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## Local Mass Transit Hearing



**MASS TRANSIT HEARINGS:** The House Public Works Committee has been holding a series of hearings around the country about the need for federal aid for mass transit. Taking part in a hearing in California were Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (right); Mayor Gil Smith of Carson, Calif. (back to camera); Rep. Glenn Anderson (left); Rep. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke (second from left); and Carl H. Schwartz, Jr., consultant to the committee (behind Hahn).

## Labor Management Group To Meet Western Region Conference Begins April 28 In Seattle

The NACo Western Region Conference to be held in King County (Seattle), Washington, April 28-30, will open with a general session Sunday, April 28, at 5:00 p.m. on the theme "Energy and the Environment: A Delicate Balance." Supervisor James Hayes, Los Angeles County, California, Chairman of the NACo Energy and Environment Steering Committee will provide the keynote speech at the opening session which will be followed by the President's Reception at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday will be a busy day for the conference. The Western Region Board and NACo board will be meeting. In addition several NACo Steering Committee will meet from 2 to 5 p.m.

Collective bargaining in the public sector will receive priority consideration when the NACo Labor-Management Relations Steering Committee meets.

With the Congress coming closer each year to national legislation on collective

bargaining for public employees, the steering committee must develop a platform proposal for presentation to the NACo Board at the National Convention. NACo currently has no official policy regarding this issue.

The steering committee will face the facts of broad congressional consensus on the basic character of the right to bargain collectively, extreme diversity among state and local laws and practices, and growing momentum behind national legislation.

On Monday and Tuesday a series of workshops will be conducted centering on energy and environment, including one on energy production, one on national land use policy and the environment, and one on solid waste and the energy shortage.

Workshops on other subjects of importance to counties include police powers on public lands, comprehensive manpower reform, human services delivery, payments-in-lieu of taxes, criminal justice and corrections, and rural development programs and funding.

A concurrent two-day manpower training session will be held at the conference that will be geared for prime sponsors in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

A post-conference tour is planned to Victoria and Vancouver in Canada's British Columbia. For those officials staying over, the Expo '74 World's Fair is due to open May 4 in Spokane, Washington.

See page 7 for a conference and room registration form.

## Action Coalitions Have Early Success

Almost 200 county officials met in Washington, D.C. last week to launch NACo's Action Coalitions on transit funding, community development block grants, and increased manpower funding.

The kickoff for the rural development funding action coalition will be April 29 at NACo's Western Region Conference in Seattle, Washington.

County officials are making an all-out effort to enact top priority legislation during the next two months. Congressional leaders now expect the debate on impeachment to start in the House of Representatives around July 1. Other than enactment of appropriations bills, little else is expected during the rest of this Congress. Whether or not impeachment is voted by the House, most Congressmen plan to spend their remaining time campaigning for reelection. For all practical purposes, at least from a local government point of view, the Congressional session will be over by the end of June.

The emphasis of last week's coalition rallies was a series of meetings with Congressmen and Administration officials. In addition, many other counties are planning to meet with their Congressmen back in the home districts during the Easter recess (April 12-22).

County officials agreed at the rallies to an extensive educational campaign to inform voters and the media about the urgency of Congressional action on the county priority legislation. The counties are documenting their local needs so these issues can be better understood by the public. In addition, they are planning to coordinate efforts with local and state officials and other interested organizations at both the local and national levels.

All of the Action Coalition rallies were held in a hotel close to Capitol Hill. After short briefings on the issues, county officials spent several hours meeting with key Congressional leaders and their own Congressmen. Other meetings were held with officials of the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and the White House.

After the meetings, the county officials returned to the hotel to report on their discussions and to reassess the strategy. Plans were made for the Easter Congressional recess and for other specific action between now and the next coalition rally, including the details of the educational program to be conducted back home.

All the rallies took place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Many county officials were able to make the round trip without an overnight stay. Others had planned to stay over to meet with federal agencies on their counties' grant applications.

One early result of the coalition rally on manpower funding was approval by

the House of Representatives of an additional \$150 million for immediate use in providing public service jobs. The rally was held just two days before the crucial House vote. County officials met with many Congressmen urging their support for the additional appropriations. The result was a 236-168 vote in favor of more funding. (See manpower story on page 2.) The Senate still has to act on the 1974 Supplemental Appropriations bill (H.R. 14013).

The timetables for Congressional action on the other Action Coalition issues vary considerably.

The county effort on community development block grants is geared to passage of a bill by mid-May in the House and agreement by a House-Senate conference committee early in June. The major issue for NACo is guaranteeing urban counties a formula share of the proposed block grants the same as cities.

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## North Dakota Forms County Association

A North Dakota Association of Counties has recently been formed to "give county government a single voice in state affairs."

At a March 11 meeting of North Dakota elected officials, a constitution was approved and officers elected.

The resolution to establish the state association of counties and a tentative constitution had been approved at the November 1973 meeting of the North Dakota County Commissioners' Association.

The new association of counties will represent county commissioners and each of the various county official associations including sheriffs, auditors, treasurers, judges and clerks of court.

The officers for the newly formed association are:

President: Edward Duden, La Moure County Commissioner  
First Vice President: Robert Erikson, Steele County Auditor  
Second Vice-President: Leonard Jacobs, Adams County Commissioner  
Secretary-Treasurer: Wayne Le Matta, Dickey County Auditor

President Duden says the new association will have an office in Bismarck and will eventually have an executive secretary to represent the total county government. At present, 42 of the 53 North Dakota counties have joined the association.

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# Manpower Coalition Helps Get More Money

Members of NACo's Manpower Funding Action Coalition, chaired by John Klein, County Executive of Suffolk County, New York, met with key Congressional committees as well as their own Representatives and Senators on April 8.

The county officials urged speedy approval of increased funding for manpower programs for fiscal years 1974 and 1975. County officials who attended the coalition meeting are credited with helping pass an amendment on the House floor which increased funds for public service jobs for FY 1975 to \$500 million.

The House Appropriations Committee had reported out the Second Supplemental Appropriations bill (H.R. 14013) with \$250 million for public service employment under Title II of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and \$100 million under Section 5 of the Emergency Employment Act (EEA), for a total of \$350 million.

