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Critics ID problems with law

National identity card rules prove logistical nightmare for states

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INDIANAPOLIS
Virginia L. Campbell

Virginia L. Campbell, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, in Indianapolis. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include four daughters, Judy Hainly, Jeanie Sparks, Rebecca McGrane and Barbara Peery; two sisters, Viola Bennett and Wanda Day; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis Campbell.

A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Home, 1604 W. Morris St., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

MARTINSVILLE
Harold William Cragen

Harold William Cragen, 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. He was a resident of Martinsville.

Survivors include a son, William J. "Jerry" Cragen of Martinsville; three daughters, Sonja R. "Becky" Neal, Ann A. Marvel and Harolda R. Baugh, all of Martinsville; a brother, Robert "Bobby" Cragen of Greenwood; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Guy and Matilda Rebecca (Beck) Cragen; and his wife, Rosemary (Miller) Cragen.

The Rev. Stan Icenogle will conduct a funeral service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Neal and Summers Mortuary, 110 E. Poston Road in Martinsville. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bluff Creek Cemetery in Bargersville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bluff Creek Cemetery Association, 6286 W. State Road 144, Greenwood, IN 46143.

BEECH GROVE
Joseph Michael Hill

Joseph Michael Hill, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006. He was a resident of Beech Grove.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie (Simpson) Hill; three sons, Thomas J. Hill of Bloomington, Charles R. (Jennifer) Hill of New Palestine, Kenneth W. (Tracy) Hill of Beech Grove; a daughter, Margaret Ann Hill of Beech Grove; a sister, Rosemary (William) Bowers of Beech Grove; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph M. and Gertrude (Bauer) Hill.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Name Catholic Church, 89 N. 17th Ave. in Beech Grove. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Little and Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove Chapel, 1301 Main St.

BEDFORD
Marguerite B. (Barton) Stewart

Marguerite B. (Barton) Stewart, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at her residence in Bedford. She was a former resident of Johnson County.

Survivors include her husband, Charles E. Stewart.

Arrangements are pending at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center in Morgantown.

CORRECTION

Barbara Ann (Kipp) Parks, 51, of Franklin, who died Tuesday, was preceded in death by her parents, John and Juanita (Jenkins) Kipp. The information was incorrect in Thursday's Daily Journal.

Obituary policy

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.

By BRIAN BERGSTEIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An anti-terrorism law creating a national standard for all driver's licenses by 2008 isn't upsetting just civil libertarians and immigration rights activists.

State motor vehicle officials nationwide who will have to carry out the Real ID Act say its authors grossly underestimated its logistical, technological and financial demands.

In a comprehensive survey obtained by The Associated Press and in follow-up interviews, officials cast doubt on the states' ability to comply with the law on time and fretted that it will be a budget buster.

"It is just flat out impossible and unrealistic to meet the prescriptive provisions of this law by 2008," Betty Serian, a deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, said in an interview.

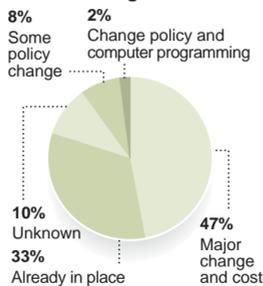
Nebraska's motor vehicles director, responding to the survey by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, said that to comply with Real ID her state "may have to consider extreme measures and possibly a complete reorganization."

States push to limit license loopholes

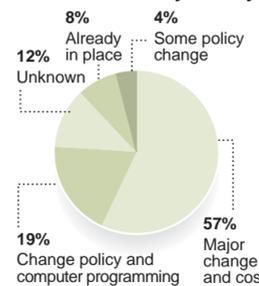
The Real ID Act, an anti-terrorism law requiring all driver's licenses to conform to national standards, poses major challenges for states as they rush to unify the licensing and identification process.

Problems encountered for states...

... changing licenses to include full legal names



... requiring validity of documents to verify identity



SOURCE: Department of Motor Vehicles

AP

And a new record-sharing provision of Real ID was described by an Illinois official as "a nightmare for all states."

"Can we go home now??" the official wrote.

States use a hodgepodge of systems and standards in granting driver's licenses and identification cards. In some places, a high

school yearbook may be enough to prove identity.

