

**SENATOR  
SAM ERVIN  
SAYS**



As Congress approaches the mid-point of the session, a legislative review may be helpful on actions yet to come. Control of the federal budget and the long-needed overhaul of the Congressional appropriations process is a matter of the highest priority. The legality of Presidential impoundments, which I have called into question, is having the effect of focusing attention on efforts underway in both the Senate and House to impose more discipline in the budget-making process. This is a step in the right direction toward restoring some fiscal sanity in respect to Federal spending. Trade and tax bills are major concerns of this Congress. Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means

Committee has indicated that a trade bill will likely be ready for House action before the August recess and that his Committee will resume consideration of a tax bill in early September with prospects that such legislation will emerge from the House in late fall.

The energy crisis, and particularly the shortage of gasoline, is a prime concern in the Congress. Three Senate Committees—Interior and Insular Affairs; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Commerce—have been probing for solutions to ease a situation that seems to be getting worse.

Consumer prices and rising costs of goods and services continue to spotlight a growing weakness in the battle against inflation. On April 30th, Congress extended for another year the President's authority to control wages and prices. Speculation in gold prices and a widening deficit in our trade balances with other nations have touched off new fears about the value of our dollar in world exchange markets. Last week the Commerce Department reported that the U. S. trade deficit soared to \$10.2 billion during the first quarter of this year, more than six times the deficit for the preceding quarter. Actions to strengthen the dollar are likely to be an overriding factor in trade and tax proposals to be considered by the Congress.

A farm bill is expected to be reported by the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee this week. The basic purpose of the bill will be to extend the farm program for five years. The proposed Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act proposes a basic change in determining farm payments to farmers. The Federal government would share the risk with farmers only in the event prices fall considerably below current levels for feed grains, dairy products and cotton. Under this proposal the cost to the taxpayers is expected to be minimal unless target prices suffer a substantial depression.

Public school education continues to be a matter of intense concern in communities across the nation due to forced busing of students to achieve so-called "racial balance." On

Distaff Deeds

**Sewing Provides Cash For Victim of Arthritis**

By  
JANICE CHRISTENSEN

An arthritis victim, Mrs. Louise Davis of Louisburg, has been looking for some type of work she could do at home that would help her become self supporting and independent.

Since she is unable to walk without assistance, it's been an uphill struggle.

However, through the help of Joyce Hunter, assistant home economics extension agent, Franklin County, Mrs. Davis is learning to sew.

Using her new knowledge, the homemaker has learned to make dresses, blouses and slips for herself, daughter and granddaughter. And soon she may be making garments for others to help supplement her family income.

Mrs. Davis feels that "many people who are physically unable to punch a time clock could be gainfully employed in the home." That's why she's trying so hard to learn to sew, the agent adds.

ZINGY TOUCH

Many can-do young Alamance County homemakers are doing their thing with low-budget

May 8th, I introduced a new proposal, S. 1737, to provide for freedom of choice in student assignments in the public schools. That measure was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee of which I am a member. Earlier in the session, I cosponsored S. J. Res. 28, a resolution which Senator Allen and I introduced to amend the Constitution so as to end forced busing to achieve "racial balance" in the public schools. I shall continue to press for action on these and any other legislative efforts to improve the quality of education which has often been weakened by those who practice tyranny on helpless children.

decorating ideas. And all family members are sharing in the creativity.

The youth add zingy touches to their bedrooms and recreation areas, Dad pitches in with his ideas and skills in the living and workshop areas, while Mom strives to add enhancing touches throughout the house.

To follow their example, Amelia Watts, assistant home economics extension agent, suggests you put your imagination to work. Use on-hand items, such as shoe boxes, wooden crates, wallpaper, and uniform size jars to create useful accessories for the home, she advises.

RAISE NAP

If neglecting to put coasters under the legs of heavy furniture has caused "dents" in your rug, here's a tip from Mrs. Mary Parham, home economics extension agent, Granville County.

Place a damp cloth over the flattened spot and press lightly with a hot iron. The nap will rise to the occasion.

SPRING POTATOES

North Carolina farmers are growing about 11,200 acres of spring Irish potatoes this year, an increase over last year's planting by about 200 acres. Production is predicated at about 1 percent above last year but some 6 percent below 1971.

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