



## REPORT FROM U.S. Senator JESSE ★★ HELMS

WASHINGTON—Slowly but surely, the politicians in Congress are beginning to learn what the people of America have known all along—that forced busing of schoolchildren is a harmful, destructive assault on quality education itself.

During the 6½ years I have been in the Senate, I suppose that I have required Senators to vote at least 15 or 20 times on amendments dealing with various aspects of forced busing. Sometimes we have been successful in trimming the power of federal bureaucrats; most of the time, however, I have not been successful.

But the point is this: By requiring Senators to take a stand, we have been picking up a few more votes each time. The folks back home are watching how their Senators vote. Perhaps we will not be able to abolish forced busing entirely until some of the present Senators are replaced—but the American people deserve to have this blight upon their schools and their children removed. I have a hunch that, sooner or later, they will demand it.

POLLS—Every poll that I have seen on the subject in recent years has shown that the vast majority of Americans are opposed to forced busing. They resent it. They know that it is a waste of millions of dollars of tax funds. They know that it is a waste of countless millions of gallons of gasoline each year. They know that the unnecessary hauling of children to school endangers their safety because of the increased risk of accidents.

Up to now, the Senate has done only a part of the job of eliminating forced busing. A few weeks ago, the Senate again approved an amendment which I cosponsored to prohibit the Department of Health, Education and Welfare from using tax funds to promote forced busing.

But that, as I say, was only a part of the job that needs to be done.

H.E.W.—The bureaucrats in H.E.W., seeing their own authority cut off, immediately trotted over to the Justice Department and contrived with the bureaucrats there to do the dirty work that H.E.W. was no longer able to do under the law.

In short, the H.E.W. bureaucrats are making an end run around Congress. So Representative Jim Collins of Texas and I put in identical amendments in the House and Senate to cut off funds to Justice Department bureaucrats to promote forced busing.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in Marion County, Fla., in effect ruled that the Helms-Collins amendment was valid. He dismissed a forced busing case that had been brought by the Justice Department, saying that the bureaucrats do not have the legal authority to promote forced busing. However, his judgement has been appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Eventually, it may be decided by the U. S. Supreme Court.

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# New Style Barn Gives Growers Better Control For Lower Cost

OXFORD — A mini-bulk tobacco curing barn which allows researchers more control over temperature and humidity and uses less fuel has been developed by a N. C. Department of Agriculture researcher here.

The barn, a small version of the commercial bulk curing barns which dot tobacco farms throughout North Carolina, was the work of Oxford Research Station Supt. C. R. Campbell.

The barn allows researchers to cure leaves

harvested from tobacco plants in each experiment by maintaining near-exact control over temperature and humidity.

"For some time we had been using a larger commercial bulk curing barn to cure research plots of tobacco," Campbell said recently in Oxford. "But we found that in addition to being expensive, the larger barns did not allow precise control of curing conditions for each experiment since several had to be combined in order to fill the barn."

## Committee To Meet

America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee will meet on Roanoke Island on Friday and Saturday.

Sessions will be held both days at 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. in the headquarters of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. All meetings are open to the public, and Dare County citizens are especially invited to share their suggestions at the Saturday morning session.

The committee, established by the General Assembly to plan and promote the quadricentennial observances of the first English attempts to colonize the New World, will

## Library Notes

The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library has received the following new books:

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"There was also too much time required to fill the larger barns resulting in leaves in some experiments being over-yellow while the later harvested ones remained green," Campbell said. "After studying the bulk curing principle, it appeared we could develop a curing barn which would meet our specific needs in research. We designed the barn to be as efficient as possible employing optimum air flow and humidity control in order to obtain the best cure possible," Campbell said.

The Oxford Station conducts tobacco experiments on an average of 60 acres annually. Each acre generally will accommodate 200, twenty-plant plots. The barn produces a uniform curing of harvested leaves from plants in 150 to 300 tobacco plots. Smaller lots of tobacco can be cured by installing temporary partitions and restricting the air flow, Campbell said.

Most commercial bulk curing barns have 122 racks in them while Campbell's mini-barn is filled with only 30. The 7.3 meter long, 1.8 meter wide barn is about the size of one "room" of a commercial barn and satisfied researcher's needs for curing small amounts of tobacco.

"In order to get the best results, test plots need to be cured as evenly as possible," Campbell said. "This barn reduces much of the variability in temperature and humidity we deal with when curing tobacco."

Special features of the mini-barn include four side windows for inspection of tobacco during curing, positive humidity control and a conditioning system for bringing the cured leaf to a workable moisture level with 24 hours. The curing cycle for the barn runs five to six days.

The barn is well insulated and all air leaks are eliminated.

Tests using good curing management indicate that the barn can decrease fuel

consumption as much as 50 per cent compared to figures recently released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from a statewide average curing cost survey. Campbell feels this energy efficiency is another positive aspect of the barn.

"We're under pressure to increase efficiency just as much as the farmer out in the field," said Campbell. "Operating budgets are generally not getting larger, but inflationary pressures and increased demand for research efforts continue to rise."

Campbell said materials to construct the mini-barn can be purchased for approximately, \$3,000. Researchers from other states and several foreign countries have visited the station and gathered information on the barn in order to develop similar curing facilities at their research stations.

Just whether his mini-bulk barn will have any application outside the

research environment, Campbell does not know, but he feels, with a few modifications, it might be a practical alternative to larger commercial bulk curing barns for farmers who do not have large tobacco acreages. It might also allow the farmer to save money by doing his own construction work during winter months.

"We've had quite a bit of interest shown in this barn by small farmers since we first started using it," Campbell said. "A similar barn might help curb rising investment and curing costs for smaller farmers."

N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham praised the barn for its research value and possible applications for small, family farms. "North Carolina has more small farms than any state," Graham said. "And many of these grow tobacco. These barns might make it possible to grow the small acreages instead of leasing it out to other growers."

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