A major goal of Real ID — which was motivated by the Sept. 11 attacks, whose perpetrators had legitimate driver's licenses — is to unify the disparate licensing rules and make it harder to fraudulently obtain a card.

The law also demands that states

link their record-keeping systems to national databases so duplicate applications can be detected, illegal immigrants caught and driving histories shared.

State licenses that fail to meet Real ID's standards will not be able to be used to board an airplane or enter a federal building.

The law, which was attached to a funding measure for the Iraq war last May, has been criticized by civil libertarians who contend it will create a de facto national ID card and new centralized databases, inhibiting privacy.

State organizations such as the National Governors Association have blasted the law as well. Many states will have to amend laws in order to comply.

Jeff Lungren, a spokesman for Real ID's principal backer, House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said there is no chance states might win a delay of the 2008 deadline.

"We gave three years for this process," he said. "Every day that we continue to have security loopholes, we're at greater risk."

The August survey by the motor vehicle administrators' group, which has not been made public, asked licensing officials nationwide for detailed reports on what it will take to meet Real ID's demands.

It was not meant to produce an overall estimate of the cost of complying with Real ID. But detailed estimates produced by a few states indicate the price will blow past a February 2005 analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, which estimated Congress would need to spend \$100 million reimbursing states.

Pennsylvania alone estimated a hit of up to \$85 million. Washington state projected at least \$46 million annually in the first several years.

Separately, a December report to Virginia's governor pegged the potential price tag for that state as high as \$169 million, with \$63 million annually in successive years. Of the initial cost, \$33 million would be just to redesign computing systems.

It remains unclear how much funding will come from the federal government and how much the states will shoulder by raising fees on driver's licenses.

"If you begin to look at the full ramifications of this, we are talking about billions and billions of dollars. Congress simply passed an unfunded mandate," said Barry Steinhardt, director of the technology and liberty project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Candidates short in GOP leadership votes

By ANDREW TAYLOR
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Despite a weeklong campaign, both Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt and Ohio Rep. John Boehner acknowledge they remain short of the tally required to succeed embattled former Majority Leader Tom DeLay as the No. 2 Republican in the House.

Blunt claims the lead and issued a statement claiming more than 100 supporters, though his list of those willing to make their names public contains just 70 lawmakers. To win the race to replace DeLay, R-Texas, requires 116 votes, a majority of the 231 member House GOP conference.

An aide to Boehner claimed the Ohio Republican and chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee has 90 committed supporters, but only 36 have made public commitments.

A potential dark horse, Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., was inching toward a decision on whether to run, saying candidates Blunt and Boehner won't move aggressively enough to drive the party after a series of ethics scandals. Shadegg may announce a decision today.

Neither declared candidate's claim could be verified because the election is by secret ballot. Before Thursday, Blunt and Boehner would only reveal publicly declared supporters, and the release of the new claims of support seemed in part designed to discourage new entrants into the race.

But some lawmakers, such as Blunt supporter Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., have said they may reconsider their positions should the field of candidates expand.

The election is Feb. 2. Shadegg is positioned to run as the outsider and fresh face to Blunt and Boehner, each of whom has extensive ties to Washington's lobbyist money culture. But Shadegg also has shed more than \$6,900 in campaign contributions from sources connected with disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Boehner and Blunt, meanwhile, are in a bidding war over who backs a broader reform agenda.

Boehner vowed Thursday to abolish the controversial "K

Street project," in which GOP leaders pressured trade associations and lobbying firms to hire Republicans to raise money for the party and promote its agenda. Blunt has been a top liaison to the lobbying community.

"If I am elected majority leader, there will no longer be a 'K Street project,' or anything else like it," Boehner said.

Blunt has countered with support for banning privately funded travel by lawmakers and imposing penalties on lobbyists who violate the gift ban, which generally limits gifts to lawmakers at \$50 per

item and \$100 per year from any individual, including lobbyists.

The majority leader sets the House floor schedule and drives much of the day-to-day agenda. Whoever wins the race could be well positioned to replace House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., whom some expect to step aside in three years after President Bush leaves office.

Several rank-and-file Republicans, led by Rep. John Sweeney of New York, are pressing for a fuller examination of the leadership and elections for every leadership post except for Hastert's.



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