NACo's Action Coalition members urged Congressmen on April 8 to support an amendment which was to be introduced on the House floor two days later by Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.). The Obey amendment proposed increasing the funds under EEA by \$150 million. By a vote of 236 to 168, the House approved the amendment, bringing the total appropriation for public service jobs to \$500 million for FY 1974.

The House approved \$208.5 million for summer youth programs, which, with \$91.4 million remaining from FY 1973 funds, would provide \$300 million for FY 1974.

In the Senate, Senator Warren Magnuson's (D-Wash.) Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor has completed hearings and is likely to increase the House budget proposal. An amendment has been proposed to appropriate \$350 million for public service employment under the EEA regulations. This would provide a total of \$600 million.

In addition, Senator Jacob Javits (D-N.Y.) has requested that Congress appropriate \$250 million more for this summer's youth programs, to bring the total money available to \$550 million. This will help offset increased costs incurred because of the recently passed minimum wage bill, which includes wages paid to youths. The Senate is expected to act on the bill after the Easter recess.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor has completed its hearings on the Administration's FY 1975 budget request for CETA — \$2.05 billion. The Senate does not expect to begin hearings on the FY 1975 request until late April.

NACo is urging Congress to appropriate \$3.5 billion for CETA in fiscal 1975 with \$1.25 billion to be appropriated under Title II and \$2.25 billion for the remainder of the bill.

If there is not adequate funding of CETA, counties will not have the chance to show that they can effectively and efficiently operate a comprehensive program. Giving counties and other prime sponsors responsibility for manpower

services, while decreasing the total federal support for local manpower programs, will make provision of better services for county residents virtually impossible.

If the manpower budget does not keep pace with the goals of CETA, the potential for a comprehensive decentralized manpower program responsive to local needs cannot be realized.

The immediate goals of the coalition are: to obtain sufficient increased funds for Title II public service employment to respond to manpower needs in counties; to obtain sufficient funds for summer youth programs to allow counties to deliver at least the same level of services as were provided last summer; and to have Congress provide \$3.5 billion for CETA in fiscal year 1975.

NACo's Action Coalition on Manpower Funding urges counties to contact their Representatives and Senators during the Easter recess (April 12-22) to let them know the counties' support for quick action on increased manpower funding.

## Transit Assistance Pushed During Washington Meetings

County officials attending the April 3 County Action Coalition on Transit Funding met with key Congressmen and Administration officials to secure immediate consideration of legislation providing of federal assistance for the operating costs of local mass transit systems.

In addition to immediate emergency financial assistance for county transit systems presently suffering from dilapidated equipment and ever-increasing operating costs, county officials urged passage of federal legislation providing a balanced transportation funding program which recognizes future needs of both urban and rural areas.

To meet these objectives, county officials met with members of the House Public Works committee, members of the House Banking and Currency Committee, and officials of the Department of Transportation. At these meetings there was a general consensus about the need for federal action but considerable confusion over a solution. Some issues to be resolved include the level of funding, pass-through of funds directly to local governments, and continuance of local maintenance of efforts to be eligible for federal funds.

The House Public Works committee expects to report a limited version of the Administration's "Unified Transportation Assistance Program" (UTAP) by May 15. This legislation could be long-term in outlook and could provide transit assistance for a three-to five-year period. However, there is concern that if a new bill goes beyond mass transit, the prospects for passage this session are dim. There seems to be little sentiment in the

Senate for approving any legislation involving highways.

If the House Public Works Committee fails to produce legislation by May 15, the House Rules Committee has promised to send to the floor the Williams-Minich bill (S. 386) which authorizes only emergency transit operating subsidies. The Administration continues to oppose it.

The coalition has tentatively scheduled its next rally for May 22 in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile urban counties are being surveyed to determine the need for transit operating assistance. County officials also will be assisting the House Public Works Committee staff in drafting legislation. It is hoped that a draft will be ready when Congress returns from the Easter recess April 22.

Coalition Chairman Ralph Caso Nassau County (N.Y.) Executive urged all coalition members and any other interested county officials to contact their Congressmen during the Easter recess to discuss local transit needs and the urgency of Congressional action.

## Coalitions

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The situation is much more unpredictable on transit legislation. Because of Administration opposition and committee jurisdictional clashes, the emergency transit operating subsidy bill (S. 386) has been sidetracked by the House Rules committee. The House Public Works Committee has been charged with developing a new bill by May 15. Whether or not his effort will be successful and agreement reached in time by both the Congress and the Administration remains a question.

All the action coalition expect to meet again in Washington, D.C. in May or early June, depending on the Congressional timetables. Any county wanting to be involved, should let NACo know — it is not too late. The ultimate goal has to be Congressional votes, and there are many ways to swing them. Counties proved they could do it on general revenue sharing, manpower special revenue sharing, and many other bills during the last few years. It is up to you if you want action this year.

## Coalition Finds Community Development In Time Bind

A community development block grant and housing bill must be on the President's desk in mid-June if it is to be assured of passage this year, county officials attending last week's County Action Coalition on Community Development were told.

In view of the Congressional timetable, passage of community development legislation has become NACo's number one legislative priority.

Meeting with members of the House Banking and Currency Committee

and top officials from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, NACo representatives were told of a very tight timetable in which to complete action on the bill. The Congressional leadership predicted that if an impeachment resolution reaches the House floor toward the end of June, any further legislative action will be foreclosed.

The House Subcommittee on Housing is expected to complete mark-up of a streamlined housing and community development bill (H.R. 10036) on April 11. This will clear the way for action by the full House Banking and Currency Committee following the Easter recess.

The community development portion of H.R. 10036 contains a NACo-supported provision authorizing direct formula block grants to urban counties (over 200,000 in population, excluding the population of cities over 50,000 within the county). A Senate-passed bill, S. 3066, rejected formula funding to cities and counties and chose instead to authorize distribution of funds on the basis of a community's participation in urban renewal or model cities programs. The significant differences between the House and Senate versions will require a conference committee to resolve them.

Coalition members urged the members of the House Banking and Currency Committee to act promptly on the subcommittee's bill following the Easter recess.

Coalition Chairman Francis B. Francois, Chairman, Prince George's County (Md.) Council, told members of the committee "The subcommittee's bill represents a consensus among its members and is supported by the Administration, NACo and other public interest groups. It thus should not require extensive consideration by the full committee."

