

# Senators: Ease protection act

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan trio of senators proposed legislation Tuesday to ease the requirements of the Endangered Species Act and give administration officials more discretion in deciding how and when to protect wildlife.

Environmentalists and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt were quick to denounce the bill.

The authors — Sens. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and Bennett Johnston, D-La. — said their bill would restore balance to a law that in the past has ignored the economic impact on humans of protecting endangered wildlife.

"It brings people back into the equation," said Gorton. "It counts human values as being important parts of the environment and allows them to be given appropriate weight."

Environmental groups and Babbitt said the bill would trash the law that has been credited with saving the bald eagle and dozens of other species over the past two decades.

"This bill is like a movie set for a western town," Babbitt said.

"From the front it looks like the Endangered Species Act, but if you walk around to the back you'll find out it's a fake."

Under the bill, once scientists determine a species is endangered, the secretaries of interior and commerce would have the authority to decide whether to try to save it from extinction. They could order a full recovery program or simply prohibit the taking or killing of the species.

While acknowledging that such a process could lead to the extinction of some species, Gorton said it would be better than current law because it would make the secretary "directly responsible to the people whose lives are going to be adversely affected" if the secretary acts to protect or recover a species.

Currently, the act requires the government to act to protect and rebuild the population of any species listed as threatened or endangered. Such requirements have led to protracted battles in the Pacific Northwest and the Southeast over the economic impact of preserving species such as the spotted owl and the Alaba-

ma sturgeon.

Peter A.A. Berle, president of the National Audubon Society, said the bill would "reverse America's longstanding commitment to protecting our natural wildlife heritage" and "put at risk significant sectors of our economy and species that provide potential lifesaving medicines."

Lynn Greenwalt, a vice president of the National Wildlife Federation, said that "some of the nation's most important environmental protections will be lost if this radical bill were to become law."

On another front, environmentalists appealed a federal ruling upholding President Clinton's Northwest forest plan Tuesday, saying the logging strategy would cause as many as 20 species to go extinct.

U.S. District Judge William Dwyer of Seattle upheld Clinton's plan last year and lifted a nearly four-year-old injunction blocking logging in millions of acres of national forests in Oregon, Washington and northern California.

# Two of FBI's most wanted sentenced

CHICAGO (AP) — Two former radicals who melted into the middle class during nine years on the FBI's most-wanted list were sent to prison Tuesday for their role in a plot to blast a Puerto Rican nationalist out of prison.

Claude Marks, 46, drew six years in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Donna Willmott, 44, got three years and a \$500 fine.

They pleaded guilty in February in a 1985 conspiracy to transport explosives for use by the terrorist group FALN — the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

Prosecutors said the explosives were to be used to blow up part of Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in Kansas and free FALN leader Oscar Lopez. The plan was foiled when authorities learned of it.

"What I did 10 years ago, I would not do now," Marks told U.S. District Judge William T. Hart.

Willmott said that "a desire for a more just and humane society has influenced many of my choices."

"But I made errors in judgment about how polit-

ical change can be effected," she said.

The two former members of the radical Weather Underground surrendered to federal authorities in December after a year of negotiations.

They had spent several years living middle-class lives in Pittsburgh, marrying and starting separate families, using assumed names and telling neighbors and friends that they were cousins.

Marks worked as a building contractor. He coached Little League, joined in neighborhood stick-ball games and produced a video documentary to promote literacy. He and his wife had two children.

"He doesn't have a violent bone in his body," said a neighbor, Jonathan Stern.

Willmott, who had a daughter, worked as a baby sitter, receptionist and computer instructor for elderly, disabled people. She was also a volunteer for the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force.

"If you lined up everyone on this street and asked me to pick out the FBI's most-wanted fugitives, she'd be the last one I'd pick," neighbor Fred Orlansky said.

# Proposed bill would rate TV violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents should have access to a "report card" rating the violence in television programming, say two senators who are worried about broadcasting's effect on children.

Sens. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, introduced legislation Tuesday that would provide for the violence ratings on a quarterly basis. The ratings would be compiled by a non-profit entity, such as a university, through grants awarded by the commerce secretary.

"The purpose of it would be to

provide information to parents by which they could better supervise their children's viewing habits because they would then know which are the most violent programs on television," Dorgan said at a news conference.

He and Hutchison cited studies showing links between television violence and aggressive behavior, saying that more than 1,000 studies since 1955 have found a correlation.

They also quoted American Psychosocial Association findings that by the time the average child leaves elementary school, he or she has viewed some 8,000

murders and 100,000 acts of violence on television.

The television industry is aware of growing public concerns over violence. In March, 53 cable networks provided special anti-violence programming during a "Voices Against Violence Week."

Dorgan and Hutchison stressed repeatedly that they aren't trying to infringe on broadcasters' rights to televise what they want. "It is very important that we look for all of the options that might be available to curb the violence on television without infringing on the right to free speech," Hutchison said.

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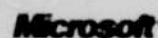
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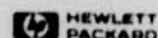
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