

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

Last week the House was in recess due to the Fourth of July holiday. This might be considered the half-way point of the first session of the 93rd Congress; and it has been a most unusual six months.

Certainly the Watergate investigation has been foremost in the minds of many, for the sensational disclosure leads one to believe that the final results might be even more sensational.

During this time, we have seen our nation confronted with a fuel shortage, a lumber shortage, and it is predicted by many, an actual food shortage in the near future.

Unfortunately, inflation increases at an unbelievable rate. And also in the first six months, President Nixon vetoed an appropriation bill, the Rehabilitation Act which would have extended improved programs for the handicapped, restoration of rural water and sewer programs, and the Congressional act requiring the Senate confirmation of the Office of Management and Budget Director and Deputy Director. But, in spite of the multiple problems of the President, either the House or the Senate sustained his veto on these occasions.

It is reasonable to feel that Congress is at a standstill, but this isn't all together true. Of interest to the people of the First District was the approval and the increase in funding of the Federal Flood Insurance program.

In connection with inflation, early in the session, the House extended the President's wage and price authority until April 30, 1974, but as of this date, he has failed to fully exercise this authority granted him by the Congress.

As of July 1, the House had passed nine appropriation bills, including Agriculture—Environmental and Consumer Protection; however, the Senate has yet to act on any of them, except Agriculture. Therefore, the government is presently being run through special legislation passed known as "Continuing Resolutions."

These bills allow governmental programs and agencies to be funded at the previous year's level, until such time as the appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year can be enacted into law.

Other House action saw the approval of an increase in the minimum wage from the present \$1.60 per hour to \$2.20 by July 1974. It also extended coverage to 6 million additional workers including domestics. The Senate has not acted on this

legislation as yet. Enacted into law was a new plan of funding of rural electric co-ops. The new law converts from direct loans to guaranteed loans for rural electricity and telephone systems. It also provides for an increase in the rate of interest paid on these loans.

The House will reconvene on Tuesday, July 10.

Recycle!
 No need to discard the bottom of that worn-out plastic laundry basket. Use it as a planter, utility tray or floating toy.

Removing Stains Easy with Quick Action by Users

Summer would be much nicer if it were not for grass, ice cream and mildew stains.

"But these need not be problem," says Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University.

The trick of stain removal is to treat when the stain is still fresh, the specialist observes.

Rub a paste of detergent into grass stains, then launder as usual. If any stain remains, sponge with alcohol—if safe for the fabric or dye—or soak the garment in an oxygen bleach or

enzyme presoak solution and rewash.

Ice cream contains fat so start by sponging the stain with a household drycleaning solvent, Miss Tutterow advises. Presoak in cool water with soap, detergent or enzyme presoak product. Launder as usual. If stain remains, sponge again with a drycleaning solvent and rewash.

Mildew is a mold that eventually attacks fibers so treat it as soon as possible.

To treat mildew, rub a detergent paste into the stain, launder in the hottest water safe for the fabric and color and dry in direct sunlight, if possible.

If the mildew stain remains, sponge with hydrogen peroxide and rewash. If the stain still persists, try a chlorine or oxygen bleach and again launder in hot water.


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