

Washington Report

By Congressman
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Both Houses of Congress continued this week to iron out legislation before the new fiscal year begins on October 1. On Tuesday the House passed the Armed Forces Pay Act by a vote of 366 to 1. This bill provides for a 14.3-per cent pay hike for members of the Armed Forces. There has been much support for such a salary increase as many people have noted the increasing number of skilled workers who leave the military because of relatively low pay.

Also passed this week in the House was the FY 1981 Military Construction Appropriation Bill. This bill funds the Department of Defense for various construction projects in the amount of \$6.89-billion. Consistent with President Reagan's desire to increase defense spending, this bill provides about \$1.2-billion more for construction projects than did the 1981 construction budget.

Of course, many North Carolinians this week watched with special interest the actions of the Senate in considering the Farm Bill. Of particular interest was the Senate action on proposals to weaken or eliminate tobacco price support programs. As of the time this column is being written, it is encouraging to note that the tobacco program has survived two challenges. An amendment offered by Senator Thomas Eagleton (D.Mo.) would have weakened the program by lowering the price support formula. This amendment was tabled by the Senate by a vote of 48 to 45. Another amendment, offered by Senator Mark Hatfield (Ore.) would have eliminated the price support program entirely. This drastic amendment was tabled by a vote of 53 to 42. Although both of these amendments have effectively been killed, another Eagleton amendment will be offered later to weaken the present allotment system.

Earlier in the week the peanut program did suffer some in the Senate, although the damage was not as great as it could have been. An amendment offered by Senator Mack Mattingly (R.S.C.) who substituted for a much more drastic amendment offered by Richard Lugar (R.Ind.). While the Lugar amendment would have quickly phased out the program, the Mattingly amendment retains market quota features under which only farmers with quotas can obtain quota level supports and only quota peanuts can enter the domestic food market. The Mattingly amendment does, however, eliminate acreage allotments for peanuts. It remains to be seen exactly what effect a provision such as the Mattingly amendment will have on peanut producers if similar legislation should be passed in the House of Representatives.

Academy Loses First Game, 14-6

Lawrence lost their first home game this season to Enfield 14-6. The opening kickoff was returned by Enfield to the Lawrence 25 yard line, and after only eight plays, Enfield was leading 7-0.

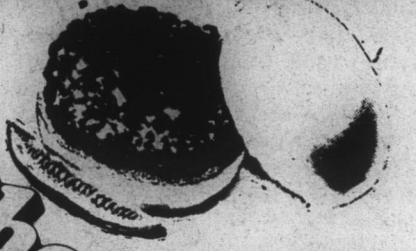
Enfield scored again in the first half on a four yard run after moving the ball 55 yards down field in only seven plays. Lawrence scored with 20 seconds remaining in the first half as Chris Davidson passed to Tony Dail from the Lawrence 35. Tony took the ball at mid-field and went 50 yards for a touchdown. Van Johnson's attempt to complete extra point kick missed.

The second half was scoreless with the final score remaining 14-6, Enfield.



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