NACo's County Action Coalition on Community Development will be meeting with their Congressmen over the Congressional recess to urge immediate Committee and full House floor action on the bill before the end of May.

## Report Discusses Government Use of Cable TV

A new report, "Local Government Uses of Cable Television," provides valuable information for counties interested in using cable television to communicate with citizens.

The report presents an overview of current local government cable television programming, discusses costs associated with acquisition of facilities and cable television production and outlines a suggested procedure for local officials to determine if, when and how they want to utilize cable television.

Government access to cable television was mandated by the Federal Communication Commission in 1972. "Local Government Uses of Cable Television" includes an explanation of the FCC rules and their ramifications.

The price of the 66-page report is \$1.50 with payment required in advance. Requests should be addressed to the Cable Television Information Center, 2100 M St. N.W., Washington, D. C. 20037, Attention: Information Group.

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## Proposed Administrative Rule Changes Abandoned By HUD

Proposed changes in the administration of the 701 Comprehensive Planning and Management program giving states a greater role have been abandoned for fiscal 1974 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In an affidavit filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development David O. Meeker stated that during fiscal 1974 HUD would not turn over complete administration of 701 to the states.

Earlier HUD had announced its intention to allow the states to make application for and distribute planning grants to, cities over 50,000 and regional planning organizations. Both of these groups now apply directly to HUD for 701 funds. Counties, under the proposed HUD regulations, would be required to apply for 701 assistance to the state as they currently do. The states, however, would be required to specifically assess the funding needs of urban planning counties over 200,000.

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) last December filed suit against HUD contending that complete

state administration of the 701 program would violate the Housing Act of 1954 (as amended). The suit also contended that HUD failed to publish the proposed regulations in the Federal Register and failed to submit them to organizations representing general purpose state and local government for review and comment required under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-85. The District Court upheld the requirement for A-85 review and publication in the Federal Register. A full hearing on the legality of HUD's action was postponed pending A-85 review.

HUD has since opened the proposed regulations to A-85 review and has published them in the Federal Register. Comments received from state and local governments prompted HUD to notify the court that it was suspending implementation of the new regulations for fiscal 1974.

However, the affidavit did state that HUD would allow voluntary administration of the program in fiscal 1974. State administration, however, must be mutually agreeable to all parties within the state.



## the Ballot Box by Richard G. Smolka

National Association of County Recorders and Clerks  
American University Institute of Election Administration

Amendments to public financing of elections legislation, which have been adopted by the Senate, subject election officials to a \$5000 fine and a jail term if they release presidential election results prior to midnight eastern standard time and set the closing of the polls in federal elections at 11 p.m. eastern standard time.

The first amendment, introduced by Senator Henry Bellmon (R-Oklahoma), was passed 43-38, with all three former presidential candidates, George McGovern, Hubert H. Humphrey, and Barry Goldwater voting for the proposal. "Whoever makes public any information with respect to the number of votes cast for any candidate for election to the office of presidential or vice-presidential elector in the general election held for the appointment of presidential electors, prior to midnight, eastern standard time, on the day of which such election is held shall be fined not more than \$5000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both."

Bellmon argued, "Quite simply, this amendment would make it unlawful for local election officials to announce election returns prior to midnight eastern standard time." Critics pointed out that the language included everyone, and not merely election officials.

Howard Cannon (D-Nevada) said the bill "Could make criminals of almost everyone in the nation."

Bellmon responded, "There is nothing here to tempt anyone to violate the law because, except for election officials, no one would know what happened."

Cannon called the proposal, "impossible to administer" and "patently absurd on its face." Hubert H. Humphrey disagreed.

Said Humphrey, "I do not know if this is the right amendment but something

ought to be done so the 'Solomons' cannot just sit around and tell people what is going to happen in the election."

Goldwater agreed with Humphrey, "I remember in 1964, after the first precinct, we were told I was going to get skunked, and you know, they were right."

Edward Kennedy stated that he would support a study to determine the answer to the question of whether voters were influenced by early returns but observed, "obviously, we do not know whether legislation is needed." Kennedy voted against the amendment.

Two days after the Bellmon amendment was adopted, The Senate passed the uniform close of the polls amendment proposed by Senator Peter Dominick (R-Colorado). Dominick argued that his bill would protect local officials from any possibility of becoming criminals by changing the circumstances. If the polls remained closed until 11:00 p.m. eastern standard time, there would be little opportunity for any reporting to affect the outcome.

Both amendments are attached to S. 3044, the Federal Election Campaign Financing proposal which faces a rough legislative path. It is being subjected to a filibuster by Senator James B. Allen (D-Alabama) and many amendments have been offered. If the bill does pass the Senate, it must go to the House of Representatives where the prospects for passage do not appear to be favorable at this time.

The success of failure of the Bellmon or Dominick amendments are not completely dependent upon what happens to public financing legislation. Bellmon and Dominick previously attempted to add such amendments to other election legislation and may try again with other bills.

## New Directions

by Scott Franklin  
New County, U.S.A. Center

### Health Unit Consolidation Approved

By an overwhelming four to one margin, *Peoria County, Ill.* voters approved a referendum to consolidate the city and county health departments. Proponents of the merger which enables the county board to take over the functions of both health departments as a single government entity, claim the consolidation will provide an improved tax base and a more equitable tax levy for both public health facilities.

### Disposable Booths Provided

Along with disposable bottles, cans, and diapers, *San Diego County Calif.* will soon provide disposable voting booths to area voters. The cardboard voting booths, which provide a definite financial savings to the county, are proposed for use in the state primary this June.

### Citizen Participation Increased

Over 500 residents of *Oneida County, N.Y.* recently met with public officials in a series of "town meetings" conducted by County Executive William Bryant. The purpose of the meetings, held in seven locations throughout the county, was to provide opportunities for public officials and their constituencies to meet and informally discuss topics of mutual concern.

### Commission on the Elderly Created

*Racine County, Wis.* has created an eleven-member commission on the aging in order to receive Federal support to aid county programs for the elderly. The commission would serve as initial clearinghouse for all programs for the elderly which seek public funding, determine service needs for the aged, and represent the interests of senior citizens in Racine County.

### Proposed Charter Features Major Changes

After a year of study, the Salt Lake County Commission has been presented with a proposed new charter that would fundamentally alter local government there.

