

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
SAYS**



Much criticism is being directed at Congress for not acting more swiftly on thirteen regular money bills which fund governmental activities for the fiscal year which began July 1. This is not at all unusual, since this is the season when those who need Federal funds to operate programs want some assurance about the continued funding of projects. Since only two of the thirteen appropriations bills had reached the President's desk in late October, governmental agencies have been operating on the basis of authority given under a continuing money resolution. This permits activities to continue on the basis of the previous year's appropriations until the regular money bill for

the agency can be enacted. With the current fiscal year about 1/3 completed, the question arises as to why appropriations are not enacted by July 1, the date when the fiscal year began. The most simple answer is that Congress is composed of 100 Senators and 435 Representatives, and when billions of dollars of expenditures and revenues are at stake, it is difficult to achieve prompt agreement.

In 1946, Congress sought to deal with the budget more efficiently under the terms of the Legislative Reorganization Act. That Act directed the House Ways and Means, Senate Finance and both Appropriations Committees to prepare a legislative budget of estimated revenues and expenditures. In 1947, 1948, and 1949, such a budget was prepared but it encountered so many difficulties it was abandoned in the latter year. The following year, 1950, the Senate and House Appropriations Committees brought out an omnibus appropriation bill embracing all budget expenditures, but that method was abandoned in 1951 due to the problems which it encountered.

Some of the delay arises out of the fact that before any money can be appropriated, it must be authorized. This requires both the authorizing committees and the appropriating committees of the Senate and the House to review measures involving the expenditure of Federal monies. There is much to be said for this dual check on money expenditures, but is a fact that in an age when there are hundreds of Federal programs, the process is time consuming.

Another factor in this situation arises from the fact that under the standing procedures governing appropriation bills is that such measures must originate in the House. In 1961-1962, former Senator Hayden, then Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, con-

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tended that appropriations bills should be permitted to originate in either the Senate or the House. That argument was dropped after a virtual stalemate on money bills occurred and the House practice of originating all appropriation bills has continued.

This year's appropriation backlog has been compounded by the fact that there was a delay in receiving the views of the Nixon Administration as to money bills. The initial 1970 budget was submitted by President Johnson, but in deference to President Nixon, Congress awaited his views on departmental requests. It is understandable that a new Administration would want to review the budget, and so the Committee was later than usual in getting this information.

All of these factors have had a bearing on the current appropriation logjam, but I would expect that the appropriation process will accelerate in the weeks ahead, since much of the Committee work has now been completed.

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James Neal and wife, Roda S. Neal, to Marcus T. Fountain, Jr., and wife, Gwendolyn A. Fountain. Property in Havenlock Park.

Paul W. Crayton and wife, Flossie D. Crayton; Lonnie E. Pridgen, Jr., and wife, Shirley T. Pridgen; Ray E. McCotter and wife, Barbara W. McCotter; T. A. Karam and wife, Marlon E. Karam, to Colonial Realty Co., of New Bern, Inc. Property in Fox Hollow.

Colony Developers of New Bern, Inc., to Peter Leavitt and wife, Mary L. Leavitt. Property in Colony Estates.

William Otis Wells and wife, Maud Davis Wells, to Richard Elmo Gaskins and wife, Frances M. Gaskins. Property in

Woodrow Place. Ida H. Morris to Donald D. Reel, Jr., and wife, Alice Bright Reel. Property in Bridgeton.

George A. Phillips and wife, Mildred Gaskins Phillips, to George Earl Phillips. Property in No. 2 township.

George A. Phillips and wife, Mildred Gaskins Phillips, to Doris Elizabeth Phillips Wingate. Property in No. 2 township.

George A. Phillips and wife, Mildred Gaskins Phillips, to George Clark Phillips. Property in No. 2 township.

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