

The Washington Report

by Congressman Walter B. Jones

During the past week the House has been extremely busy attempting to pass the necessary appropriation bills as soon as possible. The legislative procedures have been moving along rather well; for an example, with minimum amount of debate as well as a minimum number of amendments, the House, in a period of about two hours approved a \$34 billion Agriculture Department appropriations bill. The vote was 297 to 115. Of the amount previously stated, \$12 billion will go to finance the government farm support programs, Federal Crop Insurance and other related efforts in the coming fiscal year. In addition, \$13.8 billion was allocated for the Food Stamp Program and other nutrition programs; but it is estimated that this amount will not be enough to serve the coming fiscal year. As usual, there was the threat of a veto on this particular legislation. But, it is \$6.2 billion lower than fiscal 1983 and, as a matter of fact, it is \$53 million less than President Reagan's budget request. So, it is difficult to see justification for any sort of veto.

After running along smoothly on Monday and Tuesday, a very heated session developed on Wednesday over the Treasury-Postal Service \$12 billion appropriation bill. Among some of the

amendments adopted during the consideration of the bill was one which limits the federal aid to former Presidents, Nixon, Ford, and Carter, to Secret Service protection and an \$80,000 annual pension. This action was brought about when it had been previously disclosed that some prior legislation permitted the former Presidents to draw certain sums, whereby each of them were reaching nearly \$300,000 per year in addition to the \$80,000 pension. Evidence was produced that each of the former Presidents received tremendous amounts of money for speeches and other public appearances. It was stated that former President, Gerald Ford, in a recent visit to Wake Forest University, received an honorarium of \$20,000. A rather strange aspect of this action was that the sponsor of the bill had little or no hope of its passage, but as the testimony developed regarding the huge sums which they were receiving for personal appearances, the bill picked up momentum and finally was passed by a vote of 244 to 169. On this, I cast a yes vote.

Also, in connection with this legislation once again the very sensitive and controversial subject of abortion was considered. An amendment was offered to prohibit the use of health insurance funds to pay for abortions for federal workers, except when the life of the woman was in danger.

This seems to be about the 20th time the House of Representatives has been called upon to vote on this very sensitive question. All of the women Members of Congress who spoke of this amendment were against it, with the exception of one Republican member. But in any event, the amendment to prohibit the use of federal insurance funds was approved 226 to 182.

Also contained in the bill was an action to cut off money to implement the withholding tax. You will recall that this was a tax on dividends and interest from banks, savings and loans and other institutions. In any event, this important bill which touches many facets of our government including the Customs Bureau, the F.B.I.



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Named To Dean's List

RALEIGH—North Carolina students have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Meredith College. Dr. Allen Barris, vice president and dean of the college has announced.

Chowan County students on the honors list include: Martha Elaine Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Gibson, Sr., 204 Terry Avenue, of Edenton; Anna Rae Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallace Goodwin, Jr., Route 3, Edenton; and Katherine Bolling Harless, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Harless, Jr., 201 North Granville Street, Edenton.

Mrs. Davenport Is Recognized For Volunteer Work

Nora White Davenport, daughter of Mrs. Johanna H. White and the late Frank V. White, Sr., of Edenton, has been recently recognized by President Ronald Reagan as being a distinguished volunteer.

Mrs. Davenport, who has been a resident of Chesapeake, Va., for the past 18 years, is a tireless church, civic, and community volunteer. Because of her dedication and service, the Women's Division of the Chesapeake Chamber of Commerce named her "Outstanding Woman of the Year" at their recent annual banquet.

She has served the City of Chesapeake in various capacities, including being the first woman Chairman of the Planning Commission, past Chairman of the Chesapeake Citizens Advisory Commission, Secretary of the Tidewater Detention Home Advisory Board, and as a member of the Chesapeake Environmental Board. She also contributes many hours each week in performing volunteer work at the Chesapeake General Hospital, where she is a charter member of the Chesapeake Hospital Auxiliary and has served as Past President. She also devotes much volunteer time to the Norfolk General Hospital, the Chesapeake Health Department, the Lupus Foundation, and the Gideons Auxiliary.

Sermon Set

"My Father Is The King!" is the sermon topic selected by Rev. R.R. Blankenhorn for the morning worship service on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, 11 A.M., at the Edenton United Methodist Church. The text for this sermon is II Samuel 18:33.

Sunday School classes for eight different ages and interest groups are held each Sunday morning at 10:00.

She is also currently treasurer of the Chesapeake Democratic Committee; parliamentarian of the Virginia Federation of State Democratic Women; and treasurer and past president of the Chesapeake Democratic Women's Club.

When she is not doing volunteer work, she can be found visiting nursing homes or offices to talk to strangers, acquaintances, and friends. Some are sick, some are grieving. Others are observing birthdays or anniversaries or are just in need of companionship. She often brings a moist, tasty coconut cake she baked the morning before. Her friends and acquaintances say she is the most giving person in the world. Nora says that God has richly blessed her and she cannot outgive Him. Nora truly enjoys doing for others. Even her hobbies involve giving. She loves to cook, to garden, and to make ceramic items, and she gives all of these things away.

U.S. Rep. Norman Sisisky selected Nora for recognition of her volunteer work in the State of Virginia, and she was presented with a

"Distinguished Volunteer Award." It was through this action that she came to be recognized by President Reagan.

President Reagan's letter to her said in part: "...Eagerness to solve problems through the creativity and the initiative of the private sector has been instrumental in our nation's advancement.... Distinguished volunteer service has become such an integral part of our way of life that it sometimes does not receive the recognition it deserves.... Volunteers do make a difference."

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BUDGET HEARING

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will hold a public budget hearing on June 30, 1983 at 5:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse. All citizens (especially senior citizens) are invited to attend and provide the Board with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the County's proposed budget and the relationship of Revenue Sharing funds to that budget. The entire proposed budget, a statement on the proposed uses of Revenue Sharing funds, and the proposed budget summarized below can be inspected by the public during regular office hours in the County Clerk's office.

Proposed Annual Budget

Revenue

Source	General Fund	Revenue Sharing	Total
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,589,949		\$1,589,949
ABC Revenues	68,000		68,000
Sales & Intang. Taxes	429,000		429,000
Revenue Sharing Entitlement		\$ 60,000	60,000
State & Federal Revenue	408,672		408,672
Other Revenue	827,482		827,482
TOTAL	\$3,323,103	\$ 60,000	\$3,383,103

Expenditures

Category	General Fund	Revenue Sharing	Total
General Government	\$ 959,951	\$	\$ 959,951
Public Safety	397,795		397,795
Health & Welfare	818,515		818,515
Recreation	49,182		49,182
Schools	1,097,690	60,000	1,157,690
TOTAL	\$3,383,103	\$ 60,000	\$3,383,103

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