Three major proposals included in the charter are consolidation of Salt Lake City and County, division of the county into 15 communities, and creation of a mayor-council government. Currently the county operates under a commission form of government with 24 special improvement districts. Proponents of the charter hope to eliminate duplication of services and make government more responsive and easier to understand.

### Energy Shorts

The energy crisis, which is hopefully easing now, produced quite a few suggestions to save county employees from rising gasoline prices and gas shortages. A *Wayne County (Mich.)* Commissioner suggested tax credits for workers forming car pools. *San Diego County, Calif.* officials were told to seek a ten percent reduction in on-the-job driving by County employees, and amid much criticism one proposal in *Tarrant County, Texas* advocated selling gas tax free to county employees for business travels.

### Sexless Jobs Now Offered

*Maricopa County, Ariz.* has abolished the positions of foremen, groundsmen, repairmen, and draftsmen, according to County Manager Charles Miller. Instead new job titles will be created, thus eliminating the stereotyping in job classifications. This change, Miller states, reflects the county policy to award jobs on the basis of qualifications rather than sex. A groundsman will be known as a groundsworker, watchmen become security attendants, and foremen have been renamed general supervisors.

### Management Training Available to Employees

Employees of *Multnomah County, Ore.* are now able to spend up to four hours of county time to take a course aimed at improving personal money management. Provided by a Salt Lake City firm, the course is designed to aid employees in learning to live with moderate increases in salaries.

### Ethics Code Approved

A strict conflict of interest code for county officers has been approved by the *Montgomery County (Pa.) Government Study Commission*. The measure strictly forbids county officers and employees from participating in or making any decisions on county matters in which they have a financial interest.

### Anti-Ear Pollution Legislation Studied

An ordinance which would implement noise controls is being considered by the County of *San Diego, Calif.* If passed, the ordinance could limit activity to certain hours for powered construction equipment, control the use of television sets and radios, burglar alarms, vehicles, and human noises. Violations of the ordinance could amount to six months imprisonment or a \$500 fine.

## Kansas Passes Home Rule Legislation

Through urging by the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations, the Kansas Legislature passed and the governor has signed a major county home rule law. It is applicable on July 1.

It gives counties simple resolution authority in all matters not dealt with by state law as well as charter resolution authority to exempt themselves from statutes applicable to any individual county or group of counties, but not uniformly applicable to all counties.

The KACIR now plans to propose an optional forms of organization statute

next session. The groundwork for this was laid by legislative acceptance of KACIR's proposed constitutional amendment deleting reference to there being only three county commissioners in each county. The proposed optional forms bill will offer an option of increasing the size of the board of commissioners to five, seven, or nine members. The amendment will be submitted to the voters in the general election this year.

For a copy of the Kansas-County Home Rule Statute, write to the New County Center, NACO.



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## Is A Disaster Necessary?

The federal government and NACo have been trying to get the word to county elected officials to set up a disaster plan. Who knows when disaster will strike?

One hundred five counties were conducting business-as-usual last Wednesday -- then bang -- out of the sky came a series of tornadoes that killed scores of people and created havoc in an area extending from Alabama into Canada.

In those counties with a disaster plan, officials were able to provide warning, and were able to immediately start life-saving activities, cleanup and reconstruction. They knew who was in charge how to get help, -- who to call, and how to keep and restore local government and business activities with minimum

confusion.

But, how many had a plan? How many had an emergency operations center, and alternate plans to give aid to the suffering? Do they know what their legal obligations are? What they can procure under emergency conditions? What the legal implications are in making certain vital decisions?

We hope for the sake of the citizens and the county officials of these areas that they were prepared. As one county commissioner said recently, "It took a flood that devastated my county before I became a believer in disaster preparedness." How many other governments need a disaster before implementing a viable disaster preparedness program?

## Letters to NACo

Dear Bernie:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with the Environment and Energy Steering Committee during NACo's recent Legislative Conference here in Washington.

I regard our participation in such meetings as essential to a close working relationship with county officials and with NACo. These meetings are especially valuable because they provide us with the opportunity to hear directly from county officials about the specific environmental problems -- including problems created by EPA regulations -- facing county officials and to learn the counties' views on federal policies and programs which can better assist in the solution of these problems.

As a follow-up to this specific meeting, we will examine the possibility of developing procedures, consistent with statutory requirements, which would allow local governments to appeal state-level funding decisions in the construction grant program. Your suggestions on this point would be very helpful.

We also are especially pleased to learn of NACo's interest in, and support for, environmentally-sound solutions to the nation's energy problems and in the development of a national growth policy. On the first point, NACo is to be commended especially for incorporating environmental considerations in the resolution adopted by the Environment and Energy Steering Committee. The emphasis which that resolution places on

the importance of utilizing solid wastes as a source of new energy is particularly gratifying.

Russell E. Train  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency

*Editor's note: The following resolution was passed by the county Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas at a recent meeting.*

Whereas, Commissioner Arch Lamb, of Lubbock County, has served the people of Texas for many years as a spokesman for better highways, and

Whereas, Commissioner Lamb has long recognized that adequate highways in Texas are essential to maintain and improve the quality of life and commerce, and

Whereas, he has appeared in Washington, D.C. before congressional committees, and before groups in every part of this country, and whereas Commissioner Lamb tirelessly spearheaded the drive to protect the highway trust funds, and

Whereas, his unselfish efforts for the people of Texas have met with repeated success on both the national and state level; Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, that the county Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas extends special thanks and recognition to Commissioner Lamb for his tireless efforts, and be it further

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## Data Shows Counties Spend Most on Courts, Corrections

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and Bureau of the Census have just published a sixth annual report on who is spending what for criminal justice. They call their 337 pages of tables a "sampling," but the smorgasbord includes data for all 50 states and 106 counties.

The new publication, *Expenditure and Employment Data for the Criminal Justice System, 1971-1972*, analyzes the \$11.7 billion spend in that fiscal year in six categories (police protection, judicial, legal services and prosecution, indigent defense, correction, and other criminal justice), by level of government. For example, a typical dollar of the total represents 62 cents by local government, 25 cents by state government and 13 cents by federal government.

