

Washington Report

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SOCIAL SECURITY
Long overdue action to provide an increase in Social Security benefits was taken by the Congress last week in an amendment attached to the bill temporarily in-

creasing the national debt limitation. This measure was signed into law by President Nixon on July 1. An increase of 20 percent was provided for all Social Security beneficiaries, to be effective September 1, 1972. The increased payments will be received in the October Social Security checks.

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In addition, this amendment provides for future increases in Social Security benefits to occur automatically each January, provided the cost of living has increased by three percent the previous year. To finance these automatic increases, the wage base on which Social Security taxes are paid will go up proportionately. This provision will bring some regularity to the scheduling of Social Security increases, which have previously occurred whenever the Congress approves them. Under this new system, if the Congress fails to act, and the cost of living increases, Social Security beneficiaries will not have to struggle along on payments which have been reduced in value by inflation.

Legislation to provide an increase in Social Security benefits has been pending in the Congress since last year. Because the legislation also contained provisions for other changes in the Social Security and Medicare programs, as well as a controversial welfare reform proposal, it has been subject to many delays in the legislative process. This bill, H. R. 1, was passed by the House of Representatives last June and, since that time, has been stalled in the Senate Finance Committee. Because of the urgent need for an increase in Social Security payments, this provision was separated from the rest of the bill and added as an amendment to the debt limitation measure.

The provision to make substantive changes in the Social Security and Medicare programs, as passed by the House of Representatives, would be beneficial to all who are covered by Social Security. One change would increase benefits for widows and widowers to 100 percent of the benefit due the deceased husband or wife. Under present law, widows and widowers only 82½ percent of this amount. Another change would provide increased monthly payments for those who delay retirement beyond age 65. They would receive an increase of one percent above their normal rate for each year of continued work past age 65. For those who are already retired, the bill would provide an increase in the amount they may earn and still receive full benefits. Presently, this amount is \$1688 per year; it would be increased to \$2000.

A significant change in the Medicare program would be provided by opening the program to those under age 65 who receive Social Security disability benefits. In addition, those age 65 and older who have not attained Social Security eligibility could enroll in Medicare by paying a special premium, which would initially be set at \$31 per month. Both of these groups have difficulty in obtaining health insurance through traditional means and would be greatly aided by being made eligible for Medicare.

The Social Security program, which began in 1937, now touches the lives of practically every American family. Approximately 91 percent of the elderly are either receiving Social Security payments or will be eligible for them when they or their spouses stop working. Of those who reached age 65 last year, 93 percent were eligible for coverage.

The Medicare program, a part of Social Security, provides hospital insurance for almost all of the twenty and one-half million people in the country who are age 65 and older. In addition, about nineteen and one-half million (95 percent of the aged) have medical insurance under the program. Overall, Medicare payments for hospital and physicians' care are estimated to account for more than 67 percent of expenditures for hospital and physicians' services provided to

Anti-Fly Measure Offered For Helms Is Weatherly

It's fly time again in North Carolina. Warm, moist conditions have led to increased numbers of adult house flies all across the state.

These flies didn't simply appear overnight, rather had been present as maggots in garbage, manure, moist organic matter, spilled feeds or decaying vegetation. The warm weather simply stimulated these maggots to "hatch" into adult flies, according to R. C. Hillman, extension entomologist at North Carolina State University.

"The triple-S system — sanitation, screens and swatter — is suggested for house fly control," Hillman added. "Bug killers will help, but will not give satisfactory control without proper cleanup."

"For the best result, start treatment early and repeat on a regular basis. Don't let 100 flies become 10,000 before trying to control."

Kill the maggots before they have a chance to develop through proper sanitation practices, Hillman continued. A pound of open garbage may breed thousands of flies.

Garbage must be stored in tight covered containers and must be properly disposed of several times a week during fly time. It's best to collect and dispose garbage in some kind of community disposal area. If that's not possible, it should be buried as far from the house as possible.

