

# SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Congress approaches the final months of the session with a number of major issues on its calendar. This is not unusual when one considers the magnitude of the problems awaiting consideration. Among the un-

finished business are most of the money bills, an omnibus farm bill, a package of environmental controls, several consumer protection measures, a trade-tariff bill, a handful of Administration tax requests, and a controversial family assistance welfare proposal.

At this stage, many who are impatient with the progress of certain legislation seek to point to the "slow pace" of Congress. It should be noted that the first months of any session are necessarily devoted to hearings on legislation and that this is an essential part of the consideration of any important bill. Moreover, the first months of this session were devoted to many other vital issues concerning our nation. For weeks, the Senate debated the qualifications of three nominees before it confirmed Justice Blackmun for a seat on the Supreme Court. Later, this body debated our Southeast Asian policies, and more recently it has conducted a review of our defense posture. While I have disagreed with many of my colleagues concerning their views on these subjects, still I consider these debates to be of the utmost importance since they are responsive to the concerns of the people.

The status of some of the major measures still pending on the Congressional calendar is as follows:

The President's package of environmental bills has received hearings by the Senate and House Public Works Committees. Thereafter, the House

has passed measures extending the Clean Air Act for three years and the Solid Waste Disposal Act through fiscal 1973. The Senate Public Works Committee has reported favorably the Resource Recovery Act of 1970, a measure extending and expanding Federal solid waste programs for four years through fiscal 1974. Prospects for the passage of this legislation depend on resolving a conflict of opinions as to the best means of solving our environmental problems.

Consumer Legislation is receiving much attention by the Congress. The Senate Commerce Committee recently reported a bill to permit consumers to join together in law suits against sellers who engage in deceptive practices and to recover money damages from them. Senate and House Government Operations Committees have been considering functional legislation to establish a consumer protection agency. It appears likely that Congress will enact some legislation on this subject either this year or next year.

The Omnibus Farm Bill, which recently passed the House, is now under consideration by the Senate Agriculture Committee. The President's revised welfare proposal, which has been undergoing a critical review by the Senate Finance Committee, now appears likely to come to the Senate floor before adjournment. Even so, the bill to provide for a minimum annual payment to welfare recipients re-

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mains in doubt, since any Senate-passed bill would probably have to be passed on again by the House which approved its version in Mid-April. New consumer taxes requested by the President also remain in doubt.

One of the most important bills yet to be acted on is the trade-tariff bill to establish quotas on foreign goods coming into this country. Congressional support of this legislation appears to be strong with the prospects that action may be favorable on such a bill in the remaining days of the session.

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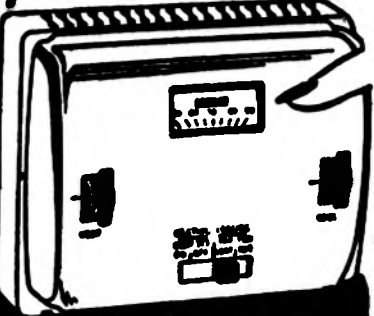
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