

Senator Sam J. Ervin Says

WASHINGTON — The National Labor Relations Board of its jurisdiction over the ly sought to give its own in- terpretation to the clearest tional Labor Relations Board provisions of the law by ig- has been the subject of much noring the plain intent of the controversy over the years, Congress. but more recently it has been A majority of the subcom- criticized in a report filed by ntee found that the NLRB the Senate Subcommittee on uses procedures which, in Separation of Powers, of many instances, promote de- which I am chairman. The lays and harm the substantive Senate report, released on rights of employees, and also February 25, charges that the found that the NLRB's general Senate report, subjugated the such cases in the federal dis- rights of employees and has tric courts. been overly responsive to po- litical interests.

I concurred in the report, which culminated 20 months of subcommittee study. Bas- ically, its findings recognize that our present federal laws regulating management - em- ployee-union activities are in need of revision because not only does the applicable law contain many ambiguities, but also the NLRB has consistent-

ing before it. Legislators and labor law specialists have suggested several alternatives for accomplishing such a re- form.

The Tower bill represents one such alternative which the subcommittee will con- sider during hearings begin- ning on July 21. In addition to Senator Tower, the sub- committee has invited the at- torney general, the chairman and the general counsel of the NLRB and a number of representatives of both man- agement and labor and priv- ate citizens to testify on this legislation.

I am hopeful that these hearings will prove helpful in finding a constructive means of insuring that those who have unfair labor practice cases will receive a fair and impartial decision, because



DRUGS FROM THE SEA
New healing drugs have long been hunted and often found in the most unlikely places. Penicillin originated on an overripe cantaloupe; chloramphenicol, the most effective drug against typhoid fever, originally came from a Venezuelan soil mold. Cephalothin, a new weapon against penicillin-resistant germs, was found near a sewer outlet in the sea off Sardinia.

Although the medicinal properties of some ocean in- habitants have been known for thousands of years, no thorough exploration of the sea as a source of drugs has ever been made.

New a number of research- ers are systematically seining the oceans with definite ex- pectations that the next gen- eration of drug products may be derived from the natural organisms living there. At least two drug companies have undertaken full-scale collecting and research pro- grams. And several universi- ties are involved in investi- gations of the medicinal properties of various marine organisms.

The prime aim, they say, is to isolate and evaluate ma- rine plant and animal life in order to develop new thera- peutic agents. Previous in- vestigators of the sea were usually looking for a specific pharmacological activity. The present research involves col- lecting any likely looking specimens and testing them for a variety of properties.

This involves obtaining crude extracts which are tested in a variety of ways for biological activity, in- cluding antibacterial prop- erties, as well as potency against a wide range of dis- eases. Promising extracts are purified and separated into individual chemical compo- nents. The active compo- nents are then identified chemically by various meth- ods including X-ray crystal- lography, nuclear magnetic resonance, high resolution mass spectroscopy, etc., to determine accurately their structure for future testing

and synthesis. A number of the samples they have re- ceived look "extremely prom- ising" the doctors say, but competition in the drug in- dustry being the fierce thing is, they decline to identify them.

Needless to say, research of this sort is not quickly or in- expensively accomplished. The potential drug must be test- ed on animals to make sure its germ-killing properties outweigh any possible side effects. Finally, if it has not been abandoned by then, it is considered safe and effective enough to be tested on hu- mans. It may take up to seven years between the time a company finds something it thinks is good and the mar- keting of it. And an applica- tion to the Food and Drug Administration to market a new drug can cost as much as seven million dollars, most of it going to develop the required information.

The finds that have been made to date are undoubt- edly encouraging; extracts from the green sponge have shown antibiotic capabilities; an ex- tract from a sea cucumber has inhibited the growth of malignant tumors in mice. A poison secreted by the stone- fish has been able to reduce blood pressure in animals. Even the common quahog has produced an extract that shows strong anti-tumor ac- tivity.

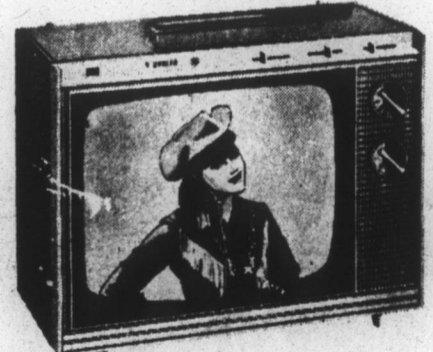
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FUND	REVENUE	AMOUNT LEVIED	RATE
DEBT SERVICE—School Building Bonds	\$ 39,110.08		
Hospital Bonds	88,345.50		
		\$127,455.58	
Less Sales Tax Revenue	\$106,400.00		
Less Intangibles Tax Revenue	3,000.00		
Less Surplus	180.58		
		109,580.58	
		\$ 17,875.00	\$.055
SCHOOLS		700,811.00	
Less Amounts Anticipated from:			
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	\$ 32,000.00		
Dog Tax	1,200.00		
Intangibles Tax	22,000.00		
Poll Tax	1,737.00		
Estimated Balance	42,000.63		
Delinquent Taxes	8,438.00		
Federal and State Funds	313,935.37		
		421,311.00	
		\$279,500.00	.86
HEALTH:			
District	\$ 19,409.28		
County	1,000.00		
		\$ 20,409.28	
Less Intangibles Tax	\$ 1,500.00		
Less Surplus	9,159.28		
		10,659.28	
		9,750.00	.03
SOCIAL SERVICES:			
Aid to Aged	71,280.00		
Aid to Dependent Children	99,360.00		
Aid to Disabled	42,480.00		
Medicaid	269,487.00		
Social Services Administration	51,352.00		
Aid to Blind	11,136.00		
Hospitalization and General Assistance	10,000.00		
		\$555,095.00	
Less Federal and State Funds	\$467,644.88		
Less Intangibles Tax	3,556.00		
Less Unexpended Balances	12,394.12		
		483,595.00	
		\$ 71,500.00	.22
CAPITAL RESERVE		\$ 16,250.00	.05
REVALUATION		6,500.00	.02
AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$ 19,902.60		
Less Federal Funds	7,950.00		
		\$ 11,952.60	
		\$ 12,025.00	.037
AGRICULTURE & ECONOMICS		\$ 20,833.18	
Less Intangibles Tax	\$ 1,000.00		
Less Unexpended Balance	\$ 5,208.18		
		6,208.18	
		\$ 14,625.00	.045
CIVIL DEFENSE		\$ 11,117.30	
Less State and Federal Funds	\$ 6,151.00		
Less Surplus and Intangibles Tax	1,716.30		
		7,867.30	
		3,250.00	.01
ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE		\$ 7,992.40	
Less Intangibles Tax	517.40		
		\$ 7,475.00	.023
GENERAL COUNTY FUND		\$158,020.69	
Less Anticipated from:			
Intangibles and Beer and Wine Tax	\$ 19,000.00		
ABC Store Profit	42,000.00		
Facility Fees and Miscellaneous Revenue	25,000.00		
Surplus	7,020.69		
		93,020.69	
		\$ 65,000.00	.20
TOTAL LEVY		\$508,750.00	\$1.55
County-wide Tax Rate Per \$100 Valuation, Based on a Valuation of \$32,500,000.00			\$1.55
Special Tax Levy for Rural Fire Protection (outside Town of Edenton):			
Based on a Valuation of \$17,500,000	\$ 4,125.00		
	7,500.00		
	\$ 11,625.00		
Less Unexpended Balance	2,875.00		
		\$ 8,750.00	.05
Total County-Wide Budget		\$1,444,387.03	

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