

# House Votes Down Peanut Bill

By Congressman Walter B. Jones

The House continued consideration of the Farm Bill this week and in a somewhat surprising move voted against the sugar and peanut provisions of the bill which were drafted by the House Agriculture Committee. As I explained in last week's WASHINGTON REPORT, the peanut provision in the bill was basically a continuation of the present peanut program including acreage allotments, poundage quotas and a support price floor of \$600 per ton. However, an amendment to the bill was offered by Representative Paul Findley (R., Ill.) and Stanley Lundine (D., NY) to abolish acreage allotments and poundage quotas and to substitute a straight loan support program. The substitute program would authorize price supports involving loans and purchases by the Department of Agriculture at support levels determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as being appropriate.

districts. Representatives from other farm states argued for the program and noted how well the program had worked in the past to produce quality peanuts at a reasonable price. These Members also pointed out the necessity of maintaining the program in order to preserve family farms in peanut producing states. Opponents of the program from non-peanut producing farm states objected to the program because, without allotments, their farmers are not allowed to grow peanuts. Some Members also alleged that the program causes the price of peanut products to be higher but this was disputed in the debate. When time for the vote came the Findley-Lundine amendment to scrap the present peanut program passed by a margin of 250 to 159. Republicans voted 119 to 66 in favor of the amendment; Democrats voted 131 to 93.

The House on the same day also disapproved the sugar program which was written into the farm bill, even though the program had earlier been amended to have an estimated cost of zero in the next four years. The vote on the sugar

program was 213 to 190. The peanut and sugar votes are indicative of the mood of Congress to cut farm programs just as other programs, which have been traditionally beneficial to city areas, have been cut. Because the nation has become more urbanized fewer and fewer Members of Congress represent farm districts. This means that Members representing farm districts must obtain cooperation from Members representing city areas in order to obtain favorable legislation.

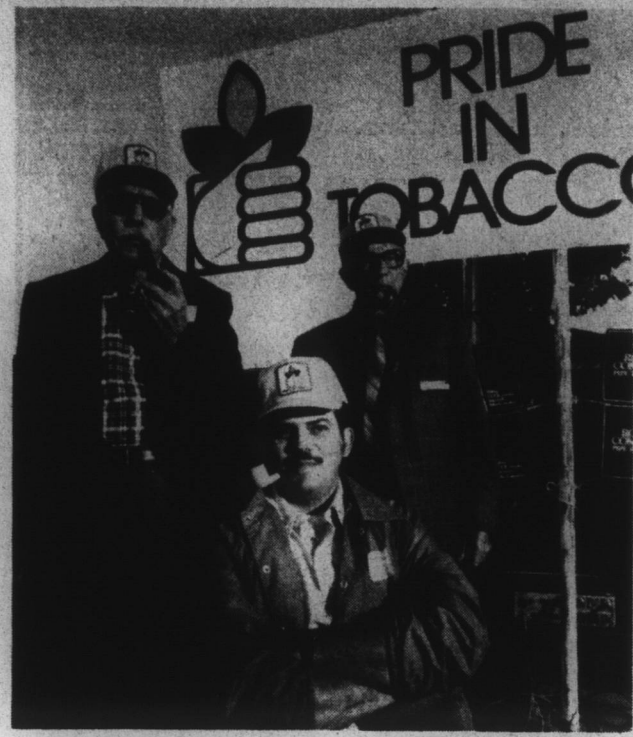
Senate has retained the peanut program in its bill, there is still hope that the Conference Committee will retain the program. The inability of the Farm Coalition this week to obtain a majority on the peanut and sugar votes does bode well for the vote on the tobacco program which will probably occur next week in the House. However, it will give us a chance to see where the weak links are in the Farm Coalition and allow us to redouble our efforts in that area in order to protect the tobacco program.

## Car Dealers Are Convicted

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director of the License and Theft Section in DMV, compiled the records of a dealer for one 15-month period. Excluding the income from other vehicles, the dealer grossed over \$115,000 by removing over 5-million miles from 130 cars. The average profit per car was \$894 and the average number of miles altered per car was approximately 40,000.

The House took time out from its work on the farm bill this week to pass a Resolution disapproving President Reagan's proposed sale of sophisticated radar planes and other aircraft equipment to Saudi Arabia. Many Members have expressed concern that, given Saudi Arabia's admitted hostility towards Israel, the planes might ultimately be used in a Middle East War between the two countries. Concern was also expressed that the secret equipment aboard the planes might fall into wrong hands because of the instability in the Middle East. The vote in the House was 301 to 111 opposing the sale. However, in order to block the sale, the Senate must also disapprove of the proposed transaction. Although the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted this week to disapprove the sale, the President may have a better chance to win in the Senate than in the House.



PIPE SMOKING — Robert Welch, sitting, received a humidior and pipe rack from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., plus five pipes from Sparta Pipes, Inc., for winning first place in the Royal Comfort Pipe Smoking Contest at the Dixie Classic Fair. Second place winner, Robert Shouse, right, was awarded a pipe lighter from Reynolds and two pipes from Sparta. Last year's winner, James Chitty, received a Royal Comfort humidior from Reynolds.

## Completes Basic Training

Marine Pvt. Tony V. Rouson, son of Clinton L. and Rosa M. Rouson, Route 1, Roper, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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a month. The action taken by the legislature raised this amount to \$420 a month. "But, the maximum payment this size family can receive is still \$210 a month."

"If they had not taken this action, when county social services departments applied the new federal 150 per cent gross income regulation to the old \$210 standard of need, the mother and children would have become ineligible when their gross income was more than \$315. Under the new \$420 a month standard of need, she can

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have a gross income up to \$630 a month and her family still remain eligible. The federal poverty level for this size family is \$704 a month," he said.

The General Assembly did not appropriate any additional funds for the AFDC program since the payments will remain the same.

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JOASH DID SO, BUT IN A PERFUNCTORY MANNER, FOR HE COULD SEE NO IMPORTANCE IN THIS ACT. LAZILY STRIKING THE FLOOR THREE TIMES, ELISHA BECAME ANGRY AT THIS DISPLAY OF LAZINESS FOR, HAD JOASH STRUCK THE ARROWS SIX TIMES, HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY DEFEATED SYRIA TO SAVE HIS KINGDOM. BUT, SAID THE PROPHET, NOW HE WOULD ONLY DEFEAT SYRIA IN THREE BATTLES—NOT ENOUGH TO SAVE ISRAEL! ALL THIS WAS BORN OUT AFTER ELISHA'S DEATH—SURE ENOUGH, JOASH WON ONLY THREE BATTLES AS THE PROPHET HAD DECLARED!

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