

Republicans stall aid to Poland and Hungary?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's attempt to speed aid to Poland and Hungary is stalled by a Republican bid to advance an unrelated and controversial

issue — the capital gains tax cut. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell made clear Thursday that he would not per-

mit a Republican amendment containing a capital-gains measure to come to a vote, a decision that threw the fate of the Poland-Hungary authorization

bill into doubt.

Aides said the Maine Democrat would temporarily shelve the aid bill.

K of C is urged to dump politicians who favor abortion

Boston Globe
Leaders of four anti-abortion groups have urged the Knights of Columbus to expel nine prominent Democratic politicians for their positions favoring abortion rights.

Among the politicians "who are self-proclaimed Catholics and Knights and yet repeatedly give scandal by promoting or voting for the killing of unborn children" the critics named Gov. Mario M. Cuomo of New York, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and Rep. Edward Markey of Massachusetts, and Rep. James J. Florio of New Jersey, who is now running for governor in that state.

Others were Reps. Edward Roybal of California, Bernard Dwyer of New Jersey, Tom McMillen of Maryland, James Traficant Jr. of Ohio and David R. Obey of Wisconsin.

Cuomo is a member of the Knights and "believes his position is sound theologically," Karen Polk, his press aide, said Thursday. Spelled out in a 1984 address at the University of Notre Dame, Cuomo's position has been supported by "a number of respected

theologians and has not changed," she said.

A spokesman for Markey said he is not a member and has not been "for a good dozen years." An aide said Kennedy's office had no comment on the criticism.

The anti-abortion leaders said, "There may well be other pro-abortion politicians masquerading as devoted Knights, but the above named are the only ones who could be verified at this time." Signing the statement were the Rev. Paul Marx, president of Human Life International, the Rev. Charles Fiore, chairman of the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee, Judie Brow, president of the American Life League, and Joseph Scheidler, director of the Pro-life Action League.

To be a Knight, one need only be 18 years old and a practicing Roman Catholic, according to Russell Shaw, director of public information for the men's fraternal society.

"The Knights of Columbus are being asked to be more Catholic than the pope," Shaw said.

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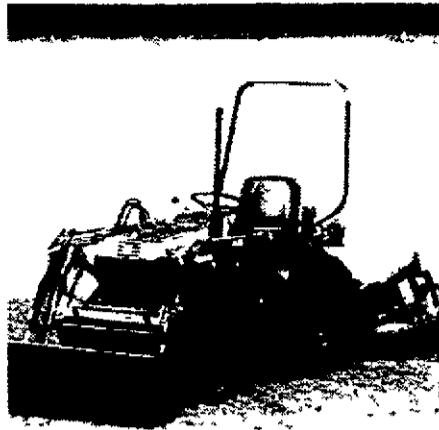
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Nationwide calls set for missing boy

ST JOSEPH, Minn. (AP) — The sheriff's office installed extra phones hoping that a caller will respond with news of the whereabouts of an 11-year-old boy abducted at gunpoint.

More than 40 deputies set out on horseback Thursday to search dry fields near the spot where Jacob Wetterling was abducted by the masked man dressed in black Sunday evening, but they found nothing.

And authorities said an earlier lead that the kidnapper may have been driving a small red car turned out to be bogus.

An art student who owns such a car called authorities to say he had been driving in the area in search of good material to sketch, and probably was spotted by several residents who thought the driver was suspicious.

"We believe that was the vehicle we had been looking for," said Jim Kostreba, chief deputy sheriff of Stearns County.

The Fox network's "A Current Affair" aired a segment on the abduction Thursday night, and Kostreba said telephones at search headquarters began ringing almost continuously as soon as the phone number was shown.

"We had to hook up additional phones," he said. "We're getting calls from all up and down the East Coast" from people volunteering information about similar cases.

A group of anonymous Twin Cities business leaders Thursday night offered a \$100,000 cash reward for Jacob's return unharmed within the next 72 hours. St. Joseph community organizers are offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to Jacob's safe return.

FBI spokesman Byron Gigler said 20 agents have been assigned to the case.

Jacob was riding bikes after dark with his 10-year-old brother, Trevor, and an 11-year-old friend in this central Minnesota town of 2,200 people. The trip to a convenience store to rent a videotape was the boy's first trip out by himself at night, said his father, Jerry Wetterling.

On the way back to the Wetterlings' house, the boys were accosted by a man who had what appeared to be pantyhose pulled over his head to distort his facial features.

The two boys who escaped told police the man pulled a gun and asked them their ages, then ordered them to run away and threatened to shoot them.

CORRECTION

In the Sears October 22 edition that may have been inserted in your newspaper, there was an error on page 12. We incorrectly stated that the Camcorder #53762 has a pro-edit feature. It does not. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.

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