

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

On April 10 the U. S. House of Representatives accepted the Senate version of H. R. 2516. This legislation is in four major parts.

The first part deals with the question of riots. Its provisions state that whoever travels in interstate commerce or uses any facility of interstate or foreign commerce, including, but not limited to, the mail, telegraph, telephone, radio or television, with intent to incite a riot; or to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot; or to commit any act of violence in furtherance of a riot; or to aid or abet any person in inciting or participating in or carrying on a riot or committing any act of violence in furtherance of a riot; and who either during the course of any travel or use or thereafter performs or attempts to perform any other overt act for this purpose, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

The second part concerns the rights of our Indian citizens. This charged radically existing treaties and agreements by the U. S. Government and the various Indian tribes who inhabit Indian reservations.

Title VIII of this act is the "open housing" provision. I am sure by this time that the provisions of this part of the bill have been explained through the news media.

The fourth part of the bill deals with civil disorders and contains language as follows:

"Whoever teaches or demonstrates to any other person the use, application or making of any firearm or explosive or incendiary device, or technique capable of causing injury or death to persons, knowing or having reason to know or intending that the same will be unlawfully employed for use, or in pursuance of civil disorder which may in any way or degree obstruct, delay, or adversely affect commerce or the movement of any article or

commodity in commerce or the conduct or performance of any federally protected function; or, whoever transports or manufactures for transportation in commerce any firearm or explosive or incendiary device, knowing or having reason to know or intending that the same will be used unlawfully in furtherance of a civil disorder; or whoever commits or attempts to commit any act to obstruct, impede, or interfere with any firearm or law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way or degree obstructs, delays or adversely affects commerce or the movement of any article or commodity in commerce or the conduct or performance of any federally protected function, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both. Nothing contained in this section shall make unlawful any act of any law enforcement officer which is performed in the lawful performance of his official duties."

I think that to say the least, these four sections of the bill will have far-reaching effects, yet, the House in a state of emotion saw fit to adopt the Senate version of these four important subjects without any consideration by a House Committee other than the Rules Committee. Under the legislative mechanics no amendments were permitted in the one hour debate allotted for consideration of this bill.

It is difficult to understand how any Member of Congress could vote for such an important bill covering four subjects each of which are controversial, without further consideration of a House Committee.

Efforts were made to send the bill to a conferees committee of House and Senate members. This failed by a close vote of 229 to 195.

Then in an atmosphere of urgency and emotion, a final vote was taken. The Senate spent 40 days debating and discussing the same legislation; yet, the House passed it within an hour. So goes the legislative wheels. All Members of the North Carolina delegation voted no in protest of the pressure methods being used.

Real Estate Transfers

Williams and Crayton, Inc., to Harley Francis Ringer and wife, Betsy Riggs Ringer. Property in Parrott Park.

L. W. Smith and wife, Dorothy C. Smith, to Dorothy Elizabeth Gollightly Smith, Alpha Elizabeth Smith, and Luther William Smith, Jr. Property in Pembroke.

Luther W. Smith and wife, Dorothy E. Smith, to Luther W. Smith. Property on Chestnut Avenue.

Skinner Construction Corporation to Donald W. Monk and wife, Archabelle L. Monk. Property in Washington Park. Bessie McKeithen to Walter McKeithen and wife, Ida McKeithen. Property on Hyman Road.

A. B. Collins and wife, Susie D. Collins, to John A. Deal and wife, Edith Anita Deal. Property in Bern Village.

W. Roy Poole, Inc., to Taylor Motor Company. Property at First Avenue and Maple street.

Donald R. Hadder and wife, Lola E. Hadder, to John C. Hadder. Property in No. 7 township.

Ormand L. Thomas and wife, Mary Ellen Thomas, to John C. Hadder. Property in No. 7 township.

Donald Gray Tripp and wife, Virginia Williams Tripp, to Whitford Brothers, Inc. Property in No. 1 township.

Elbert Ellis Smith, Jr., and wife, Sandra Brown Smith, to Ellis H. Brazeal, Jr., and wife, Ann P. Brazeal. Property in Trent Park Homes.

Hannie Powers; William B. Powers and wife, Florence Mary Powers; Minnie Powers Belangia and husband, Edward Belangia; Aruthur T. Powers and wife, Yvonne Powers; Mildred Powers Swindell and husband, David Swindell; James L. Powers and wife, Florence Powers; Linwood Powers; Daphne Poers Taylor and husband; Mack Taylor; Melissa Powers; Levi Powers, Sr., and wife, Mamie Powers; Eva Powers Beaver to Dave Whitford. Property in No. 1 township.

Marion G. Barwick and wife,

Faye Coleman Barwick, to Winston A. White and wife, Pauline H. White. Property in Stallings Parkway.

Riverside Iron Works, Inc., to Industrial Welders of New Bern, Inc. Property at Avenue A and North Craven street.

One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it in your heart that everyday is the best day of the year. --Emerson.

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