Troy Brailey rejoins colleagues in legislature

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After a two-month absence, Del. Troy Brailey, D-40, returned to Annapolis Monday to resume his legislative functions. The 64-year-old West Baltimore politician says he missed most of the budget battle, but has arrived in time to help beat back a portion of the near-record $54 million in cuts the House of Delegates have made so far in Governor Hughes' $5.7 million budget.

"I'm taking it easy, but I really came back in the thick of things," said Brailey. "I got back just in time to look after the needs of my people. A lot of legislation comes out of this committee, (the House Ways and Means Committee), with a tight vote, so my vote can make a difference."

Brailey did come back in time to listen to testimony presented before his committee Wednesday on a planned $10 million cut in three state welfare programs.

Although the House voted to cut welfare grants to 18-21-year-old students, the state allocation to local Youth Services Bureaus, and current welfare payments to step-children, the Ways and Means Committee has the final say on those measures.

In a survey vote taken Wednesday, all members of that committee registered their disagreement with the House action. A final vote on the measures is expected by the end of the week.

Brailey, a long-time labor leader, was stricken with a series of heart attacks near the end of last year. He said that one of the attacks, which occured shortly after he was released from the hospital, was brought about by his rage over actor Ben Vereen's black-face performance for President Ronald Reagan at the gala concert given in the executive's honor.

The attacks nearly caused the delegate, who has served 16 years in Annapolis, to consider leaving the political scene, but now he says that he is ready for the legislative wars again.

"I figure that if I just lay back and take it easy, I'll be able to do the job I was sent down here to do."

AFRO CARRIER — Nimoy Carlton, a fifth grade student at Furman L. Templeton Elementary School was named AFRO Carrier of the Month for December. Nimoy has been selling the AFRO for a year.

AFRO Carrier-of-month named

An awards ceremony was held recently at the AFRO for Niomy Carlton, AFRO "Carrier of the Month" and Frankye Duckett, runner-up.

Niomy, who has been selling the AFRO for a year, received a plaque from the Baltimore home delivery manager, Arthur Murray. Niomy says he enjoys math and gym and his favorite sports are swimming, football and baseball.

He has also received special awards for perfect attendance in school and attends Wayside Baptist Church. Duckett, the runner up was given a certificate of achievement. The AFRO business manager Marion Partee made the presentation.

Mothers of the honorees, Mrs. Elouise Carlton and Mrs. Franzelle Duckett received corsages from the AFRO in appreciation of their support to the AFRO carriers.

The honorees were greeted by John H. Murphy III chairman of the AFRO board; Mrs. Mae E. Dyson, secretary and Ronald Jackson, vice-president of circulation.

Others present were Shantel Carlton, Tershon Blackwell; Mrs. Toni Hunter, Al Tyler, national circulation manager; Ed Jackson, and Mrs. Arnetta M. Lottier, circulation promotion manager.

Food prices rise

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said this week that grocery prices in the Baltimore area rose 0.7 percent in February because of large increases for fruits, vegetables, cereals, baked goods and processed goods.

The February grocery price was the 16th consecutive month that the Baltimore area grocery costs have increased, but it was only half as large as the January increase.

Nationally, grocery prices rose 3.8 percent from January to February.

Price increases of 0.9 percent to 1.8 percent for sugar, processed foods, soft drinks, cereals, bakery products, fruits and vegetables caused the February rise in the Baltimore area, the agency said.

However, meat, poultry and seafood prices declined 1.4 percent.

From 19 to 21

Legal drinking age raised

The House Judiciary Committee, which for years bottled up legislation to raise the drinking age for beer and wine, bowed to public pressure this week and voted to raise the minimum age from 18 to 21.

On the final vote, only three of the committee's 23 members opposed the action, although the key vote came earlier when the panel voted 14-8 to raise the minimum age to 21 rather than to 19.

Committee Chairman Joseph Owens, Montgomery, a longtime opponent of raising the drinking age, pledged his support before the final vote was taken.

He said, however, that he would oppose efforts to amend the bill on the House floor to the age of 19.

