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The nickel tax increase to 9 cents a gallon would raise about \$5.5 billion a year to finance needed repairs of the nation's roads and bridges, as well as new construction. A penny of the increase would be earmarked for mass transit assistance.

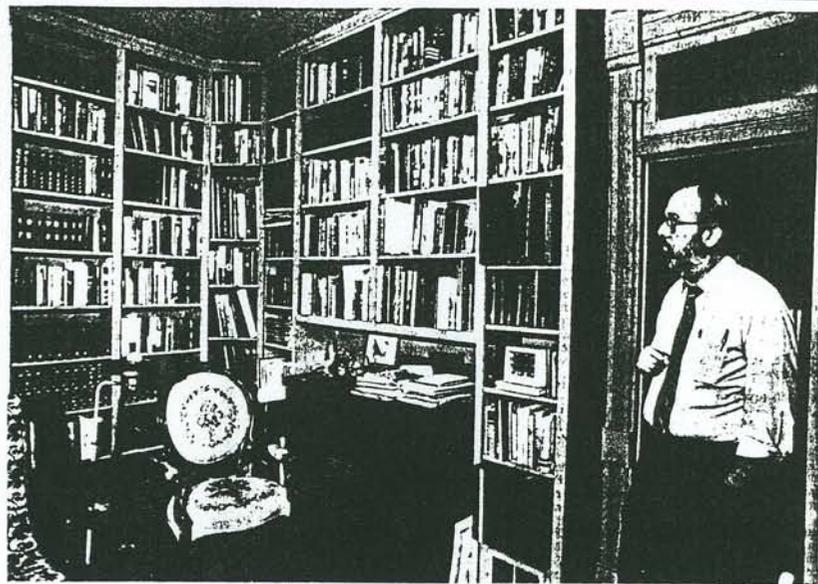
Sen. Bob Dole, the floor manager of the bill, said, "I want to pass this bill if it takes all night and all day tomorrow and all day the next day."

Dole, R-Kan., added, "It should never come down to a time when two senators can dictate to the Senate."

Earlier in the week, two other conservative Republicans, Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire, participated in the filibuster, but said they would not press their objections if it was clear they could not defeat the bill.

The bill would increase the gasoline tax by a nickel to 9 cents a gallon, beginning April 1, and several other excise tax increases affecting trucks.

Senate-House conferees spent the day working out a compromise, and nearly broke up in disagreement several times.



The Examiner: Karwin Parks

Out jobless on streets

increase. But other than a free turkey dinner on Christmas Day, there will be no holiday from poverty for homeless Americans.

Because it is so powerless, the homeless population is difficult to determine but there is no question it is growing. Aleck, who lost his railroad job a year ago, is typical of the newcomers.

"I couldn't stand being out of work. I couldn't work, the money I had looked like a bomb. I fell out of garages, cans. I sleep on the street, in doorways. I got arrested for panhandling and breaking and entering. Me, a criminal."

"My wife died recently and I stopped caring," he said, starting to weep. "God, if only I could get home for Christmas, just to be with my kids. But where am I going to find money? Where am I going to get a job?"

At the New Life Evangelistic Center, the Rev. Larry Rice is making arrangements for a Christmas dinner to feed some of St. Louis' estimated 20,000 homeless people.

"It's beyond comprehension the human suffering here," he said. "These people are victims of the depression."

In Buffalo, N.Y., which has a 13.6 percent unemployment rate, the Rev. Bob Timberlake runs the men-only city mission and describes the "new poor" male as a "single or divorced man who has lost his job, has exhausted his unemployment benefits, his bank account and help from friends and relatives."

"He comes to the mission as a last resort," Timberlake says. "Not unlike Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. After all, the barn was not the first choice. We're the barn."



A glimpse into history ...

Andy Ketterson, chief of cultural resources for the National Park Service, above, stands in the study at the Truman home, where former president Harry Truman spent many hours reading selections from the books that fill two walls of the small room. A few members of the news media Tuesday got a rare look inside the Truman home. The home is not open to the public yet, but the National Park Service will soon begin directing repairs and preparations needed to turn the home into a museum. Truman's familiar felt hat still rests on a rack above his overcoat. Bess Truman's coat hangs nearby. In the parlor there are many family pictures including this one, below, of Truman and daughter Margaret.



Man's renewal reflects season's joy

By Jan Smith
Of The Examiner

Dennis Kunkle has a renewed joy

Kunkle, who had been diagnosed a diabetic, lacked self-confidence and self-esteem, he said.

Christian friends, Christian friends are really hard to find."

