

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The second session of the 85th Congress should be able to adjourn soon. If the world situation becomes more tense, Congress can be called back on short notice.

THE RECORD

The record of the second session is good. There have been bills enacted that I could not support, and some defeated or not acted upon that I supported.

We have had to deal with such pressing problems as defense and the recession, along with a long list of other important matters, including the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

Trade Bill Passed

The Senate made some improvements in the trade bill from its original provisions as sent down by the President. There were changes which were made by the Senate Finance Committee that I supported but were defeated by votes in the Senate.

It is my conviction that the value of any reciprocal trade act depends in large measure on the way it is administered. The

President can do much good under the new act if he insists on the proper administration of its provisions in a manner to give more consideration than in the past to the damage some countries are doing to some of our domestic industries.

Although there are changes which I preferred that were not in the Bill, I voted for the extension of the act for a three year period, the provision that was enacted by the Senate. The House passed a bill to provide for a five year extension. Conferees are now working out differences between the two bills. My view is that three years is entirely sufficient. Congress ought not to extend the act beyond the terms of any present members of Congress or of the present Administration.

Amendment

The Senate approved an amendment to the bill which I offered to minimize the number of escape-clause proceedings. It provides that in conducting peril point proceedings, the Tariff Commission shall ascertain from the invoice the export price in a foreign country of an article scheduled for exportation to the United States. The Commission shall also ascertain the wholesale price at the end of the preceding calendar year on the domestic market in the United States of the competition article produced by American producers. The Tariff Commission, in conducting these proceedings, is also required to estimate the annual amount of imports which can be made with respect to such articles without injury to the domestic producers. The purpose of my amendment is to direct the Commission to get all the information available as a guide to help them reach a decision in the peril point proceedings.

The Majority and Minority Leaders and Senator Byrd, Finance Committee Chairman, accepted the amendment and it was adopted by the Senate and is now in conference.

Two-Way Street

In order to be effective, reciprocal trade must have reciprocity. It is to be hoped that the administrators of the Act will insist that reciprocal trade is a two-way street and that no great damage be done to the people of this country by a continuation of what I believe to be a perversion of the original idea, the Cordell Hull concept, of reciprocal trade.

Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job.

—Erwin T. Randall.



DISASTERS, natural or man-made, call for immediate stocks of medical supplies and often other equipment for furnishing safe drinking water, electricity or other essentials in order to save lives and aid the victims. Civil defense stocks are exhausted.

STOP, THIEF!

By JOHN D. MCCREADY

Dr. Edwards, 250-pound Tar Heel, has retired from dentistry, but he will never retire from camping in the Great Smokies. He loves that above all else. He knows all about that wonderful region, and how to enjoy it to the full.

But what happened there once, in the stillness of a midsummer night, he didn't enjoy overmuch.

He and several other men had arrived that season with everything to make the trip ideal. They had a strong tent to shield them from the torrential rains that fall at times during the summer. They had sleeping-bags for really cold weather, and fishing gear for the elusive trout in the stream twenty feet from their camp.

Above all, they had a large supply of good food on which "Doc" could exercise his art—he who didn't claim to be the best of camp cooks, but simply admitted it. To keep the choice steaks in perfect condition they had brought a small ice-box, which now occupied a prominent place in the tent.

The second night of camp their

situation, as they surveyed it, seemed perfect. High above the campfire the harvest moon added its soft light, as the crickets and cicadas united in a gentle serenade. The odor of the pine woods mingled with the aroma of fillets of beef which the veteran camper was preparing. He as cook did not allow the other men to idle, but kept them busy bringing firewood, and water from the spring. He laid down the law about the dishes they must wash. As the benevolent despot of the camp, he would brook no disputing of his commands.

At last supper was ready, and all fell to with a will. They sat around then for a while, smoking and joking, and sassing their dictator. Then they entered the tent and in a few minutes were gloriously asleep.

About midnight Dr. Edwards was awakened by some disturbance. He half-opened his eyes; then opened them wide. There in the tent was a large bear. He had just picked up the ice-box and was moving through the flap-door, with the treasure-

chest in his lawless paws.

"Hey there, you . . ." the words that followed were lost on the Doc's fellow campers as they woke up and saw his portly form disappearing down the moonlit path.

Dr. Edwards, calling the thievish prowler by many uncomplimentary names, went lumbering after him. Then, as he gained on him, Bruin suddenly dropped the ice-box, and faced his pursuer.

In a moment the chase had begun in reverse. Up the path ran the professional man, puffing and blowing, with the burly pursuer close behind. He could almost feel the bear's hot breath on his neck as he rushed through the entrance and closed it as best he could. His fellow campers, by now fully aware of what had taken place, offered him their mirthful sympathy and congratulations.

That ended the season's camping for the Doc. The next day he exchanged a sleeping bed for a hospital bed. He was down with a heart attack. But when the doctor came he did not mention camp, much less bears. The medical man was somewhat puzzled at the sudden change in his condition. A few days later the story came out. A fellow camper, visiting him when the doctor came in, suddenly alluded

to "that bear that chased you." "You didn't tell me about that—why?" asked his physician. "I was afraid," replied the big camper meekly, "that you would not let me go back next year." "Oh, well—maybe you can go. Make your plans to, while you lie here. But promise me one thing: the next time you chase a bear, be sure you know what you are going to do with him if you catch him."

"And also," chimed in his fellow-camper, "don't run downhill after a bear you're going to have to run uphill away from."

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—Otto Eduard Bismarck.

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