

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Congress reconvenes next week after a month-long summer recess with much of its work yet to be completed.

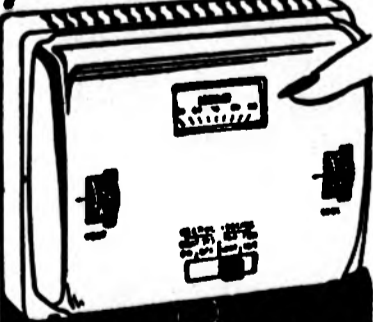
Economic measures are certain to receive speedy Congressional consideration. President Nixon won assurances to that effect from Congressional leaders a few days ago at the White House. The economic legislation which the President is expected to send to Congress proposes the repeal of the seven percent excise tax on automobiles, a new investment credit program for business, and a speed-up of the effective date of the \$750 personal income tax exemption to January 1, 1972.

With the money crisis foremost on the minds of everyone, there is also the prospect that other measures may be introduced to fight inflation and unemployment, since the Administration has been under steady pressure for months from Capitol Hill to take action to improve the economy.

The shift in the Administration's money policy is almost certain to have some effect on several of the President's major proposals—revenue-sharing and the guaranteed annual income for welfare families. When the wage-price-tax-budget plan was announced on August 15th, it was stated that the Administration was deferring the effective date of any revenue-sharing and welfare reforms for periods of as much as one year. Since both of these measures were in some trouble already, the President's action is not likely to improve the chances for their passage at this session.

New environmental legislation seems likely to win final approval soon. Most likely this will be in the form of a 3-year construction program water treatment facilities. The Senate Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution completed markup of a bill to extend such aid on August 5. The House Public Works Committee has scheduled hearings on water pollution control measures on September 13.

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A good disposition is more valuable than gold; for the latter is the gift of fortune, but the former is the dower of nature.—Addison.

He whose first emotion of the view of an excellent production is to undervalue it, will never have one of his own to show.—Aiken.

The best of a book is not the thought which it contains, but the thought which it suggests; just as the charm of music dwells not in the tones but in the echoes of our hearts.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

You may depend on it that he is a good man whose intimate friends are all good, and whose enemies are decidedly bad.—Lavater.

The teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.—Horace Mann.

To rejoice in another's prosperity, is to give content to your own lot; to mitigate another's grief, is to alleviate or dispel your own.—Tryon Edwards.

Resentment seems to have been given us by nature for defense, and for defense only; it is the safeguard of justice, and the security of innocence.—Adam Smith.

Some plague the people with too long sermons; for the faculty of listening is a tender thing, and soon becomes weary and satiated.—Martin Luther.

The House-Senate conference report on the bill to extend the draft, which was approved by the House just before the recess, will be taken up by the Senate on September 13. Opponents of the measure have already indicated that they will again engage in extended debate in an effort to set a deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Indochina. My own feeling is that Congress ought to extend the draft for a period of two years and leave it to the President to work out the withdrawal schedule for our troops as he determines best for our national interests.

Four out of fourteen regular appropriation bills have yet to be approved, but even so this is much better than in any recent year. The remaining regular money bills are for defense, military construction, foreign aid, and the District of Columbia.

The foreign aid authorization bill, in spite of the President's August 15 pledge to cut overseas assistance by ten percent, is again in trouble. This time a hassle has developed between the Secretary of Defense and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee over the withholding by the Department of certain requested information. Chairman Fulbright indicates that the Committee may not consider the foreign aid authorization until the information issued is resolved.

As always, there are predictions of early adjournment, but with so many issues yet to be acted upon, this appears to be more hope than substance.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.—Disraeli.

The ignorant man marvels at the exceptional; the wise man marvels at the common; the greatest wonder of all is the regularity of nature.—Boardman.

Modesty is a shining light; it prepares the mind to receive knowledge, and the heart for truth.—Guizot.

Many dead books remain unburied and offend the air simply because we dishonestly pretend that they are alive and kicking.—Arnold Bennett.

Culture of intellect without religion in the heart is only civilized barbarism, and disguised animalism.—Bunsen.

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