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Weather

Windy, cold tonight, with low 14 to 20. Thursday sunny, windy and high 26 to 32. Some rain possible tomorrow. Low last night was 26 and high yesterday 52.

Insurance Surcharge Proposed In State

HARRISBURG (UPI)—Pennsylvania's lengthy financial problems for the current fiscal year appear slated for a final solution this week via a $178 million tax "package" bulwarked by a $165 million annual surcharge on insurance policy premiums paid by her citizens.

The initial steps toward ending the fiscal puzzle which has defied an answer for almost 14 months were taken Tuesday after legislative leaders of both parties in both House and Senate approved the tax plan and also endorsed $44.5 million in additional cuts in the 1969-70 budgets to bring it into final balance.

The $178 million in additional or new taxes and the $44.5 million in budget slashes will account for slightly more than the $230 million which was estimated to be needed either through through new revenue or reductions in the current year's fiscal blueprint.

The tax compromise, which apparently has ended the long deadlock, includes:

—A 6 per cent surcharge on all insurance premiums except t h o s e for health insurance — premiums for Blue Cross and Blue Shield are examples of exempt items. The levy is expected to yield $65 million in the four remaining months of fiscal 1969-70 but $165 million for a full year. It is a consumer tax since it would be added to the individual's insurance premiums and rebated by the company to the state.

—A 30-mill tax on real, or fixed, property of public utilities to yield $30 million annually.

—A hike in the gross receipts tax on utilities from the current 20 mills to 45 mills to bring in $40 million per year.

The legislative leaders also agreed that $13.3 million from funds usually held back for a period will be turned over to the General Fund immediately. This would add to revenues only for the current fiscal year and could not be repeated next year.

The major budget cut was the elimination of $46.5 in "categorical aid" for all school districts financially beset. It was replaced by an appropriation of $18 million in "special poverty aid" for just two school districts — $15 million for Philadelphia and $3 million for Pittsburgh.

Other budget items slashed include $10 million taken from a $20 million appropriation for the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority; redevelopment assistance cut $1.5 million to $26.5 million; $5,225,400 slashed from appropriations for community colleges, and $2 million for nursing scholarships.

The appropriations for two of the three state-related universities — Penn State and Pitt— are to be given a healthy boost of $6.5 million with Penn State the major beneficiary. It will receive $89.4 million for the current fiscal year instead of the original amount of $84.9 million in the budget.

Highways Package Sputters

HARRISBURG (UPI) — The controversial highway revenue package sputtered again in the Senate Tuesday night as rural Republicans mounted a drive against a provision to have the state plow snow from city streets.

The one forward step was a small one — clearance by the highways committee of legislation raising the state tax on gasoline and diesel fuel from seven to eight cents per gallon.

The other major component of the road package, increases in vehicle registration fees, was passed over by the Senate for the second consecutive day.

Gov. Raymond P. Shafer, seeking the additional highway funds since 1967, has warned the Senate that unless it acts this week he will order the state Revenue Department to begin mailing 1970 passenger car registration renewals at the present $10 rate.

In addition to the gasoline tax increase, the latest plan calls for raising auto tag fees to $14, station wagon fees from $15 to $18, and commercial rates by an average 41 per cent. The package was approved by the House last week.

Leading the rural dissidents was Sen. D. Elmer Hawbaker, R-Franklin, who said he objected to provisions that made the registration fee hoists contingent on raising the gas tax and mandating the snow plowing on city streets.

"I think registration fees constitute one subject, gas taxes another subject, and snow plowing yet another," Hawbaker said. "Each should rise and fall on its own merits, and I won't go along with this kind of a deal."

Hawbaker claimed he had substantial support from other senators on this position.

The cost of the city snowplowing proposal is estimated at $5 million a year. The state Highways Department currently is required to remove snow in townships and boroughs, but none of Pennsylvania's 31 cities.

Another source of irrigation to the rural lobe is the provision calling for diversion of half of the proceeds of the penny gas tax increase — about $22 million a year—to local governments.

Sen. Marvin V. Keller, R-Bucks, chairman of the Senate Highways Committee, said the package was debated at length in the Republican caucus Tuesday and would be taken up again "at the earliest possible moment" today.

Fire Damage Slight On Trindle Rd.

Firemen from two companies responded to a house fire just after midnight today at 1021 Trindle Road.

Union Rural and North Middleton Township firemen were at the scene and a spokesman said the fire was mainly confined to partitions near a chimney.

No other information was available.

Mt. Holly Springs firemen went to the rescue of a tar buggy near the roadside rest on Route 34 south of Mt. Holly at 9:30 this morning.

Fire Chief Ivan Bretzman said the buggy was owned by Pennsylvania Department of Highways. Flames were quickly extinguished, he said, and damage was very slight, if any. Location of the fire was South Middleton Township.

Union Rural firemen were out on two country fires Tuesday, the first at 11:32 a.m. — a brush fire off York Road near Interstate 81.

