



Report From Washington By Rep. Walter B. Jones

Last week provided many long sessions with the House meeting each day at noon and adjourning at about 9 P. M. each evening. This was necessary due to the large volume of conference reports to be considered as a result of differences between House and Senate versions of legislation.

Among these was the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The House had previously amended the bill to provide for judicial proceedings which would give management an opportunity to defend itself against charges of violations. The Senate changed this to provide that the Secretary of Labor would have the authority to virtually close any factory or plant in this country according to standards which he alone would determine. The House concurred with the Senate version, and on the conference report vote, the North Carolina delegation was split. Along with Congressmen Fountain, Henderson, Lennon, Jonas and Fountain, Henderson, Lennon, Ruth and I voted no.

Janos and Ruth, I voted no. I could not in good conscience agree to give the Secretary of Labor or any other department of government such broad powers.

Another bill that provoked much debate was one amending the present Food Stamp Act. The two most controversial parts of this legislation were, one, the issuance of food stamps to strikers; and two, a provision for states to participate in the cost of the program. An amendment was adopted by a voice vote which would have added a provision to prohibit the use of stamps in the case of strikes or other voluntary work stoppages. A few months later, on a roll call concerning the same amendment, it was defeated, thereby permitting the use of food stamps for strikers in the future.

Another provision which was objectionable was one providing for state financial participation. So, on final passage and with the objectionable features contained in the bill, Congressmen Fountain, Henderson, Lennon, Jonas and Ruth and I voted no.

A few months ago, the Committee on Internal Security conducted hearings as to subversive speakers and activities on college campuses. At the conclusion of the hearings, a report was printed listing names, dates and other information. A federal judge in Washington, D. C., issued an order prohibiting the committee chairman, Congressman Icord, from releasing

this information. So, on Monday a resolution was successfully introduced overriding the court's decision. Those of us supporting the resolution did so for the reason of the constitutional separation of powers between the judicial and the legislative branches. This court decision was the first of its nature in the history of this country.

It was announced last week that the 91st Congress will recess on December 22, but would reconvene on Monday, December 28 and stay in session until January 2, 1971, at which time the 91st Congress would adjourn "sine die" with the 92nd Congress convening on January 21, 1971.



STAYING AT LACKLAND—Airman Thomas L. Bulls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Bulls, Route 1, Edenton, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is remaining at Lackland for training as a security policeman. Airman Bulls is a 1970 graduate of Chowan High School in Tyner.



Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman in a scene from Paramount Pictures' "WUSA," at the Taylor Theater Wednesday through Saturday. The story of an itinerant disc jockey who becomes involved with the political activities of a conservative radio station, the Technicolor-Panavision attraction also stars Anthony Perkins.



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