Municipalities are the big spenders on criminal justice, laying out \$2 for every \$1 spent by counties. The federal government accounts for only 12.7 percent of the total. But more interesting than the amounts spent by different levels of government is the structure of expenditure for criminal justice.

The high-rolling municipalities invest almost exclusively in police protection: \$4.1 billion, or 84.7 percent of their contribution falls in this category.

The counties distribute 55.3 percent of their criminal justice dollars among the categories of judicial activities, legal services and prosecution, indigent defense, and correction. Police protection makes up 34.5 percent of county criminal justice budgets. States spend 44 percent for corrections.

From the structure of expenditures, deductions can be made about the criminal justice system: municipalities finance and operate police activities, counties provide judicial and corrections functions, augmented by the state corrections and judicial system. Counties and municipalities form a broad base of dollars and employees (62 percent of the dollars, 68 percent of the employees). The state provides the next layer, narrower in numbers of employees and dollars, and more specialized in activity (25 percent of the dollars, 23 percent of the employees). The federal government tops the pyramid with narrowest layer (13 percent of the dollars, 9 percent of the employees).

The structure of spending illustrates how state, local, and federal governments interact to create a criminal justice system.

"The national figures clearly indicate different responsibilities at different levels of government," says Carolyn Thompson, project manager for the massive sampling, "but there is so much variety in the way county governments, for example, do their jobs! Six years ago, when we sampled criminal justice expenditures for the first time, we weren't even sure how we were going to define 'jail', considering the variety of facilities we saw."

"Now we're getting a feel for the complexities of the criminal justice system." "Defining 'jail' as a facility that holds prisoners for 48 hours or more, in other words, a facility where a sentence can be served, we see that providing jails is a county job across the country."

"Still, we have to keep up with all the changes and reforms in criminal justice, in order to have reliable data. Kentucky is beginning to require that all counties provide indigent defense. This will change the structure of expenditures in that state, and our next report must record

it," she said.

Counties spent 8 to 12 percent more in fiscal year 1971-72 than the previous fiscal year in the categories of their criminal justice responsibilities, but in the category "other," they spent 76 percent more.

This category, according to Thompson, acts as a backstop, catching expenditures that escape the traditional six. The disproportionate increase represents LEAA block grants passed through state planning agencies and sent on to the counties in lump sums.

"We'd like to know more about these expenditures," she said, "but we just don't have time to analyze all the necessary documents."

In spite of the dramatic increase in "other" expenditures from LEAA grants, local governments put up 70.6 percent of the dollars they spent for criminal justice from their own revenue. The same pyramid structure observed for total number of dollars expended is paralleled by the position those dollars occupy in the government's total budget: federal, 1 percent; state, 3.4 percent; county, 10.5 percent, and municipality 12.4 percent.

The report presents separate tables for the 132 largest counties. Any county official can request a free copy from the Criminal Justice Statistics Branch, Governments Division, U. S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.



## Buck Sorenson Dies At Age 70

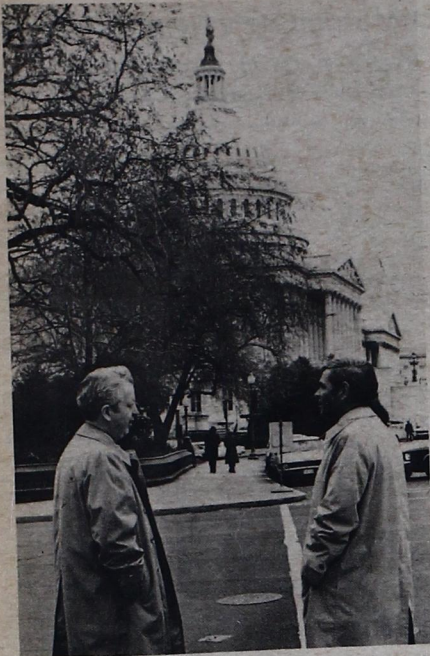
Anchor "Buck" Sorenson, NACo Board Member and Pottawattamie County, (Iowa) Supervisor died April 3 following open-heart surgery.

Sorenson was first elected to the county board in 1961 and had served as its chairman for six years. Besides serving on the NACo Board and the county board, he was very active in community and state organizations.

It was under his leadership that in 1971 the Iowa Association of Counties was formed. He served as president of that organization as well as the Iowa State Association of Supervisors.

He is survived by his wife Janet of Rural Route, Avoca, Iowa 51521.





## NACo Coalitions In Action

Three County Action Coalitions held their first rallies in Washington in early April. Coalition members met with Congressmen, congressional and committee staff, and officials of several agencies and departments of the executive branch to discuss mass transit funding, manpower funding and community development legislation. County officials and staff members like (above left) Cook County, Illinois's Joseph Monaghan

and Orange County, New York's Edgar French were the key elements in the rallies. In Washington, the staff of a committee is very important, and coalition met with men like Richard J. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, House Public Works Committee (above picture at desk). Even more significant were meetings with key Senator's and Representatives like Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Daniel Flood (D-Pa.), (below).



Getting any program or appropriation past Congress is only half the battle. The Executive Branch manages the programs and the rules and regulations written by the agencies and departments matter as much as the law. Manpower Funding Coalition (above picture at left) Chairman John Klein, Suffolk County, (N.Y.) Executive, and members of the coalition met in the White House with, among others, Paul O'Neill (center facing) Assistant Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Community Development Coalition Chairman Francis B. Francois, Chairman, Prince George's County, (Md.) Council, (lower left picture on left) met with Assistant Secretary Sol Mosher (right) of the

Department of Housing and Urban Development. One of the most important men involved in community development legislation is (center below on left) Rep. Thomas L. Ashley, (D-Ohio), here

shaking hands with Don Weber, (right), Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Before leaving Washington, coalition members discussed the day's events. Members like Commissioner Roy Johnson, Anoka County (Minn.), (at podium) told of the meetings and the chairmen like Ralph Caso, Executive, Nassau County, New York, of the Mass Transit Coalition told of future plans. Articles about the three coalition rallies appear elsewhere in the paper.





# Labor Changes Rules Governing Consortia

The Department of Labor has revised its regulations on the required form of consortium agreements. The revision, transmitted to DOL regional offices on April 5, allows local units of government to give "power of attorney" to one or more of the consortium members or to the administrative arm designated in the consortium agreement. Such delegations, preferred by many county-city consortia, had been impossible under regulations published March 19.