Delegates Kenneth Masters and Charles Kountz, both D-Baltimore County, were two committee members who reversed their positions on the drinking age issue from last year.

Kountz, who cast the deciding vote to kill the drinking age bill, in 1980, proposed raising it to 21 this year, saying, "when I was elected I said I would represent the views of my constituents. Last year, there were very few phone calls and letters in support of raising the minimum age. That's not the case this year."

The Judiciary Committee must also decide whether to increase the minimum age for serving or selling beer and wine to correspond with the change in drinking age before it sends the bill to the full House.

In a separate action, the committee also passed and sent to the House a bill that would permit under-age drinkers to be penalized with the loss of their driver's licenses.

Sponsored by Delegate Elmer Hagner, D-Anne Arundel, and supported by Owens as an alternative to raising the drinking age, the measure was passed by the General Assembly last year but vetoed by Gov. Harry Hughes for technical reasons.

Before agreeing to raise the minimum age to 21, the committee rejected separate efforts to make the higher drinking age applicable only to off-premises sales of beer and wine, while still allowing 18 year olds or 19 year olds to legally drink beer or wine in a bar or restaurant.

The proposals, prompted by a similar action this year in the Virginia General Assembly, never gained more than five votes.

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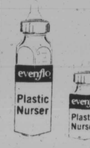
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Sachs favors legal aid

Maryland Attorney General Stephen Sachs told a House subcommittee that President Reagan's proposed elimination of legal aid programs would be "cutting off the poor from the courts."

Sachs, testifying before the House Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice, said Congress should not stop funding for the Federal Legal Services Corp., with 330 local programs that provide legal services for about 30 million poor Americans.

Reagan's proposed elimination of the program would "work a radical and mean-spirited change in the nation's legal system" Sachs said.

The attorney general said that legal aid attorneys in Maryland have regained unemployment compensation for 24,000 state residents whose benefits were wrongly reduced, restored Medicaid services to 188,000 people whose aid was improperly ended and established the right of people to a hearing before being involuntarily committed to state mental institutions.

"Each of these cases, and hundreds more like them in Maryland and elsewhere in the country illustrate the value to the poor, to Congress and to the states of law enforcement through legal services programs," Sachs said.

Sachs said poor people are in a "consistently precarious legal position" because they often have inadequate housing, unscrupulous landlords and poor health care.

Without legal services, they would have no way to fight such problems in the court, Sachs said.

He said public officials are tempted to resent legal services to the poor, particularly when "lawyers for the poor are successfully litigating against us in sensitive areas such as the quality of care provided in mental institutions or the failure to adequately fund important social programs."

But, he said, the legal aid attorneys are often right, and he added that the president's changes in social programs will be accompanied by new laws that may be incorrectly implemented in some cases, requiring legal steps to help the poor.

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Defendants may lose right to trial by jury

In an attempt to lessen the circuit court caseload, the House of Delegates voted this week to take away a defendant's right to demand a jury trial if a district court judge agrees the defendant's sentence will not exceed 90 days.

The measure, supported by Gov. Harry Hughes and the state's judges, passed on a 112-11 vote, now goes to the Senate.

Supporters of the change argued that the right to jury trials has been abused by lawyers seeking a different judge, a more convenient courthouse, a more favorable plea bargain, or who want to delay the trial repeatedly as a way to discourage alleged victims or witnesses from testifying.

Delegate V. Lanny Harchenhorn, R-Carroll, one of the few opponents, said he was concerned judges would be caught in a "catch 22": that they would be asked to decide if a sentence would exceed 90 days without knowing the facts of a case of the defendant's background, but would be prohibited from hearing the case if they knew the defendant's peronal background first.

"I can hardly believe what I'm hearing, said Delegate Frank Conaway, D-Baltimore, an opponent. "Are we saying we are going to infringe on the rights of individuals to lower the work load of judges?"

But Judiciary Committee chairman Joseph Owens, D-Montgomery, said, "Everybody is going into District Court and asking for a jury trial." He said the problem was particularly acute in the Baltimore court system.

"Usually it's a minor case (and they seek a jury trial) so they can get a better decision when they plea bargain," he said. "For the victim, it's his third or fourth time in court and it wears him out."

