

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

Last Friday, Congress took its annual recess until Wednesday, September 5. During the week several major items of legislation were considered, the first being a bill which would have increased the salaries of certain Federal office holders. The House refused to even consider the bill by defeating a motion to consider a rule under which the bill would be debated. Another important matter was the Military Procurement Authorization for 1974. The bill would have authorized \$21.4 billion for the coming year. The

House reduced this by \$950 million setting a ceiling equal to the fiscal year 1973 level, plus a 4.5 inflation increase.

The bill also provides for a reduction in Armed Forces strength of 94,188 from 1973. It also reduced the military reserve strength by 66,544 less than last year. The bill also authorized the average military training student load (including active and reserve components) of 376,280 man-years—520 fewer than requested.

A very controversial bill was the approval of the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline. This bill, in view of the extreme emergency as it relates to our supply of fuel, caused a majority of the Members of the House to stand firm in bypassing the Federal Courts as well as the ecologists.

A substitute was offered to delay construction of the Alaskan line in order to give consideration to an alternate route through the nation of Canada. This, of course, was defeated, and on final passage the vote was 356 to 60, and the

We must despise no sort of talents; they all have their separate uses and duties; all have the happiness of man for their object; they all improve, exalt, and gladden life.—Sydney Smith.

A good newspaper and Bible in every house, a good schoolhouse in every district, and a church in every neighborhood, all appreciated as they deserve, are the chief support of virtue, morality, civil liberty, and religion.—Franklin.

Such is our impatience, our hatred of procrastination in everything but the amendment of our practices and the adornment of our nature, one would imagine we were dragging time along by force, and not he us.—Landor.

only amendments approved were of a technical nature which did not change the intent of the bill.

On the final day before the recess, the House agreed with the Senate version of the 1974 farm bill. Basically, the House version prevailed although there were some features of the compromise which did not meet the complete approval of some of us; however, in need of a sound farm program to continue the necessary production of foodstuffs, we felt that any objections would have to be outweighed by the necessity of the bill itself.

On Friday, the Congress recessed for one month, including the Senate Watergate Committee hearings, to the dismay of some and the relief of others!

MIRROR MORSELS

Much misconstruction and bitterness are spared to him who thinks naturally upon what he owes to others, rather than on what he ought to expect from them.—Guizot.

Polliteness is not always the sign of wisdom, but the want of it always leaves room for the suspicion of folly.—Landor.

Of all the passions, jealousy is that which exacts the hardest service, and pays the bitterest wages. Its service is to watch the success of our enemy; its ages to be sure of it.—Colton.

We find few historians who have been diligent enough in their search for truth. It is their common method to take on trust what they distribute to the public; by which means, a falsehood, once received from a famed writer, becomes traditional to posterity.—Dryden.

If I ever reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there; first to meet some I had not thought to see there; second to miss some I had expected to see there; and third, the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there.—Newton.

The human heart is like the millstone in a mill; when you put heat under it, it turns and grinds the wheat into flour. If you put no wheat in, it still grinds on, but then it is itself it grinds and slowly wears away.—Luther.

If you want to know if your brain is flabby, feel of your legs.—Barton.

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