

Re: Oracle – DST 2007 heads up

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In article <53mh4rF1t2mt9U1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, bill@xxxxxxxxxxx (Bill Gunshannon) writes:

All DST does is move the window of daylight within the window of time during which we function. My day (and I am sure most others as well) starts before the sun comes up and ends long after it goes down.

A lot of people work from dark to dark in the winter. Fewer people work from dark to dark in the spring and fall. Where you are within your timezone has a distinct affect on this.

Work isn't your whole day. When do you get up in the morning and when do you go to sleep? I am willing to bet that both are in darkness like mine are.

Here, I am getting enough daylight in the morning to not have my headlights on while I drive to work. In Indiana, most of the state is too dark for that. When EDT hits I will almost need the headlights in the morning again.

Most DOT's recommend driving with your lights on all the time. No energy saving there.

But I have a 40 minute commute. Many folks in the NY City area have a longer commute. I used to have 5 minnute to 15 minute commutes earlier in my life.

A lot of people will still be able to keep their house/auto/work lights

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off if they are doing so today. A lot of other people are not so lucky. A little energy will be saved and Congress will be able to say they took action on our energy issues.

The only change is going to be who pays. Do I use more lights at home or at the office? The window is the same, the only thing that changes is what I am doing at some particular tick of the clock.

What really didn't make sense was when Jimmy Carter put DST into play in the middle of the winter in the 1970s. No one benefited from that.

I am still waiting to see where anyone benefits from it at all, ever.

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