



Report From Washington

By Rep. Walter B. Jones

Last week the first real battle of the present session occurred in the fight to extend the federal aid to education legislation. The Education and Labor Committee of the House brought to the floor a bill which would have extended the present school aid legislation for five years. It contained, among other things, provisions setting up advisory boards to local boards of education. It also continued the direct grants to the local school units.

Before any consideration by the House on this bill, the committee realized there was little or no chance to pass the five year extension, and so they presented a substitute bill which reduced the five years to three and removed the requirement for advisory boards. Shortly thereafter, Congresswoman Edith Green, considered one of the best friends of educa-

tion in the Congress, introduced an amended bill which provided for a two-year extension and block grants directly to the states for some purposes, which would replace the direct, categorical grants to individual school districts, heretofore in effect. After a long debate, including a plea from Speaker McCormack to support the committee bill, the House by a vote of 235 to 184 accepted the amended bill offered by Mrs. Green. All North Carolina Congressmen voted for the Green substitute except Congressman Preyer.

In reporting the results, most of the press called this a coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans. This is far from the truth, for as a matter of fact, the leaders of the Green amendment were, of course, Mrs. Green herself from Oregon, Congressman Quie from Minnesota, Ayres of Ohio and Gaiamo of Connecticut.

I do not think that partisan politics should be a part of any bill as important as this subject is to the future of the school systems of this nation. I sincerely hope that the Senate will concur in the House version of this authorization for I believe school administrators and local boards will find that this is an improvement

over the present law. Also last week I introduced a bill which will provide certain genetic standards for seeds being shipped in interstate commerce. At the present time most states have local laws requiring certain purity and standards; however, due to the varying of one state from another, by example, a North Carolina farmer could purchase seeds which have been produced in South Carolina, and the South Carolina standards may not be as strong as the North Carolina standards. Hopefully, this bill will provide assurances to the individual farmer that the seeds which he must purchase are of uniform quality and will ultimately produce the desired results. Actually, the bill introduced merely amends the present federal law by adding the following:

The term "seed certifying agency" means (A) an agency authorized under the laws of a state, territory or possession, to officially certify seed and which has standards and procedures approved by the secretary to assure the genetic purity and identity of the seed certified . . .

To those who may feel that this is a further vestment of power in a federal

agency, let me assure you that this bill was called to my attention by leaders of the seed producing industry and has the approval of the American Seedmen's Association.

President Nixon sent to the Congress his long awaited message on crime control. It was unusual in that the main thrust was towards organized crime and profits, their invasion into legitimate enterprises and the evasion of taxes.

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ACCEPTED AT HOSPITAL—Gloria Ann Hollowell has been accepted at Watts Hospital in Durham upon completion of her BS degree at East Carolina University. She will remain at Watts to work on a medical technology degree. Miss Hollowell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hollowell of Tyner.

Local Church Host For Meeting

Albemarle Presbytery, the governing body for the Presbyterian Church U. S., in Northeastern North Carolina, held its 160th stated spring meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Edenton, on April 15.

The meeting was convened at 10 A. M. by the retiring moderator, Rev. Thomas M. Davis of Greenville. The opening sermon was preached by Thomas M. Byrd, a senior at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., and a candidate for ordination into the ministry.

James A. Boykin, ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church at Goldsboro, moderator nominee, was presented and elected by acclamation. The major business of the morning session was the examination of two men given calls by churches in Northeastern North Carolina.

Lunch was served to the 80 Presbyters and guests, including Rev. George B. Holmes of Edenton, by the women of the church.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M. in the church sanctuary and was led in

opening prayer by the moderator. The business of the afternoon session consisted mainly in receiving of reports by the various committees of Presbytery. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P. M. by the moderator and the Presbyters were invited to drive through Historical Edenton and enjoy some of the history of the Cradle of the Colonies.

Rev. Warren Nance and Ruling Elder R. S. Carr were representatives of First Presbyterian Church, Edenton.



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