

# Washington Report

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This report to you was basically planned to acquaint you with Congressional Legislative activity. But since the convening of Congress on January 3, the legislative action has been slow to get underway.

Without any implied criti-

cism, this is due to the change from the Democratic to the Republican executive control of government. The new Cabinet Secretaries are reluctant to make decisions until they become more familiar with their duties.

In many instances, legislation is proposed by different departments, and, of course, being new, little if any of this type legislation has been forthcoming.

Since most major appointed positions have been filled with new personnel since January 20, this to some degree, explains the virtual stop in the legislative processes.

To anyone who might have the idea that when Congress is not too busy with legislative matters on the House Floor, the work of the Congressional office comes to a stop, here are some of the activities of our office for the last seven days:

By an accurate count, we have averaged receiving and answering over 100 letters each day. During the past seven day period, this office has held conferences between citizens of Dare County and officials of the National Park Service regarding problems of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park.

Another conference was held in the seven day period with representatives of the Greenville City School System and officials of HEW. In a vein of tragedy we were called upon to assist in funeral arrangements for a hero who was killed in Vietnam in the defense of his country. Considerable time was spent in long distance calls to South America attempting to assist another family in a personal tragedy.

Thursday, March 6, I arranged a breakfast attended by over 50 members of the House and Senate to discuss ways to combat the FCC ruling.

Incidentally, this I believe was a most successful and enthusiastic meeting with the final decision being to lend all efforts to the continuation of the pres-

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When a man comes to me for advice, I find out the kind of advice he wants, and I give it to him. -- Josh Billings.

There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence, and energy of her citizens cannot cure. -- Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice. I consider the real vice is making losses. -- Sir Winston Churchill.

Talents are best nurtured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world. -- Goethe.

An egotist is a man who talks so much about himself that he gives me no time to talk about myself. -- H. L. Wayland.

Each in his narrow cell forever laid, the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep. -- Thomas Gray.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound; but we build the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, and we mount to its summit round by round. -- Josiah Gilbert Holland.

ent cigarette labeling act which provides for only warning labels to be used for propaganda purposes which presently appear on the cigarette packaging.

Three mornings during the past seven days, my attendance was required at the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries where we are considering the appropriations bill for the Coast Guard for the next year. Each session of these hearings began at 10:00 a. m. and usually concluded at noon.

Also during the period of time we are describing, I have flown to Raleigh to address the mid-winter meeting of the Tarheel Electric Membership Association, and the night before the aforementioned breakfast, I flew to Murfreesboro and had the pleasure of speaking at the Exchange Club's Golden Awards Night.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, we, of course, had the normal number of long distance calls which average 10 to 15 per day. Most of these require additional calls from this office to the various departments of government as they relate to service cases, social security, passports, copies of laws and sometimes information from the Library of Congress.

Incidentally, our office hours begin at 8:30 a. m. and usually end somewhere around 7:00 p. m. with 1/2 day on Saturdays. This is not to be construed as any complaint, for this office is happy to be of service to any constituent at any time.

On March 22, the annual North Carolina Democratic Club Banquet and Ball will be held here in Washington. Many of you have attended this event at sometime or another and the invitation is open to anyone in the First District who would care to attend. Annually, it has been an enjoyable occasion and one of the highlights of the Congressional year. I hope many of you can attend; for further information, please contact our office and we will be happy to furnish details.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come. -- James Russell Lowell.

I have yet to find the man, however exalted his station, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval than under a spirit of criticism. -- Charles Schwab.

We demand that big business give people a square deal; in return we must insist that when anyone engaged in big business honestly endeavors to do right, he shall himself be given a square deal. -- Theodore Roosevelt.

Our deeds will travel with us from afar, and what we have been makes us what we are. -- George Eliot.

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