Owens said the accused would not be hurt by the change because he or she still has the automatic "denovo" right to appeal any District Court ruling to the Circuit Court and face a sentence no more severe than handed down by the lower court.

"It's a bill to stop them from asking for a jury trial just to prolong the case," he said.

37 YEARS — Mrs. Beatrice E. Wilson, longtime proofroom supervisor for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, with her husband, Roland, at her retirement party held recently at the AFRO office. Mrs. Wilson had been with the company for 37 years. Mr. Wilson is a retired city employee.

90-year old woman

Teen arrested in rape case

Police arrested an 18-year-old man this week accused of raping a 90-year-old woman and burglarizing her home last Sunday.

Police said Theodore Howard and his 19-year-old stepbrother, whose name is being withheld pending further investigation, were arrested.

The woman woke up and found two young men standing beside her bed, police said. They apparently entered the house by breaking a back window.

One of the suspects threatened the woman with a knife and said he would kill her if she did not give him money, police said.

Investigators said one man raped her while the man with the knife watched. The two then tied the woman's ankles with a scarf and her hands with a ribbon, police said. The suspects ransacked the house and scattered the contents of drawers in their search for money, but only stole a coat before leaving.

The woman crawled out of bed, down the stairs, and was found by a newspaper boy as she sat inside the open front door, police said.

Gibbons accepting

Cardinal Gibbons High School is now accepting applications for the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade classes for September '81.

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White House favors lower minimum wage

By Ira R. Allen
UPI: The federal administration supports a lower minimum wage for teen-agers, but is not ready to endorse a specific legislative proposal, Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan told Congress this week.

As a Senate subcommittee opened hearing on the issue, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce also came out in favor of a youth sub-minimum but warned against efforts to increase the current $3.35 hourly minimum wage for other workers.

Donovan told the subcommittee he supports the "concept of a youth sub-minimum wage. However, I do not believe that we presently have sufficient information to allow us to endorse a specific legislative proposal."

White House aides said President Reagan told Donovan to carry the message to Capitol Hill that he supports "in principle" the lower minimum.

Deputy Secretary Karna Small told reporters Reagan gave Donovan his marching orders following a meeting with his cabinet-level economic advisers Monday, but did not specify any particular bill he is ready to support.

Backers say the lower wage will encourage employers to give unemployed youth a chance, but organized labor claims it would throw older employees out of work.

Senate Labor Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has suggested a "youth opportunity wage" under which teenagers would be able to work for less than the $3.35 minimum wage for a period of time while they are trained at their first job.

Subcommittee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., has proposed entirely exempting 16 and 17 year olds from the minimum wage.

The bill at issue proposes a youth wage 25 percent below the minimum for newly hired employees aged 16 to 19 during the first 100 days on the job. A similar bill proposed by Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., proposes a youth wage 15 percent below the minimum wage under the same conditions.

At the same time, however, the chamber came out against attempts to hike the minimum wage for other workers. Some business groups have expressed concern that a lower minimum for teenagers, could produce pressure on Congress to increase the minimum wage.

In a letter to Nickles, Hilton Davis, chamber vice president for legislative affairs, said the minimum wage has increased more than 46 percent since 1977 and each jump in the rate over this period has contributed substantially to unemployment.

Mitchell calls cuts 'savage'

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md., says President Reagan's budget cutting proposals are "stupid" and "fiscal savagery against the poor."

Mitchell, addressing the House Budget Committee this week, urged the committee members to consider Reagan's economic recovery plans carefully.

Some of the administration's proposals will not only be immediately harmful to the poor but are stupid" for the nation in the long run, he said.

Cutting back on training programs will result in a depletion of welfare programs, Mitchell said.

"We can no more afford to ill-prepare our youth to be competitive than we can afford for our military to be non-competitive," he said.

The congressman labeled Reagan's proposals as "savage" because they eliminate aid to the poor without giving time for the creation of jobs in the private sector to fill the gap.

Mitchell suggested removing federally supported jobs in proportion to the creation of jobs in the private sector.

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