The second was at 1:30 p.m., a field fire near the special services school at Spring Road, Walnut, and I 81. Extent of damage in either fire was not reported.

Markets

DOW JONES AVERAGES

	Ind.	R.R.	Util.
Previous Close	794.45	178.93	110.97
11:30 a.m.	796.67	171.74	111.40
11:00 a.m. Volume		3,340,000	

Prices As Of 11:30 a.m. Furnished By Eastman, Dillon, Union Securities & Co., 100 West High St.

Allen Industries (P. R. Hoffman) 9, American Standard 27⅞, American Tel. & Tel. 56, Amp 54, Atlantic-Richfield 67, Bethlehem Steel 27, Canadian Pacific 64¼, Capitol Products 19¼, Chrysler Corp. 30⅝, Carlisle Corp. 13, Dow Chemical 67½, Du Pont 94⅝, Dynamics Corp. of A. 9, General Public Utilities 21⅛, General Electric 69⅝, General Motors 67¾, Genesco (Carlisle Shoe) 16⅛, Kennecott Copper 47⅝, Kimberly-Clark 74½, Walter Kidde (Grove Mfg.) 33⅝, Marcor 56⅝, C. H. Masland & Sons 11⅞, Penn. Power & Light 25⅝, Penn-Central N.R. 23⅝, Pepsi-Cola 53⅝, Philadelphia Electric 23⅝, Radio Corp. 30⅝, Mobil Oil 42⅝, Sun Oil Co. 41⅝, U. S. Steel 36⅛, Union Oil Co. of Calif. 32, Texas Co. 37⅛, U.T. 22, Westinghouse Electric 60, Woolworth (Bedford-Kinney) 33½.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD -- Jimmie C. George (left), is shown receiving the "1969 Citizen of the Year" award from Robert M. Frey, Carlisle lawyer, last night at the meeting of the Exchange Club of Carlisle. Frey is committee chairman.

Jimmie George Named Exchange "Citizen"

Jimmie C. George, Carlisle florist, was selected as the "Citizen of The Year 1969" by the Carlisle Exchange Club at its meeting last night.

In presenting George with the Molly Pitcher Award, the club listed his many activities in church, civic and Dickinson College activities. The award, a silver pitcher, symbolic of the deeds of Molly Pitcher, was presented by Robert M. Frey, Carlisle lawyer.

George is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, having served as president of the church council for the past five years.

He serves as a member of the Carlisle Planning Commission and is a charter member of the Carlisle Jaycees, a director of the Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of Kiwanis and has served as a board member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

George is a director of Dauphin Deposit advisory board of directors, a director of the Carlisle Building and Loan Association and is president of Carlisle Opportunity Homes, which he founded.

The Rev. Dr. Elmer P. Truches, pastor of St. Paul's church, was the speaker and cited the outstanding record of George's service to the community over many years.

Guests at the meeting were Robert A. Stover, 648 Yorkshire Drive; Alfred M. Kirk, 734 Hamilton Street, and William Puls, Mechanicsburg The meeting was in charge of Ronald Bollinger, club president.

Six Sentenced Here In Criminal Session

Six defendants who entered guilty pleas to charges in Cumberland County Criminal Court yesterday were sentenced by Judges Dale F. Shughart and Clinton R. Weidner.

They were:

Robert S. Smith, Carlisle, charged with assault with intent to ravish, pay costs of prosecution and serve 11½ to 23 months in the County Prison.

Robert Atkinson, Jr., Chicago, driving after suspension, 15-day term in jail to date from Feb. 12, with immediate parole on payment of costs.

Theodore R. Sipe, Carlisle, driving under the influence, suspended six-month jail term, pay costs and $150 fine.

Donald James Heminger, West Fairview, three counts of unlawful entry, 45-day term in jail to date from Jan. 4 with immediate parol, and ordered to go back to the U.S. Marine Corps. where he was serving on an enlistment.

Clark E. Moul, two counts of issuing worthless checks amounting to $700, pay costs and make restitution.

James E. Drayton, forgery, shoplifting at James Lett Co., West Shore Plaza.

Mechanicsburg To Receive State Grant

The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Mechanicsburg will receive a check for $167,720 from the Pennsylvania Department of Health today. This money is to help finance, the construction of additions to their sewage plant.

Wesley Gilbertson, Deputy Secretary for Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Department of Health, will present the check to David Schaberger, borough manager, at the Municipal Building, 30 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

This grant was made possible by the passage of a 300 million dollar Land and Water Conservation Reclamation Act. Pennsylvania Department of Health allotted 100 million dollars under the Act to assist municipalities in their construction of sewerage facilities. Construction of the Mechanicsburg plant was completed the last quarter of 1968.

Mechanicsburg is within Human Services-Region III, which includes Cumberland, Dauphin, York, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry, Adams, and Franklin Counties.

Youth Nabbed On Pike On Drugs Charge

A 20-year-old Cuyaoughs, Ohio, student was held in the County Prison today following his arrest on the Pennsylvania Turnpike early today by State police for possession of a dangerous drug.