The memorandum does not specify a new deadline for submission of consortium agreements but, clearly, the March 31 deadline cannot remain firm in light of the revised requirements.

The text of the revision follows.

Revised Section 95.11 Language

Section 95.11 (a), (b), and (c) (1)-(f) remain unchanged. Revisions begin with 95.11 (c) (8). The revised or additional language is in *italics*:

(8) *A statement that one of the following procedures will be used for signing grant agreements with the Department:*

(i) *That grant agreements with the Department shall be signed by the chief elected official or chief executive officer of each party to the consortium agreement; or*

(ii) *That, pursuant to a specific designation in the consortium agreement, grant agreements with the Department shall be signed by the chief elected official or chief executive officer of one or more of the parties to the consortium agreement, or by the chief executive officer of the administrative unit established under paragraph (d) (1) of this section;*

(9) *Certification that to the extent consistent with State or local law, each party signatory to the agreement accepts responsibility for the operation of the program (i.e., each member of the consortium, rather than any administrative arm, has ultimate responsibility for the program's operation and success);*

(10) *A description of the powers, functions and responsibilities reserved by the parties to the agreement, specifying the process by which decisions will be made, the process by which each party to the agreement will review and approve the comprehensive manpower plan, and the procedure by which chief elected officials will participate in the planning and operation of the program, if they so desire; and*

(11) *A statement of the powers, functions and responsibilities which will be delegated to an administrative entity to operate the program and the name and organizational structure of that entity.*

(d) *In signing grant agreements with the Department, the authorized consortium signator (s) shall certify that the procedures described in the consortium agreement pursuant to paragraph (c) (10) of this section have been utilized.*

(e)(1) *The consortium shall be the prime sponsor under the Act. An administrative unit or one member of the consortium must be designated to operate the program.*

(2) *The division of powers, functions and responsibilities between the consortium members and the administrative unit must be workable and clearly delineated. The administrative unit may be delegated the power to enter into contracts and subgrants and other*

necessary agreements, to receive and expend funds, to employ personnel, to organize and train staff, to develop procedures for program planning, operation and assessment and fiscal management of the program, to evaluate program performance and determine resulting need to reallocate resources, and to modify the grant agreement with the Department. Such delegation shall not relieve the members of the consortium of their ultimate responsibility for the use of funds. The administrative arm of the consortium should have responsibility for the entire operation of the program, but the consortium members shall be reserved the right of evaluation and the decision to reprogram funds.

(f) *A consortium established under these regulations shall have a stated duration at least equal to the period of the grant.*

(g) *All prime sponsor notifications of intent from applicants which are eligible only in exceptional circumstances, as defined in Sec. 95.3 (a) (4) of this Part 95, shall, in addition to the requirements of paragraph (b), include in their notifications of intent a statement and justification, that they meet the requirements of Sec. 95.3 (a) (4). Consortia formed in exceptional circumstances shall also submit an agreement as required in paragraph (c).*

## Federal Regulations Reviewed

Proposed federal regulations have been received by NACo for review and comment. These regulations are currently being analyzed by county officials and NACo staff to determine their impact on counties. Due to the size of some of the regulations, NACo is unable to provide copies of all issues. At the end of each description it is noted whether or not copies are available. If copies are available please write to Carol Shaskan at NACo. As an added service, we will be separately listing final issuance which are available from agencies.

74-25 DOC "Marine Sanctuaries Program Guidelines" The guidelines set for the policies and procedures for the selection, designation and operation of a marine sanctuary. Copies are available.

74-26 DOA "Food and Nutrition Service" These regulations set the eligibility requirements for summer camps to receive food distribution under the Food Distribution Program of the Department of Agriculture. Copies are available.

74-28 DOA "Food and Nutrition Service of U.S.D.A." Section 250.6 - Amendment 20" These regulations clarify the eligibility of household members who receive supplemental security income payments or other income supplementation for the food distribution program. Copies are available.

74-27 DOT "Federal-Aid Highway Program Manual" This directive prescribes policies and procedures to implement provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 pertaining to the

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## NACE "Matter and Measure"

National Association of County Engineers

### MUTCD Changes

The National Advisory Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices has made two official rulings which may affect some counties. These rulings change sections of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*.

The first ruling relates to section 2D-47, Mileposts. Mileposts help the driver estimate his progress, help identify accident and emergency locations, and aid highway maintenance and servicing. This ruling, Official Ruling Sn-76 (Chng.), adds the following paragraph to MUTCD Section 2D-47:

"Small size 6-inch by 9-inch milepost signs with 4-inch numerals, without the word MILE, may be used on low volume, low speed rural unnumbered roads in lieu of the D-10 design series."

The D-10 design series markers contain the word "mile". With the word "mile" deleted from the sign, the numeral on the sign could help identify residences in rural areas. The change also reduces the cost of milepost markers for low volume, low speed rural roads.

The second ruling refers to section 2D-40, Street Name Sign. This section says that street name signs should be erected in urban areas at all street and should be erected in rural areas to identify important roads.

Official Ruling Sn-82 (Chng.), referring to street name signs, adds the following paragraph to MUTCD Section 2D-40:

"A symbol or letter designation may be included to identify the governmental jurisdiction. If used, the length of the designation shall not exceed the height of the sign, and preferably be positioned to the left of the street name."

King County, Washington requested this ruling. Symbols or letters on street name signs could be used to differentiate between jurisdictions and between localities.

### MUTCD School Area Traffic Controls

"Traffic Controls for School Areas," Part VII of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*, is now available. This publication meets the special demand for uniform traffic control standards for school areas. These standards apply to all public roads regardless of type or class or agency having jurisdiction. The publication contains revisions based on formal rulings approved since the issuance of the MUTCD in 1971.

Copies of Part VII, "Traffic Controls for School Areas," can be ordered for 75 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402; Stock number 5001-00067.

### Porous Asphalt Paving

Are there benefits to be derived from the use of porous asphalt paving?

The Franklin Institute, Research Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania conducted a project for the Environmental Protection Agency to study porous asphalt paving. The project was initiated primarily because of the potential porous pavements have for lessening pollution caused by combined sewer overflow. (Approximately 18 percent of the nation's population is served by combined sewers.)