Kunkle may make his new-found ministry

Inside

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers tonight and Thursday. Low tonight in the

November 5, 1982

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Midwest Region
Through: Associate Regional Director, Planning and Resource Preservation
From: Chief, Cultural Resources Management
Subject: Harry S. Truman Historic District

On November 4, I made a number of telephone calls in relation to the Truman home. A summary follows:

1. In a conversation with Pat O'Brien, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Independence, I learned the following:
 - a. There is a Friends of Truman campus of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, across from the Truman Library. There is no Friends of Truman Booster Organization.
 - b. The Truman Institute, headed by John Snyder with Ben Zobrist as Executive Director, is an organization that exists to promote research on the Truman era.
 - c. The Independence Heritage Commission, a city-appointed body, is developing contingency parking plans for the Harry S. Truman Historic District. (The Truman Historic District is a national historic landmark.)
 - d. The First Baptist Church, which is either in or immediately adjacent to the district, is interested in some sort of agreement for the use of their parking lot. It is quite large.
 - e. The city building inspector inspected the Truman home within the last two weeks, and we will be provided a copy of that report.
 - f. Pat will provide us with a copy of the Truman will.
 - g. Park College took over the high school, which is across the street from the Truman home. They have a parking problem and will be a factor in whatever parking plans for the district are developed.
 - h. Pat said that there are two possible sources of volunteers that could help with the operation of the Truman home. They are the Jackson County Historical Society, whose Executive Director is Sally Schwerk, and the Junior Service League, whose 1982 President is Sharon Williams.

1. Pat will provide us with copies of both the city ordinance that relates to the Truman Historic District and the National Register nomination. I will pick these items, as well as the will and building inspection report, when Tom Hensley and I are in Independence on November 10.
2. I talked to Ben Zobrist, Director of the Truman Library, and he provided the following information:
 - a. The Secret Service (SS) leased the house across the street from the Truman house for their surveillance program. The lease will expire either at the end of this month or the middle of December. The contact with the SS is James Cantrell, whose FTS number is 758-5022, and whose commercial number is (816) 374-5022.
 - b. The SS has taken its monitoring equipment out of the house across the street.
 - c. The Federal Protective Service (FPS) is administered through GSA, whose Regional Administrator is John Plant, FTS 926-7201. The next administrative layer related to the FPS is the Public Building Service, which is headed in Kansas City by Wayne Roy, FTS 926-7231. The head of the FPS is Mr. McKinley, FTS 726-7025, and the Chief of the Support Services Branch, which arranges for contract guards, electronic surveillance, and kindred things, is headed by Cheryl Brace, FTS 926-7025.
 - d. Don Quisole is the attorney for the executor of the Truman estate. His number is (816) 842-8600. The United Bank of Missouri is the executor.
 - e. According to Ben, the Truman will states the second floor of the home will not be opened to the public and Margaret Truman Daniels can have use of the house two weeks of the year.
 - f. Ben said the Trumans "didn't throw away anything," and the interior of the house is a gem and the furnishings are complete.
 - g. Ben's telephone number is FTS 750-1400. His home telephone number is (816) 836-3926. Ben's secretary's name is Vickie Alexander who can be reached at the FTS number.
 - h. The Truman estate is currently providing guards for the home.
 - i. Ben has offered to assist us in any way he can. Tom Hensley and I will be meeting with him in Independence on November 10.
3. The next phone call was with Cheryl Brace, Chief, Support Services ~~Branch~~, FPS. Ms. Brace provided me with the following information:
 - a. The FPS officers are being phased out as fixed station guards. They are receiving advanced training and will be utilized as a mobile reaction force.

- b. All Federal installations with which they deal that need fixed station guards will have contract guards. The FPS will write and monitor the contracts and make sure the guards are qualified. The FPS will provide this service at no cost to the benefitting agency. The guards themselves have been ranging in cost from \$8.50 to \$10 per hour under contract.
- c. The FPS has an electronic system specialist who will be pleased to work with us if we are involved with the Truman home. The FPS has a central monitoring location for all systems with which they work. The electronic system specialist's name is Stan Sheppard.
4. I talked with Don Chisolm who is an attorney with the firm providing legal services to the executor, the United Bank of Missouri. I arranged for Tom and me to meet with Mr. Chisolm and someone from the bank to walk through the Truman home and to photograph and do a rough room layout. Ben Zorist is also invited.
5. I talked with James Cantrell, Special Agent in Charge, SS office in Kansas City. Mr. Cantrell provided me with the following information:
- a. The SS is out of the house across the street from the Truman home.
 - b. They have removed all of the monitoring equipment to the systems in the Truman home from the house across the street.
 - c. The SS recently installed Medeco locks in the Truman home. These are double key locks, i.e., a key is needed to get in and a key is needed to get out, but in the installation of the Truman home, they were only keyed for single locking.
 - d. The smoke, fire, and intrusion alarms are still in the home.
 - e. The outside TV monitoring cameras have been removed.
 - f. The cable for the monitoring equipment runs from the house to the nearby garage. Mr. Cantrell says that cable will not be removed, but the cable from the garage to the house across the street is being removed.
 - g. Mrs. Wallace, a relative of Mrs. Truman, lives in a house next door to the Truman home. She is an elderly woman and would probably be an excellent source of information about Truman family life.
 - h. The security specialist for the SS is Bob Holt. Mr. Cantrell said he and others in the office would be pleased to work with us if we become involved with the Truman home.

Sgt. F. A. Ketterson, Jr.