Brent Lee Garrett was walking along the turnpike when he was picked up by State police in West Pennsboro Township. He was charged with violation of the Drug, Device and Cosmetics Act before Justice of the Peace Frances Smith, North Middleton Township, who committed him to jail in lieu of $2,000 bail.

Mrs. Smith said a preliminary hearing date was not set pending a report from the State Police Crime Laboratory at Harrisburg to determine the nature of the drug. It was believed that a vial in Garrett's possession contained marijuana.

Screen Star, Conrad Nagel, Dead At 72

NEW YORK (UPI)—Conrad Nagel, a leading star of the silent screen and early talkies, was found dead Tuesday in his Manhattan apartment. He was 72.

The cause of death was not immediately known.

Although Nagel achieved his greatest fame in motion pictures, he also was active on stage and in the broadcast media for many years.

Born in Keokuk, Iowa, Nagel began his career in professional theater with the Princess Stock Co. of Des Moines. He made his Broadway debut in "Forever After" in 1918, and in the following year went to Hollywood, where he made more than 200 pictures in the '20s and '30s.

Off-screen, Nagel was a founder of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and he was a member of the committee that originated the Academy Awards. He received an Oscar himself in 1940 as recognition for his work on the Motion Picture Relief Fund.

He was married three times, to Ruth Helms, Lynn Merrick and Michael Coalson Smith. Each marriage ended in divorce.

He leaves a son and a daughter.

Walkout Of Pompidou Speech Is Threatened

WASHINGTON (UPI) — French President Georges Pompidou gives a major address to a join session of Congress today with a sizable number of House members threatening to boycott to protest France's sale of Mirage jets to the Arabs.

Rep. Bertram L. Podell, D.N.Y., predicted at least 218 of the House's 435 members would join the boycott he was organizing over this aspect of French Mideast policy.

Rep. Lester L. Wolff, D-N.Y., announced he would walk out of the chamber as soon as Pompidou began speaking at 12:30 p.m. EST. Some legislators criticized Wolff's threatened gesture as discourteous and an unproductive protest.

Pompidou's address was one of the special honors accorded him during his eight-day visit to the United States. The last foreign statesman to address Congress was President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz of Mexico in October, 1967.

Pompidou planned to arrive on Capitol Hill after meeting in the morning with Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird and Treasury Secretary David M. Kennedy.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers was hosting a sumptuous lunch for Pompidou immediately after the address in the marbled Benjamin Franklin Room on the eighth floor of the State Department.

Security precautions for Pompidou's visit to Congress were described as "normal" by Capitol Hill Police Chief James M. Powell. In the case of a visiting head of state, this means that restrictions are tight with protest groups kept at a considerable distance from the Capitol.

Pompidou was expected to give a general exposition of French foreign policy, stressing the traditional ties of France to the United States.

"Politics and France, like nature, must fill the vacuum," he said. He indicated it was better for France to sell arms to Libya, than for the Soviet Union to move in following the departure of the U.S. and British authorities from their military installations.

TOMORROW

10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.—Social Security representative Municipal Building.

12:15 p.m.—Rotary Club, Country Club.

6:30 p.m.—Y's Men's Club, YMCA.

7:30 p.m.— Women of the Moose, Moose Home.

New Witnesses Called In Yablonski Murders

CLEVELAND (UPI) — U. S. Attorney Robert B. Krupansky says 20 new witnesses have been subpoenaed before a federal grand jury investigating the murder of mine union official Joseph A. "Jock" Yablonski.

Krupansky said Tuesday the new witnesses would begin appearing by the end of this week, but he refused to discuss their identities or background.

It was learned, however, that most of the witnesses, like the five men who have testified since last Wednesday, have connections with United Mine Workers (UMW) District 19, which includes all of Tennessee and six counties in Kentucky.

Yablonski charged during his unsuccessful campaign for the UMW presidency last year that the national union leadership illegally had spent $1.7 million to maintain itself in power in District 19.

The grand jury heard Tuesday from James Knietz, the first official of the UMW's international headquarters in Washington to appear in the investigation.

Knietz, who succeeded Yablonski as the top boy at the UMW, said he answered questions about persons he knows in the union and about his job. He said he would return to the witness stand today.

"I answered all the questions. I got no reason to take the Fifth Amendment—I had nothing to do with it and the union had nothing to do with it," he said.

Knietz, who is director of the Labor Non-Partisan league the UMW's political arm, said his 76-year-old mother in Nanticoke, Pa., had been bothered by crank calls since his arrival here last Wednesday. He waited two days without testifying before going home for the weekend.

MECHANICSBURG FUNDS — The State Department of Health gave the borough of Mechanicsburg a check for $167,720 to help finance the town's sewage plant additions. Shown at this morning's ceremony are (from left) Mayor Russell E. Gelwicks, Harper Snelbaker, sewer authority chairman; Wesley Gilbertson, deputy secretary for Environmental Protection; and Elvin F. Hoover, regional sanitation engineer.

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