

Washington Report

— By —
CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

According to the rules of the House, any Member may raise the question of whether or not a quorum is present on the House Floor, at any given time. The presiding officer then estimates or counts and if 217 members are not present, he then announces that a quorum is not present and orders the Clerk to call the roll. This is known as a "quorum call." If, upon calling the roll twice, less than one-half of the membership fails to respond, the quorum is not present.

On Monday, September 23, the above procedures took place and only 177 Members were present, therefore, under the rules of the House, it had to adjourn until such time as a quorum was present. I am delighted that I was present inasmuch as this was the first time this has occurred since I entered the Congress.

Most of the legislation last week consisted of accepting or rejecting conference reports, which were bills that have been passed by both bodies, but in different versions. Of general interest to our District was the conference report on the extension of the 1965 Farm Act. The House had included a lim-

itation of \$20,000 payments to any one farmer. The conference version deleted this ceiling. After a long and bitter debate, we were able to adopt the conferees report which basically extends the 1965 act an additional year or through 1970. This was passed by only a slim margin of 17 votes. On final passage, all North Carolina Congressmen present voted for the extension.

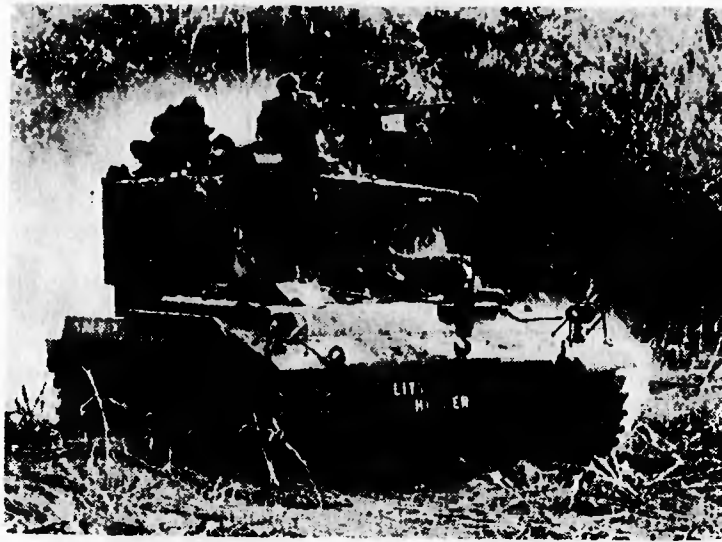
The House also took final action on the conference report regarding the Food Stamp Bill. Earlier the House had included a restriction on issuing food stamps to strikers or college students unless they were otherwise eligible for food stamps prior to becoming a college student or a striker.

Many of us felt that the Food Stamp Program was not designed for such uses, but was instigated to relieve those of our citizens who are at an economic disadvantage. In any event, the bill as agreed to, does permit strikers and college students to use food stamps.

In other action, the House passed the bill creating the Office of the Federal Magistrate. These officers will have limited jurisdiction similar to the JP courts of our state. The bill provided for a maximum salary of \$22,500 for these positions.

The fact that a Presidential election and the subsequent inauguration is rapidly approaching was borne out this week by the beginning of the construction of the inauguration stands and general seating in front of the Capitol. These stands will cover approximately a city block and are placed in the space in front of the Capitol facing the Library of Congress. It is now projected that this Congress will adjourn around October 10.

Some Kisses
 Kissing gouramis do just that. The fish, aquarium favorites, kiss other fishes, tank walls, even stones; nobody knows why.



TO THE RESCUE . . . The "Little Helper," an M578 Light Recovery Vehicle belonging to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, raises a cloud of dust on its way to assist a vehicle stalled in the Vietnam highlands.

Here's to
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from
Jim O'Daniel
 Pharmacist

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Extension Specialist Tells How To Remove Furniture Scratches

You can repair small marks, scratches and dents in wood furniture without refinishing the entire item, notes Mrs. Lillie Little, extension housing and house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

To remove cloudy, milky or faded marks on varnished or shellacked finishes, wipe with a cloth that has been dampened with a mixture of half raw linseed oil and half turpentine. Rub with No. 000 steel wool following the grainline of the wood. Polish with a clean cloth.

Treat light scratches on wood furniture by one of these methods: Rub with a little linseed oil or liquid or paste wax; rub with a commercial scratch remover, following the manufacturer's directions carefully; rub with a mixture of iodine and oil which will give sufficient color to stain; or rub scratched area with an oil stain. With any of these methods use a small brush or toothpick tipped with cotton to apply the stain. Wipe off excess and let dry for 24 hours. Wax.

If there are gouges, holes or deep scratches in the wood furniture, fill them with plastic wood which has been stained to a color slightly darker. It will dry lighter, Mrs. Little ob-

serves. Then smooth down with No. 8/0 sandpaper or No. 000 steel wool dipped in oil. Go over the surface with pumice and oil. Clean and wax.

White spots on furniture caused by water, heat or alcohol may be removed with a liquid cleaning and polishing wax. For persistent spots, dampen a cloth with one of the following: Oil of peppermint, a few drops of ammonia or a paste made of boiled or raw linseed oil and rottenstone or pumice stone. Rub carefully with the grain. If spots still persist, use No. 000 steel wool moistened with one of the oils. If they still show, it may be necessary to remove the finish and refinish the entire surface.

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