In porous asphalt paving the same material is used as for the blacktop paving found throughout the country except that the fines (sand) are minimized in the

mix -- leaving voids in the material which allow water to seep through. These pavements allow stormwater to percolate into the soil.

Use of porous pavements could reduce the cost of storm drainage collection systems and could help alleviate water supply problems; prevent flash flooding and stream erosion; preserve roadside vegetation; improve safety by preventing wet skidding and enhancing; the visibility of pavement markings; eliminate puddles; maintain ecological balance by not disturbing natural water percolation.

The Franklin Institute's final report on its porous pavement project for the Environmental Protection Agency is available for \$1.25 from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402; report number 11034 DUY 03/72 titled "Investigation of Porous Pavements for Urban Runoff Control."

## Census Advises How To Improve Land Records

by Florence Zeller  
Research Associate  
New County, U.S.A. Center

The answer to improved land records systems is coordination of county governments to "produce a network of county systems or its equivalent, responsive to but not entangled by uniform standards and definitions," concludes a new report from the Bureau of the Census, "Land Title Recording in the United States - A Statistical Summary, State and Local Special Studies No. 67."

Produced in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service and the National Association of County Recorders and Clerks, the report summarizes recording methods of 2364 responding jurisdictions, including information on the number of transfers recorded per year, types of indexing used, expenses per transfer, average recording fees charged, income from recording fees, and future plans for improvement.

Since each state mandates different functions for its counties, numerous types of recording systems exist from state to state, and to a great extent, from county to county within states. Given this variety, the report sets up some basic necessities for an efficient recording system:

Security of records; accuracy of records and record input; accessibility to information, itemized or aggregated; uniformity of standards, definitions and quality within and among jurisdictions; speed and simplicity of retrieval; and economy in development and operation.

Copies of the 38-page report are being distributed to every county recording office free of charge. Additional copies may be obtained for 90 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



## NIDA Seeks Recommendation On Funding Drug Programs

by Duane Baltz,  
Program Manager  
Criminal Justice Project

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has invited NACo to submit recommendations for funding state and local programs under the provisions of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972. NIDA is a new federal agency created within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to administer federal drug abuse prevention programs.

The act provides for formula grants to states, under Section 409, and for project grants to public agencies and private groups under Section 410. Formula grants are allotted on the condition that a state plan be prepared, a single state agency be established to administer the plan, and a state advisory council be appointed to consult with the state agency. During the first year of the program, about one-half of the states established active single-state agencies, but there was a noticeable lack of local government representation both in the state plans and on the state advisory councils.

Project grants are provided directly from NIDA to public and private agencies. No precedence can be given to "public agencies over private agencies, institutions and organizations, or to state agencies over local agencies", according to the act. The designated state agency, if any, is required to review and evaluate project applications. To decentralize the program and to give more attention to fewer grants, NIDA would prefer to consolidate some of the several hundred grants now administered from Washington.

## Federal Regulations

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establishment of the Federal-Aid Urban System. Copies are available.

74-30 DOL "Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 CFT, Parts 1905, 1952 and 1954" The purpose of these proposed regulations is to amend the "approved state plans for Enforcement of State Standards." Under the new provisions, employers would have a choice of applying for a variance from a standard, applicable in employment to either the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, or to the state agency vested with variance-granting authority under the plan. Copies are available.

## Letters

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Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Commissioner Lamb as a token of the association's appreciation for his great work.

W.L. (Lew) Sterrett  
President  
County Judges and Commissioners  
Association of Texas

Since the "no procedure" clause is written in the act, NACo is recommending that block grants be given under Section 410, to states, counties, cities, consortia and private groups based on their capability to administer comprehensive drug programs. NACo also recommends that a portion of the Section 409 formula funds go to local governments for planning drug abuse treatment and prevention activities, that local elected officials be represented on state advisory councils, as well as local councils involved in state planning, and that local government input be required in the state planning process.

Comments or questions on NIDA guidelines and funding strategy may be directed to Duane Baltz at NACo.

## Briefing Planned For Region III

Baltimore County, Maryland is the place; May 16 and 17 are the dates for the federal aid briefing sponsored by The Region III NACo Council of Intergovernmental Coordinators (CIC). The briefing will be held at the Holiday Inn at 1100 Crownwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Steve Collins, Region III President for NACo/CIC, has scheduled the meeting as one in a series of regional CIC meetings held across the country for intergovernmental coordinators and other county officials to learn about recent developments in federal programs.

Several members of the regional council will be present to meet with the coordinators including Gorham L. Black, Jr., Regional Director of HEW; Daniel J. Snyder III, EPA Regional Director; J.B. Archer, DOL Regional Administrator and John E. Corrigan, EDA Atlantic Regional Director.

The conference will begin Wednesday evening with a reception from 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, it is anticipated that there will be two workshops in the morning on environmental protection programs and economic development assistance. There will be a luncheon between 12:30-2 p.m. and from 2-4:30 p.m. workshops will be held on manpower programs and the energy problem. The meeting will conclude at 5:30 p.m. with a wrap-up from Stephens E. Collins.

An added attraction to this briefing will be the 99th running of the preakness on Saturday May 19, 1974 at the Pimlico Race Track in Baltimore City which is 15 minutes away from the conference motel.

Region III includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, and Virginia. There will be a registration fee of \$20 for the conference. For further information contact Steve Collins at 301/494-3317.

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April 28-30, 1974

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- \*Fuel Allocation & Rationing
- \*Energy Needs & Environmental Considerations

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- \*Public & Private Land Use Program
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- \*Urban & Rural Community Development
- \*Solid Waste Management
- \*Human Services
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### ◆ PROGRAM OUTLINE ◆

#### Sunday, April 28

12:00 noon Registration  
5:00 p.m. Opening Session  
6:30 p.m. President's Reception

#### Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Workshops  
2:00-8:00 p.m. Boat Cruise on  
Puget Sound & Salmon Feed

#### Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. General Session  
10:45 a.m. Workshops  
12:30 p.m. Reception & Lunch  
2:45 p.m. Workshops  
6:00 p.m. Annual Reception &  
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## AMERICAN COUNTIES TODAY

### Dear County Officials:

Those who attended NACo's Manpower Funding Action Coalition rally in Washington on April 8 can be proud of the immediate results of their efforts in Washington (see story on page 2). By a vote of 236 to 168 the House approved on April 10 an amendment sponsored by Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.) to the Second Supplemental Appropriations bill which will provide an extra \$150 million for public service jobs in fiscal 1974.

