

# Northwest Senators Go Down the Line In Opposition To Natural Gas Measure

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Washington—The sharply contested natural gas bill was passed by the Senate over the down-the-line opposition from the four senators of the Pacific Northwest, where a natural gas will become available to many householders within another year or more.

The Oregon and Washington voted with a minority group that tried vainly to defeat the bill on grounds that it would result in higher gas rates for consumers in the Northwest when the new fuel arrives from the Southwest. They—Sens. Magnuson and Jackson of Washington and Morse and Neuberger of Oregon—also tried without success to amend the bill on the Senate floor in various ways designed to offer protection to consumers.

The bill itself, passed by the House last summer and approved by the Senate after three weeks of debate, was unchanged from the version that came out of Magnuson's committee, Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Magnuson opposed it in committee but accommodated its sponsors by clearing the way for early hearings on the measure last year.

**Opposed Floor Move**  
Magnuson split off from his three Northwest colleagues in only one maneuver—the first floor move aimed at killing the bill through a motion to send it back to its committee. Washington's senior senator opposed this, but Morse, Neuberger and Jackson favored it. The move failed by a 30-64 vote.

All four were united in voting against final passage of the bill, which was passed 53-38.

Here are the amendments that senators tried to make in the gas bill:

1. Douglas (D-Ill.) sought to place approximately 200 large producers of natural gas under regulation by the Federal Power Commission, while allowing the smaller companies to be exempted from regulation. A large firm would have been one selling more than 2,000,000,000 cubic feet of fuel annually.

**Would Meet Criticism**  
The senator said this would meet the criticism of those who claimed federal regulation would place an intolerable burden of rate cases upon the FPC. It was voted down, 35-58, with all four Northwesters supporting it.

2. Potter (R-Mich.) tried to change the criteria for establishing gas utility prices by requiring the FPC to set a "fair and equitable price" rather than a

"reasonable market price," as the bill calls for.

Because the normal rules of business competition don't apply in the gas utility industry, Potter argued that gas prices at the wellhead would be figured on the basis of "all the market can bear" under the criteria cited in the bill. Potter's amendment was defeated, 33-59. The region's four senators voted for it.

3. Pastore (D-R.I.) aimed at something of the same sort in a different way. He tried to add one factor to the criteria on which the FPC would regulate gas rates—that it take into account "the protection of the interest of the consumer."

**Consumer Not Mentioned**  
He said that while sponsors of the gas bill mentioned the consumer and his interests in their arguments for the bill, the con-

sumer had not been mentioned at all in the bill itself which would become the law. This amendment drew the most support of all but was defeated, 40-53. Morse, Magnuson, Neuberger and Jackson all voted for it.

4. Humphrey (D-Minn.) tried to kill language in the bill that allows spiral increases in rates. He said the bill would permit the pipeline company to raise its charges if the producer increased his rates; and the distributing utility can increase his in turn to the consumer "who gets the business," said Humphrey. All four senators supported this move, which was defeated, 33-59.

## 'No Power Issue,' Pyle Tells Crowd

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Presidential Assistant Howard Pyle last night told Clark county Republicans here that there is "no power issue in the Northwest."

Pyle spoke before a Lincoln Day dinner audience that was described as the largest political gathering ever held in Clark county. Some 700 persons attended to hear the former governor of Arizona.

He said the Republican approach to the power problem was the only approach there is. Adequate power can be produced, he said, only by cooperation between federal, state, local and private interests.

He recalled that in the past 10 years the federal government has provided only about half the \$300,000,000 needed annually to keep up with the regional demand.

Pyle said he was amazed at the enthusiasm he encountered among Republicans for the 1956 campaign. He said never before had there been so many requests for Lincoln Day speakers around the country.

## Quotes From the News

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London—Prime Minister Anthony Eden on the broad areas of agreement between Great Britain and the United States after his conference with President Eisenhower:

"In Europe, which not so long ago was the main cause of anxiety there is no difference of any kind between us."

New York—Marilyn Monroes when asked if she planned to continue her studies at the actors studio:

"I would like to continue my growth in every way possible."

Algiers, Algeria—French Premier Guy Mollet in a broadcast to both the French and Algerian populations that France will stay in Algeria and stamp out terrorism:

"You are afraid of all extremists. I tell you order and justice will be maintained."

Shawnee, Okla.—Richard Dean Swink, 19-year-old newspaper circulation worker, in a note revealing he was so curious about reincarnation he had to personally investigate it, and killed himself:

"They say that curiosity kills a cat. Well I'm a cat and I'm very curious. I'm curious about the Bride Murphy (a book about a very brutal) story, so I'm going to investigate the theory in person."

Souled Nations, N.Y.—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., when asked whether he was a candidate for the presidential nomination:

"I am not—quote and unquote."

## How To Get Yourself Disliked

Editor's Note: During the 30 years Jimmy Hatlo has been drawing "They'll Do It Every Time," he has been deluged by readers with examples of man's inhumanity to man, which makes him, whether he likes it or not, an authority on the subject. With a top of the Hatlo hat to his contributors, the artist and author has drawn on this rich background for this series of six articles, spotlighting the pests who annoy the most people from coast to coast.

By JIMMY HATLO

Most of us, I think, have at one time or another wished to be the last man on earth. This macabre desire is a transient thing, and it usually comes on following overexposure to the human species. Or a certain type of the species—the Sheep.

As you might expect, Woolfat Q. Huddleup and his kind are usually found in groups. Woolfat seems incapable of individual action. If he should need to buy, say, a tie, he can't go to a store like anyone else and buy it. No. He's got to round up a posse to help him. It's as though he and his fellow sheep were afraid to go out alone.

This in itself is not necessarily a nuisance. The trouble comes because Huddleup becomes uneasy about such others who don't seem interested in herding up. It bothers him and he makes a pest of himself. No? I couldn't be less interested in his shopping problems. I don't care if he never gets a tie. And if he does get one,

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THE SHEEP is everywhere, crowding and pushing up close.

I hope it's made of rope. Clings to Lapel

I know old Woolfat; he's the guy who, with a whole trainload of empty seats to choose from, plumps himself down right in back of me and sprays my head with his cold germs. He's the guy who comes into an all-but-empty drug store and takes the next stool so he can put his elbow in my coffee. He's the guy who clings to my lapel like it was a life-raft when he talks to me. He crowds up so close I can see his tonsils wiggle. And his breath is always like a breeze off an exposed tidal flat.

I don't know what's the matter with this creep. Maybe his mother didn't love him. Knowing him, that's easy to understand. I'm on Mama's side.

But he's everywhere, crowding, pushing up close. Know when and where Huddleup is happiest? Five o'clock in the Times Square subway station. That's the daily sheep rally and he feels secure at last—everybody's in the herd.

**Greatest Menace on Road**  
Huddleup and his pals reach their greatest menace on the roads. How they love to creep up and snuggle their front bumper against your back one. Or come along side and cooily rub fenders. Boy! Of course this is the one area where the compulsion for togetherness can pay deadly dividends. You've seen the results many times—sheeted bodies and twisted metal. Trouble is, even here they involve us. I don't mind if Huddleup wants to go. But I don't want to go with him.

As I said in the beginning, after a day with Woolfat and his kind, the thought of being the last man in the world is like a beautiful dream. But I'm afraid I know what would happen.

There'd be a knock on the door. Trembling with terror I'd go and open it. What would be

there? Right. Huddleup. Along with the rest of his friends.

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