

SST Could Increase Skin Cancer: Scientists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three scientists said today that supersonic jetliners could increase skin cancer. Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., charged that the White House gagged a fourth.

The three experts agreed at a news conference called by Proxmire that scientific evidence supports the possibility that SST's could increase U.S. skin cancer cases by 10,000 a year, although there is no proof.

Proxmire charged that Dr. Gio Gori of the National Cancer Institute, who said the increase would range from 23,000 to 103,000 skin cancer cases in the United States alone, was prevented by White House intervention from appearing at the news conference.

Proxmire said the three who appeared were among 24 scientists who supported the

theory of Dr. James E. McDonald, a member of the National Academy of Scientists, that 500 SST's could reduce the stratosphere's zone shield against ultraviolet radiation and increase skin cancer cases.

Dr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, chief of dermatology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, said there is no question that increased

radiation would increase skin cancer cases.

Conway B. Leovy, associate professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington, said 800 SST flights a day in the stratosphere would increase its water vapor 12 per cent and there is "circumstantial" evidence this would react with and reduce the stratosphere's zone shield.

Committee Vetoes No Smoking Bill

PHOENIX (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee killed a House bill today that would have prohibited smoking in public elevators, despite a plea for passage by its sponsor,

physical incompetence.

Under questioning by the committee, Paul Boykin, executive secretary for the Arizona Medical Association, reported that only 15 or 20 of the