

# President Proposes Controls on Energy

## Rationing, Shutdowns Predicted

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President Nixon yesterday proposed a wide-ranging energy conservation program that would give him standby authority to ration gasoline and fuel oil, reduce speed limits, exempt industries from environmental controls and impose taxes on excessive use of energy.

The President also called for a series of voluntary controls by American citizens, such as increased use of car pools and lower thermostat settings in homes and factories, intended to save between 2 and 3 million barrels of oil a day.

John Love, the President's chief energy policy adviser, said the administration's request for the standby controls would be incorporated into pending legislation authored by Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.).

Love said the administration already was developing plans for rationing of heating oil and gasoline. He said it was probable but "not inevitable" that these would be put into effect this winter.

Before the administration embarks on such a rationing

plan, which Love said could resemble the gas rationing program of World War II, every voluntary measure should be tried because rationing would be "one of the most horrendous exercises ever undertaken by government."

But Jackson said yesterday that gasoline rationing is inevitable. He predicted the energy shortage ultimately will force the government to order some industries to close.

Jackson, chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, said his panel would complete action Friday on a bill to give the administration authority to ration gasoline and to reduce highway speed limits to 50 mph.

The emergency legislation sought by the President also would give him authority to:

- Curtail outdoor electrical advertising and ornamental lighting such as Christmas displays.
- Reduce commercial operating hours.
- Authorize year-round daylight savings time.

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