has just accepted delivery of six new ambulances. One of these is a module type ambulance using a Swab ambulance body. This ambulance is for the Shelby rescue squad and has many features not available in any other ambulance, one of the main advantages being the room available for new devices to be used in the ambulance on the way to the hospital, especially in case of heart attacks. Another advantage is that when the truck needs replacement, it will cost less than \$2,500 to purchase a new truck and move the ambulance module and all associated equipment onto the new truck.

Five of the ambulances are GMC carryall-type trucks with raised roofs. These will be located at Boiling Springs Rescue, Grover Rescue, Kings Mountain Rescue and Shelby Rescue.

All ambulances meet all the latest North Carolina and Federal highway safety standards. All ambulances are permanently marked and lighter with red lights and flood lights to use at the scene of any accident. All ambulances are fully equipped with all necessary equipment—oxygen, vacuum aspirator, 110 volt power inverters, resuscitator, inhalators, scoop stretchers, sphygmomanometers, spine boards, plints, and many other items used in everyday emergency.

This bill was written in the House Commerce and Finance Subcommittee, on which I serve, and I feel its provisions will provide substantial benefits, in the form of cost-savings and information, to the American automobile owner.

Economic Impact Of Bell System

"Bigness carries with it a responsibility rather than a privilege, according to R. B. Moore, local Southern Bell manager. Recent figures accumulated on the Bell System operations in North Carolina show some awesome statistics. Southern Bell, Western Electric company, and Bell Laboratories have a combined investment in North Carolina of over \$974 million, with annual operating budgets totaling \$398 million.

Some 26,000 Bell System employees use over 2,000 vehicles in their daily activity and serve 1.3 million phones. Corporate taxes to state and local governments alone run well over \$26 million annually.

Moore says the way he sees the bigness in his family of Bell companies in North Carolina is that it's large because of the big job that has to be done. The Bell system companies not only make a impact on the North Carolina economy, but also make a large contribution to the areas they serve through corporate and individual participation through governmental and civic affairs.

The new emergency medical communications system will be installed and in operation in July. The new communications center equipment has already arrived and installation is almost complete.

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Featuring 100 Laps of Racing
LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN

Freddy Smith - Stick Elliott - Carl Smart - Heyward Plyler - Billy Scott - Charlie Blanton - Larry Wallace Daniel Warlick - Mike Duvall - Mike Humphries - and Others

Gates Open At 6 P.M.
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Highway 274 South of Gastonia, N. C.
(near Buster Boyd Bridge)

WHAT EVERY GOOD MEDICINE CHEST SHOULD HAVE

It is a good idea to have a medicine chest that's separate from your bathroom cabinet. This makes it easy to keep potent drugs and poisons out of reach of children. Here is a good basic list for a well-stocked medicine chest.

absorbent cotton	medicine dropper
adhesive tape	milk of magnesia
aspirin	mineral oil
atomizer	nose drops
bicarbonate of soda	ointment for burns
cold cream	petroleum jelly
cough syrup	rubbing alcohol
epsom salts	scissors and tweezers
eye cup	spirits of ammonia
fever thermometer	throat swabs
gauze bandage	tongue depressors

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GROUND BEEF
3-LB. PKG. \$1.99
5-LB. PKG. \$2.99

FROZEN FOOD

MEAT DINNERS 39¢

MEAT PIES 5 for \$1.00

CHICKEN BREAST \$1.09

COOKED SHRIMP \$1.99

FISH STICKS 79¢

SHORTCAKE 99¢

WHIPPED TOPPING 49¢

STRAWBERRIES 3 for 89¢

LEMONADE 6 for 79¢

ASSORTED POPS 2 for \$1.00

ICE CREAM 3 for \$1.00

ASTOR COFFEE 49¢

LUSCIOUS WESTERN CANTALOUPE 3 for \$1.00

SMALL SMOKED... 4 TO 6-LB. SIZE... (SLICED LB. 49¢)

PICNICS ROASTS

WHOLE ONLY LB. **39¢**

W-D U.S. CHOICE BEEF... CHUCK OR SHOULDER BONELESS LB. **98¢**

FRESH PORK SALE!

SLICED PORK LOINS LB. 68¢

WHOLE PORK LOINS LB. 59¢

LOIN PORK CHOPS LB. 99¢

RIB PORK CHOPS LB. 89¢

PORK ROAST... LB. 49¢

PORK BACK RIBS LB. 59¢

PORK ROAST... LB. 59¢

FRUIT DRINKS 28¢

CHEK DRINKS 12 for \$1

CORNED BEEF BRISKET LB. 99¢

MAYONNAISE 32 oz. JAR 39¢

SHORTENING 3-LB. CAN 39¢

TOOTHPASTE (SAVE 10¢) 7-oz. TUBE 79¢

EGGS 2 DOZEN 69¢

BREAD 4 1 1/2-LB. LOAVES 99¢

SUGAR 5 LB. BAG 39¢

HARVEST/FRESH PRODUCE

HONEYDEWS 69¢ EACH

JUICY LEMONS 49¢ DOZEN

GREEN CABBAGE 2 LB. 19¢

ASTOR POTATOES 2-LB. CAN 99¢

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE JELLO GELATINES 3-oz. PKG. 10¢	EVERYDAY LOW PRICE CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP 10 1/2-oz. CANS 10¢	EVERYDAY LOW PRICE BABY FOOD 4-oz. ONLY 10¢	EVERYDAY LOW PRICE EVAPORATED MILK SILVER COW PET, THRIFTY MAID, OR CARNATION 12-oz. CAN 49¢	EVERYDAY LOW PRICE THRIFTY MAID TOMATO SOUP 10 1/2-oz. CAN 10¢	EVERYDAY LOW PRICE PEDDY DOG FOOD 1.5-oz. CAN 10¢	EVERYDAY LOW PRICE ARROW BLEACH GAL. 39¢
MARGARINE 5 for \$1.00	PORK 'N BEANS 15¢	PAPER PLATES 59¢	POTATO CHIPS 39¢	PORK 'N BEANS 7 for \$1.00	FLOUR 5 for 49¢	BUTTER 77¢
BABY FOOD 9¢	ARROW DETERGENT 69¢	CLOROX BLEACH 57¢	PRESERVES 20 for \$1.00			