Pet droppings also breed flies and should be collected and disposed along with the garbage. A clean community seldom has a serious fly problem.

Screens help keep out flies if kept in good repair. Holes may be neatly patched with pieces of new screening held in place with thin wire on a screen door will help keep it shut. A door that opens outward lets one that opens inward.

The swatter's effectiveness, of course, depends upon the patience and aim of the operator. It's a great way to relax and release pent-up emotions. Hillman said that insecticides seldom solve a bad fly problem caused by bad sanitation, but they do help when surroundings are reasonably neat and clean. Call your local county agricultural extension agent for the latest word on effective fly control.

Area Manager For Helms Is Weatherly

RALEIGH—Jesse Helms, Republican nominee for the U. S. Senate, announced today that Keith Weatherly of Newton will serve as his campaign's Field Representative for the Western counties of North Carolina.

Weatherly, a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will represent the Helms campaign in Cleveland and twenty-eight counties in Western North Carolina. He will work with local volunteers and coordinate their efforts with the state campaign headquarters in Raleigh.

A long-time resident of Catawba County and a graduate of

Newton-Conover High School, Keith is the son of Catawba County Commissioner and Mrs. John Weatherly of Newton. He is 22.

In making the appointment Helms stated, "We are very fortunate to have a young man of Keith's character and ability to organize the campaign in the West. He will play a key role in our effort to put together the best precinct organization in North Carolina's history."

Weatherly said, "During my four years at Chapel Hill, I became familiar with Mr. Helms' conservative philosophy through his daily editorials on WRAL-TV in Raleigh. I feel that Mr. Helms' courage and integrity will give North Carolina the leadership it needs in the United States Senate."

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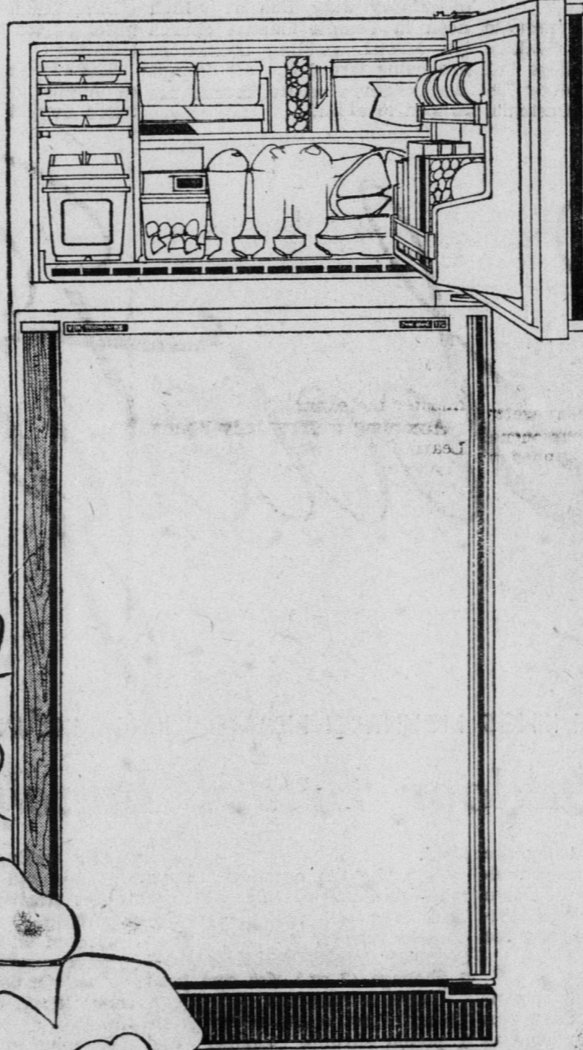
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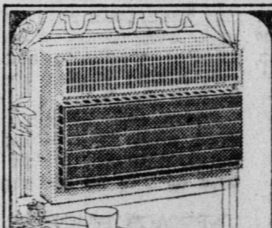
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