

Washington Report By Senator B. Everett Jordan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A few days ago a bill representing the most significant and far-reaching effort in nearly half a century to control national political spending was signed into law.

Designated as the Federal Election Campaign Act, it repeals and replaces the Corrupt Practices Act which had been used as the only guideline since 1925.

The new law, which becomes effective April 7, will apply to all Presidential and Congressional candidates in both primary and general election contests.

It not only sets limits on the amount that can be legally spent but establishes strict requirements for reporting of campaign contributions and costs.

The key provisions include: Limitation of campaign spending for all types of media advertising, radio, television, newspaper, billboard and mass mailing, to no more than 10 cents for each person of voting age in the area involved in the contest. In a state-wide race in North Carolina the total would be figures on a voting age population of about 3.3 million.

Requirement for complete and detailed reporting of campaign contributions and expenses of more than \$100 by any committee established for a candidate as well as by the candidate as an individual.

Limitation of the amount a candidate or members of his immediate family could spend from personal funds in the campaign. The maximum figure would be \$50,000 for a Presidential candidate, \$35,000 in a Senate race and \$25,000 in a House contest.

Periodic reports on contributions and expenses will be required during any election year, with a final report by each candidate or committee to be submitted five days prior to the election.

I am in full agreement with the objective of this act which was developed jointly by the Senate Rules Committee of which I am chairman and by the Senate Commerce Committee which has initial legislative jurisdiction in matters affecting the communications media.

In my opinion, the limitation of campaign spending is urgently needed so that well-qualified candidates of modest means will not be barred by prohibitive cost from seeking public office.

I have been advocating such curbs for the past several years and particularly so since 1968.

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when official figures put the cost of the Presidential race alone at about \$35 million, with the likelihood that the actual total was far more than that.

I think the public interest demands that any race be decided on the basis of the qualification of the respective candidates rather than by any difference in the resources available to them or their party for the contest.

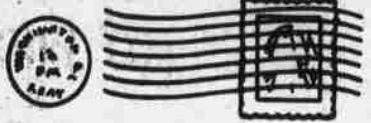
That is the goal of the

legislation we have now enacted.

I consider it a much fairer and more effective measure than one proposed in 1970 which would have imposed spending limits only on political broadcasting, and I think it will do far more to resolve the basic questions associated with the cost of campaigning.

For that reason I am glad to have had a part in drafting and securing passage of this landmark legislation.

LOUISA'S LETTER



Dear Louisa,

My husband died when I was rather young and left me with four small children to support. I was a college graduate so I got a job and hired a housekeeper and got along very well for four years when I married the superintendent of my school. All of the children were married ten years later when he was offered a better job and we moved to another city. I have made many friends here and like it very much.

Now my problem is this. My husband died several months ago and all of my children, who live in the place where they grew up, want me to move back to this former town, so that I will be close to the family. All four of my children have young children of their own and are very social minded so I am afraid I would end my days as a baby sitter if I went back. I love my grand

children but I am also interested in many projects and I like concerts and plays. I would love to be near the children but I would have to give up my good friends, the church and clubs here that I love. What am I to do about this?

Mother—Ind.

Answer:

Delay making a decision for a while. It may be that after a time you will find life very different where you are, lacking a husband. And bear in mind, that if you get sick or need help of any kind it is wonderful to have the family to call on. If you do decide to go back to your first home, let your children know that you will baby-sit in an emergency but will not be on call.

Louisa.

Address your letter to Louisa, P.O. Box 532 Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

Guidance Club Sponsors Classroom Participant

One of the major projects undertaken this school year by the Guidance Club at PCHS is the sponsoring of its president, Robert (Bobby) Hollowell to the Presidential Classroom Program in Washington, D.C. Bobby will leave Hertford, February 19 and will return one week later on the 26th. This marks the school's first participation in a program of this type, and it promises to be an unforgettable experience in the life of the club's president.

Hollowell will be available for church and civic club appearances when he returns. Other projects on the club's calendar are the sponsoring of an Orientation Program for incoming ninth grade students on May 10; sponsoring Career Week, May 22-26. Highlight of the week will be an address at 1:30 p.m. to students by Mrs.

Thelma Lennon, Director of Pupil Personnel Services in the State Department of Public Instruction. Mrs. Lennon will also address counselors of the Northeastern Counselors Circle immediately following her address to the students.

3-Year College

A growing number of educators and legislators are eyeing three-year college degrees. The President of the Florida Senate, Senator Jerry Thomas, a proponent of more flexible college education, recently commented:

"There's nothing magic about four-year degrees. Someone a long time ago must have arbitrarily decided to set a college education at four years and the educators have been content to keep the status quo."

Legislators and educators in various colleges and universities across the nation are proposing in growing numbers that students be allowed to earn degrees in less than four years. Much of the average four-year stay on college campuses is wasted time, according to some of these spokesmen.

Considering the shortage of classrooms, overcrowding at many colleges and universities and other current acute educational problems, a trend to allow students to complete college work in less than four years, according to ability and industry, is desirable. This can lower college costs for those who can earn degrees in a shorter period, reduce overcrowding and allow many to become productive citizens at an earlier date.

The muskrat is regarded as the world's leading fur bearer.

State Officials Endorse Measles Immunization

"We urge parents to have their children immunized against red measles and German measles in the free immunization clinics to be held this month in public health departments across the State," said Senator Ralph H. Scott, Chairman of the Department of Human Resources' Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The gigantic campaign to immunize both preschool and school age children up to 12 years of age is sponsored by the March of Dimes - National Foundation, the State Board of Health and many civic groups. "All children must be immunized against red measles according to a new law passed by the 1971 General Assembly," added Robert L. Denny, Executive Director of the Council. "The State Board of Health, however, is offering a combination shot for red and German measles and is encouraging parents to have their children protected against both diseases, which are important health problems."

If parents do not know the time and place of the clinics in their towns, they should contact their county health departments for information.

"The Council on Developmental Disabilities has long studied the effects of measles," added Mr. Denny. "Common red measles, which generally lasts about 14 days, can result in brain damage, deafness, heart defects, pneumonia, and other complications."

He said that German measles, which lasts about three days, many times is so mild that it is hardly noticed. However, when contracted by an expectant mother in early pregnancy, this type of measles may be responsible for multiple handicaps in surviving children. These include blindness, deafness, heart defects, mental retardation, bone malformations, physical handicaps, and liver defects.

The measles vaccine is safe and it is free. If parents are not sure whether or not their children have had shots against both diseases, they should bring them to the clinic for the new vaccine.

Pat On Back

Chancellor Willy Brandt, back in Germany after more than two weeks near Sarasota on Florida's west coast, has praised this part of America to Germans. In his first interview with reporters in Bonn after returning the Chancellor said he was surprised to see so many Americans working as volunteers in hospitals.

He said drivers in the Sarasota area were more courteous than in Germany. He said Americans were more hospitable and friendly than Europeans, in general, and that the American ecology effort reflected the hope Americans have in their future.

Brandt liked the neighborly informality of life where he vacationed and suggested Europeans could do with more informality.

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