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CANNON SPONSORS ANTI HIKE BILL

WASHINGTON --- Senator Howard Cannon has co-sponsored legislation to block and administration proposal to raise the cost of food stamps.

"The administration's proposed hike in food stamp prices would affect mostly one and two-per-son households, many of whom are elderly," said Cannon.

The President's proposal, scheduled to become effective March 1, would require nearly all food stamp recipients to pay 30 per cent of their in-come for the stamps. Recipients now pay on a sliding scale according to income and the size of a family, with payments averaging 23 per cent of income.

Federal food stamp officials have said the in-crease would save the government \$650 million a year, but Cannon countered that this particular sa-"takes away from those who can least afving ford it. I will not support such an effort.

The legislation Cannon co-sponsored also would reduce the maximum charge of net food stamp in-come from 30 to 25 per cent. "In essence, those recipients now paying up to 25 per cent of their income for food stamps would continue to pay that amount," said Cannon. "But those paying 26 and 30 per cent of their income would be required to pay only 25 per cent.

Clark County employment held steady in December, but unemployment rose as the magnetic Southern Nevada economy continued to attract more jobseekers than it could absorb. the state job agency's local manager said Wednesday.

Las Vegas Manager Charles Smith of the Nevada Employment Security Department said 139,200 Southern Nevadans were working in December 1974, boosting employment 4,400 over December 1973. and holding it steady at the November level.

An additional 1,200 jobless put unemployment at 14,900 and edged the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate up eight tenths of a percentage point to 9.9 per cent.

Smith said three of Clark County's major business sectors added new workers to December payrolls. A healthy trade industry was forerunner with 500 new paychecks, and government and man-

I believe that it would be almost impossible to find anywhere in America a Black man who has lived further down in the mud of human society than I have ... or a Black man who has suffered more anguish during his life than I

ufacturing gained 100 each.

UNEMPLOYMENT

UP IN NEVADA

Four sectors- mining, consturction, transpor-tation-public ut lities and finance-insurance-real estate--remained unchanged at the November levels. Only the tourist-oriented service industry, traditionally responsive to seasonal fluctuations, was down in December--by 700 jobs,

In December to December comparisons, however, Clark County's mammoth service industry set the pace for growth records, leading five gain-ing sectors. Service added 3,900 workers during the year, followed by trade, up 1,500. Transpor-tation-public utilities added 600 paychecks, gov-ernment 200 and mining 100.

Battered all year by nationwide economic pro-blems, construction and the realted field of finance-insurance-real estate showed losses of 1,200 and 100 jobs respectively. Manufacturing also hit by the worsening national economy, was down 300.

have. But it is only after the deepest darkness that the greatest joy can come; it is only after slavery and prison that the sweetest appreciation of freedom can come. The Autobiography of Malcolm X

CONCERT MEMORIAL FOR DUKE ELLINGTON

When Duke Ellington died in 1974 the world lost one of the greatest musical artists of all time.

Ellington's career spanned half a century. He was a composer, arranger, pianist, enter-tainer, recording artist and creative genius.

Working with a series of distinguished lysicists he wrote the music of such greats as "Don't Get Around Much Any More," "Satin Doll,""I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good," "Take the ATr-ain," "Mood Indigo," and the list goes on and on.

On Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m in the Judy Bayley Theatre, there will be a concert-appreclation of Duke Ellington.

The program will feature contributions by such talented artists as Jow Williams, Kiki Page Bobby Sherwood, Rick Davis, and columnist Joe Delaney. The music will be performed by the Tommy Hodges Orches-tra featuring James Moody, Carl Fontana and Sam Noto.

There will be nocover charge. The music for this occasion is provided by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund (Kenneth E. Raine, trustee), a public service organization created and financed by the Recording Industries under agreements with the American Federation of Musicians. The grant was obtained with the cooperation of Local 369, A.F.M., Jack

Foy, president. Though the world re-members Ellington best as a composer of songs, his most dedicated fans, both laymen and profesthat some of his greatcreated for his orchestra

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