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TRAIN WRECKAGE BURNS NEAR COLLEGE PARK—Flames from burning tank cars, overturned amid a wreckage of freight box cars, leap high into the night. Firemen battle the blaze at the scene of the wreck last night on the B. & O. tracks at Lakeland, Md., near College Park. (Story on Page A-1.)—Star Staff Photo by Paul Schmick.

House D.C. Committee Meets This Week on Gas Tax, Other Bills

The House District Committee is planning a meeting this week, probably Wednesday or Thursday, to act on a mounting array of bills being reported from subcommittees.

One of these is the proposed increase from 4 to 5 cents a gallon in the District's gasoline tax.

District officials say this boost is needed to help finance the city's huge long-range highway and bridge construction program. There may be a contest since District Committee Chairman McMillan has taken a stand for continuation of the present 4 cent rate.

Unless there is new legislation, however, the rate automatically

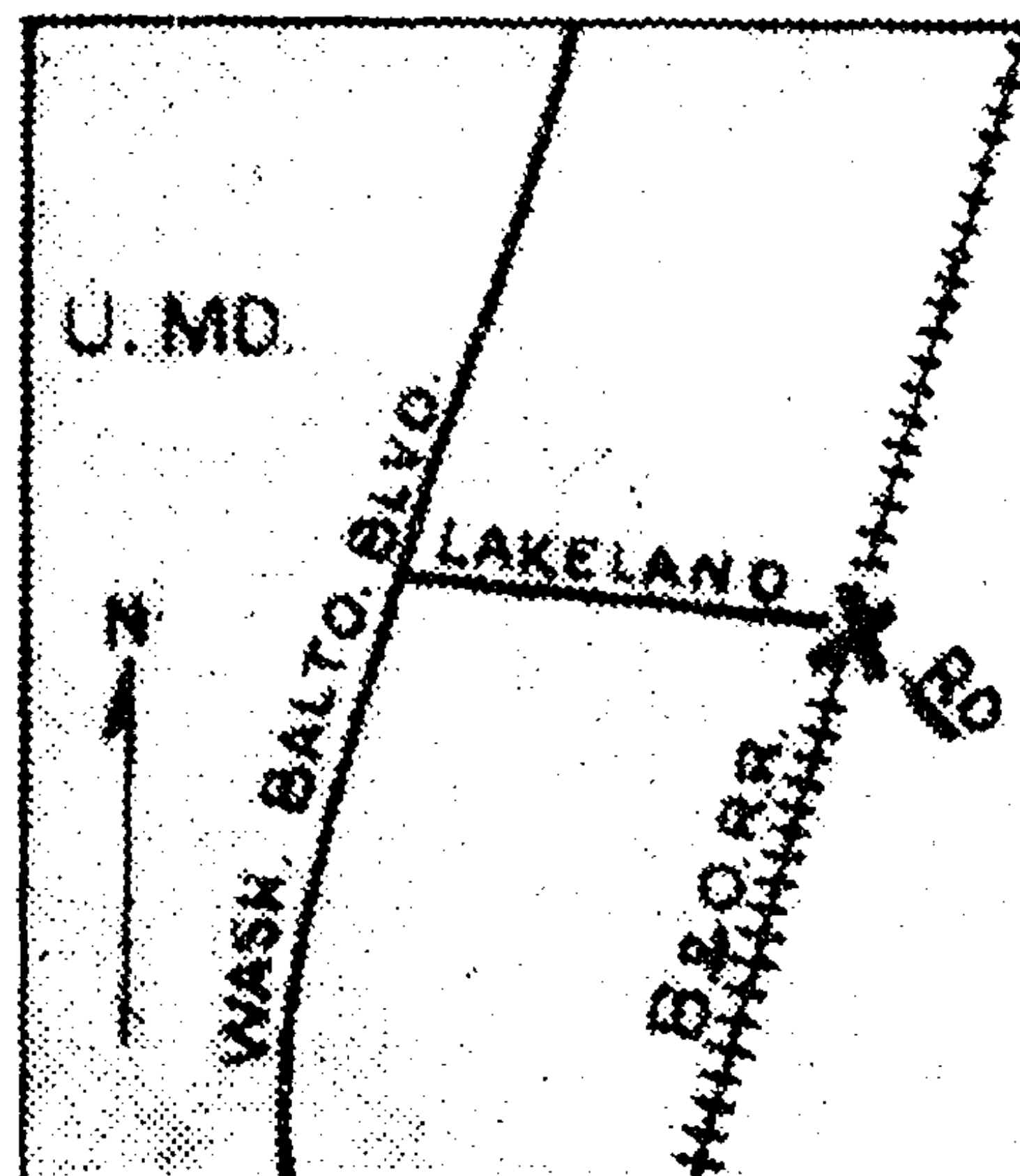
Calendar of D. C. Legislation

More than 100 bills affecting the District are pending before Congress. Some are almost ready for final action; some probably will not be acted on at all in this session.

This calendar shows the status of the major bills and a few miscellaneous minor bills:

- Appropriations.** District supply bill for year beginning July 1; passed House March 28; now awaiting Senate action.
- Third supplemental appropriation bill for fiscal 1952; passed both House and Senate; in conference.
- Suffrage.** National representation: Senate measure for District representatives and electors and Senate

- eral categories; passed by Senate, pending in House.
- Exemption of household effects from District personal property tax; hearings held; bill considered dead.
- Rent Control.** House and Senate bills to extend District rent control for year from July 1; House District subcommittee reported approval to full committee.
- Public Works.** Washington - Baltimore Parkway: Ready for House floor action. Interior Department appropriation bill carries \$6,750,000 for parkway construction; passed by House and sent to Senate.
- Nevius Tract, Arlington County: House bill to transfer land from General Services Administration to Interior Department for George



WRECK SCENE—Map locates train wreck (X) at Lakeland, Md., east of College Park.

report; James M. Landis now engaged in this.

Police. Senate bill removing 132 mem-

bill passed by Senate, no House action.

Senate bill to increase fees paid to District by licensed dentists; passed by Senate, in House District Committee.

Senate bill changing regulations of veterinarians; passed by Senate, in House District Committee.

Senate bill amending Board of Accountancy law; passed by Senate, in House District Committee.

Senate bill amending pharmacy regulation act; reported by District Committee.

Senate bill for control and inspection of pharmacies; in Senate District Committee.

Senate bill increasing nurses' registration fees; Senate District subcommittee to hold hearing Thursday.

House bill to permit minors to participate in stage shows; approved by House District subcommittee; Senate District subcommittee to hold hearing on similar

District subcommittee.

Senate bill requiring regular wage payments, at least semi-monthly; passed by Senate last June 21, in House District Committee.

Senate bill to bring District credit unions in line with Federal credit unions; in Senate District Committee.

Senate bill prohibiting sale of rockfish weighing more than 15 pounds; passed by Senate last June 21; action withheld by House District Committee.

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