The total amount approved by the House for public service employment is \$500 million which includes \$250 million under Title II of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and \$250 million for transitional funds under Section 5 of the Emergency Employment Act (EEA). Representative Obey believes this additional money will create an extra 15,000 public service jobs, for a total of about 100,000. Without the help of county officials who contacted a large number of representatives in person on Monday, April 8, the amendment would not have passed on Wednesday, April 10. All of us who are concerned about providing services and jobs for the unemployed owe a vote of thanks to those who came to Washington on April 8.

NACo strongly supports the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 which makes over 275 counties eligible to be prime sponsors of manpower programs. These counties are moving ahead with their manpower planning and the development of the necessary administrative capability.

However, NACo is concerned that the goals of the act may be hindered by a lack of immediate funding. We particularly are concerned about the transitional funding of public service employment. NACo was pleased that the Appropriations Committee recognized this problem and recommended a supplemental appropriation of \$100 million for the Emergency Employment Act. However, we did not believe this was an adequate amount to meet the immediate needs of many of our counties with high unemployment. Most of these areas have used up their previous funds under the Emergency Employment Act. Eventually the funds under CETA will be available but right now additional transitional funding is needed.

The chief elected officials of each prime sponsor county who did not attend the April 8 rally will be receiving a letter from the Chairman of the Manpower Funding Coalition, John Klein, County Executive of Suffolk County, New York, asking them to contact their congressmen during the Easter recess to let them know of the county needs for increased manpower funding. We urge the elected officials of all counties, and especially prime sponsor counties, to contact their congressmen about manpower funding needs.

### Seeks Help

Donald E. Cleveland, Executive Director of the Iowa State Association of Counties and Chairman of NACo's Rural Development Action Coalition, has asked the NACo Council of Intergovernmental Coordinators to help with the Coalition's efforts.

The Rural Development Coalition has come up with an "at-home" campaign to

make Congress aware of rural development problems that concern county officials.

The intergovernmental coordinators will help set up meetings with Congressmen during the Easter recess and other times when Congressmen are in their home districts.

This is a good example of utilizing our affiliate resources to help achieve mutual goals — in this case funding for the Rural Development Act of 1972.

### Western Region Conference

Jim Hayes, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Chairman of Energy of the NACo Environment and Energy Steering Committee, will keynote the Western Region Conference, April 28-30, Seattle, Washington.

Panel workshops on Monday and Tuesday, April 29-30 will include: "Future Energy Production and Environment Considerations"; "Police Powers on Public Lands"; "Comprehensive Manpower Reform; Human Services"; "Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes"; "National Land Use Legislation"; "Solid Waste and the Energy Shortage"; "Criminal Justice"; and "Rural Development Programs and Funding".

Governor Dan Evans of Washington; Lance Marston, Director of the Office of Land Use Planning in the Department of Interior; Robert Ryan, Director of Legislation, Environmental Protection Agency, will make major addresses.

To make a reservation, call the Washington Plaza Hotel, 206/624-7400.

### A Great Loss

It is with great sadness we report the death of NACo board member Buck Sorensen, Supervisor of Pottawattamie County, Iowa. He served on the NACo Board with great distinction. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to his wife, Mrs. Janet L. Sorensen, Rural Route, Avoca, Iowa 51521.

### Land Use Hearings Scheduled

The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has announced that additional hearings have been scheduled on national land use legislation.

These hearings will be held by the Interior Committee on April 23 and 25 so that the Rules Committee will be able to reconsider sending the land use bill (H.R. 10294) to the House floor.

This action has been urged by NACo ever since the Rules Committee voted in late February to postpone consideration of the land use legislation. We will have more information on this development in the next issue of *County News*.

Sincerely yours,

*Bernie Hillenbrand*

Bernard F. Hillenbrand  
Executive Director

## Coming Events

### APRIL

28	Region X Federal Aid Briefing	Seattle, Washington	Aliceann Fritschler 202/785-9577
28 - 30	NACo Western Region District Conference	Seattle, Washington	Jim Evans 202/785-9577
	Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Annual Convention	Atlanta, Georgia	Hill Healan 404/522-5022
29	Rural Development Action Coalition Rally	Seattle, Washington	Jim Evans 202/785-9577

### MAY

1 - 3	Utah Association of Counties Annual Convention	Salt Lake City, Utah Travel Lodge	Jack E. Christiansen 801/359-3332
2 - 4	New Mexico Association of County Annual Convention	Albuquerque, New Mexico	P. Larragoite 505/983-2101
5 - 8	American Society for Public Administration Annual Convention	Syracuse, New York Hotel Syracuse	Richard Legon 202/785-3255
15 - 16	Region III Federal Aid Briefing	Baltimore, Maryland	Stephen Collins 301/494-3317
22 - 24	ICMA/Fairfax County/NACo Managed Growth Conference	Reston, Virginia	Bruce Talley 202/785-9577
29 - 31	Region VI Federal Aid Briefing	New Orleans, Louisiana Hilton Inn at Airport	Roy Wilty 504/367-6611

### JUNE

9 - 12	Montana Association of Counties Annual Conference	Missoula, Montana	Dean Zinnecker 406/442-5209
19 - 21	Association of County Commissions of Alabama Annual Conference	Birmingham, Alabama	O.H. Sharpless 205/263-7594
	New Jersey Association of Chosen Freeholders Annual Conference	Camden County, New Jersey Cherry Hill Inn	Jack Lamping 609/394-3467

23 - 27	Pennsylvania State Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference	Hershey, Pennsylvania	C. Robert Budd 717/232-7554
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26 - 29	Washington State Association of Counties Annual Conference	Seattle, Washington	Jack Rogers 206/357-5536
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### JULY

14 - 17	NACo National Convention	Miami Beach, Florida	Rod Kendig 202/785-9577
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19 - 20	Mississippi Association of Supervisors Annual Conference	Biloxi, Mississippi	601/355-2211
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25 - 27	Maryland Association of Counties Annual Conference	Ocean City, Maryland	Joseph J. Murnane 301/268-5884
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