## Washington Report

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news coming out of Washington last week was the Presidential announcement of a 60-day freeze on food prices at the second level.

This means that prices off the farm are not controlled by the freeze, but the wholesaler and the distributor will be affected by the freeze, which obviously in turn will tend to reduce the price the farmer receives.

Again, I am convinced that imposing controls on a part of the economy, while ignoring other parts produces only partial results.

I remain convinced that the only solution to fighting the runaway inflation is the complete freeze, not only on prices, but wages, interest, rents and all goods and services.

In House action, once again we had the controversial public debt limit. This is a matter which comes before the Congress at regular intervals, sometimes as often as twice a

Under present law, it is necessary to approve the debt ceiling in order that government might continue to operate and pay its debts.

In recent years, most of the North Carolina delegation has regularly voted against any increase or extension of the debt ceiling, and the same was true last week, with Congressman Andrews, Pryer and Martin voting to extend the debt ceiling, while the rest of the delegation voted no.

On Thursday, June 14, I had the pleasure of visiting Cherry Point and participating in the dedication of a new aircraft stripping and corrosion treatment hanger, constructed at a cost of \$509,000.

This, I believe, is an indication that the former threat to close or phase out the NARF operation at Cherry Point has now diminished. It is difficult to measure in dollars and cents what this large employment of our civilian population means to the economy of many of the counties of the First District, and of course, efforts will remain constant to insure its continuation.

The talk of Presidential impeachment, especially on the Floor of the House, continues to gain momentum. However,

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Probably the most important many Members feel that consideration of impeachment is both inappropriate and un-

> For, unless evidence to the contrary is presented, and such evidence is processed through our uniform judicial system, impeachment at this time is not an immediate prospect.

In view of the multiple problems facing the Legislative Branch this session—the

economy, environment, foreign policy, health, the energy crisis and the general welfare-it is certainly most important that the preoccupation with impeachment does not hinder the capability of the Congress to act on these vital issues.

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