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Draft bill sent to House floor

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The debate on draft registration is expected to begin Friday in the U.S. House of Representatives as lawmakers discuss a section of the defense department appropriation bill that calls for the registration of 18-year-old males beginning January, 1981.

Tuesday, the House Committee on Rules approved and sent the bill, HB 4040, to the House floor by a 8-6 vote after a motion to send the bill back to the armed services committee for reconsideration was defeated 7-7.

Anti-draft forces were a little surprised by the vote, says Dave Fidanque, an aide to U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore. He adds that committee member Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., "flip-flopped" on his earlier promise to vote to send HB 4040 back to the armed services committee.

Earlier this month, a letter from Pres. Jimmy Carter's Office of Management and Budget urging the rules committee to take a close look at three provisions in HB 4040, including registration, swung a few votes over to the side pushing to send the bill back to committee, says Fidanque.

"The administration is opposed to registration," the letter says. "It is not necessary to impose this burden on our nation and its youth when there are effective ways to improve the capability of the Selective Service System so that it can meet current needs.

"Because reinstatement of registration raises issues of national importance, we believe that it deserves comprehensive consideration and debate," the letter continues, adding that as long as registration is included in HB 4040, this debate is "difficult."

Although the letter failed to convince the rules committee to send the bill back to the armed services committee for review, Fidanque says it is important to know the administration's feelings about draft registration. He adds that anti-draft members of the House will use the administration's stand against registration in their arguments but "we won't be relying just on that. We have our own arguments."

The first House action on the registration provisions is expected to be an amendment by Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., Fidanque says. Aspin's amendment will "basically put the registration provisions into the study portion of the bill," he adds, and require Carter to report back to Congress by Jan. 15 on whether there is presidential authority to begin draft registration, whether the nation should register or induct women and whether to waive the privacy act to secure citizens' records for registration.

"Anti-draft forces aren't too crazy about the (Aspin) amendment," Fidanque says. "We'd like to kill registration completely."

Fidanque says Weaver or other members of the House opposed to registration will try to strike the registration provisions from the bill entirely, and, if that move fails, ask the president to report on the shortfalls in military reserve forces and the possibilities to improve recruitment. He says those motions will face hard opposition if the Aspin amendment passes. Fidanque predicts that the amendment will pass overwhelmingly.

"We'll (anti-draft forces) just be going through the motions, but we'd like to make the point," he says. "It's pretty hard to know what's going to happen but my gut feeling is that Aspin's amendment will pass and not much of anything else will."

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Now that Nicaraguan Pres. Anastasio Somoza has left his war-torn country, rebel supporters want to ensure that the U.S. doesn't try to fill the vacuum. **See Page 8.**

Handicapped persons will find most University structures accessible by June 1980, thanks to \$1.8 million doled out by the Oregon Legislature. **See Page 3.**



Photo by Jimmi Harris

These Eugeneans have found a very popular way to beat the sweltering heat of the Willamette Valley. They're floating down the Willamette River in

innertubes. The river is only one of hundreds of wet spots in and around Eugene.

Swim spots: for 'natural' fun

By MIKE LEE
Of the Emerald

Eugene is as prone to scorching summers as it is to drenching winters. Now that the sun has finally broken through our protective gray blanket, thousands of Eugeneans are converging on the area water holes.

Among the local attractions:

- Alton Baker Park, besides its plethora of jogging and biking trails, also offers a waterway stretching from the I-5 freeway bridge to the showcase project on the north side of the main parking lot.
- Island Park, on the east side of the bridge connecting Glenwood with Springfield, is on the Willamette River and has picnicking and boating facilities.
- Armitage Park, with a large picnic area along the Willamette, is north of Eugene on Coburg Road.
- Jasper Park, southeast of Springfield on Jasper Road, has 30 acres of picnicking area along the middle fork of the Willamette.
- Public swimming pools, such as the Amazon pool at East 26th Avenue and Hilyard Street, are usually very crowded during the summer, but they do

have lifeguards on duty. Four ticket plans are offered: \$1 daily, \$12 monthly, \$36 quarterly, or \$108 yearly.

The Army Corps of Engineers maintains a number of lakes and reservoirs inside Lane County. All offer camping, picnicking, swimming and boating:

- Fern Ridge Reservoir is just west of Eugene on U.S. 126. A popular area for the masses, it has five parks around its shore.
 - Dexter and Lookout Point Lakes, southeast of town on Highway 58, are also well-attended. Six parks are maintained to handle the crowds.
 - Fall Creek Lake is north of Dexter and has two parks. To get there, cross the covered bridge on Dexter Lake and drive 12 miles northeast of Lowell.
 - Cottage Grove Lake has four parks and is south of Cottage Grove on London Road.
 - Dorena Lake, east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road, has three parks.
- For people who prefer to avoid the masses, Vic Martin of the Lane County Parks and Open Space Division suggests a few locations:
- Buford Park contains Mt. Pisgah among its 2600 acres. Overlooking the middle fork of the Wil-

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