

Rep. Walter Jones Reports...

The House of Representatives resumed its work on Tuesday, September 5, this following a two weeks recess.

The main topic of conversation was the senseless slaughter of members of the Israeli Olympic team. It is indeed a sad commentary on our times when the athletic arena, which is one of the few areas where men of all nations and political philosophies can convene and communicate, is threatened by such a deplorable act.

Some of the House action last week consisted of approving the Conference Report on the OEO authorization for 1973. The Conference Report offered much improvement over the original bill in that it deleted the requirement to set up a Legal Services Department. The major objection to the bill was a two-year appropriation. Many of us felt that such sensitive programs should have to come before the Congress annually for review and change.

In other House action was the approval of the Conference Report on the Accelerated Reforestation of National Forests. This provides for an appropriation not to exceed \$65 million annually to create and accelerate reforestation programs in our national forests.

I have often stated in speeches the difficulty in having agricultural legislation approved in a Congress that is becoming more and more urban-oriented. This was demonstrated emphatically last week when the House rejected by a vote of 122 to 235, legislation known as the Wheat Research and Promotion Act. This would have provided for a small assessment to the wheat industry for the promotion and expansion of domestic markets to be supervised by a wheat industry council composed of 15 voting members and seven additional members. This is similar to the agriculture research programs such as tobacco, peanuts, cotton and other commodities. One of the objections to the original bill was that it would not provide a referendum to be voted upon by those to be affected. So, an amendment was adopted providing for a referendum which has been provided in most other similar agricultural programs. Even with the adoption of the amendment, the bill was defeated, as previously stated.



by MARY LEE THOMPSON

Never before in American history has it been more important for voters to understand our economy than right now. With incomes bigger but dollars buying less, the problem of inflation makes the need for fiscal responsibility vital.

Fiscal considerations were basic to the founding of this nation. "No taxation without representation" was no mere slogan. It was recognition that what the government spends and how it finances itself are of prime importance.

At this point in history, about one-third of all we produce goes to the government—and the government demands still more. In an election year, each party tries to put forth as many programs as possible that will appeal to the well-being of one group or another.

Many of the programs are valid considered separately, but extremely expensive when considered collectively. As individuals and taxpayers, we must not be influenced by golden rhetoric or great promises of new luxuries we cannot afford.

Many people and clubs have formed study groups to learn more about the issues and projects now under consideration by Congress. Others have chosen to research older programs to find out if they are really necessary or can be combined with similar programs for administrative savings.

Some time ago Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.) Chairman, Appropriations Committee, House of Representatives, said, "Control of public spending rests with the people who create public sentiment and elect officials of government... Congress is not going to practice restraint unless the message comes through loud and clear from the people..." It's up to us to speak up!

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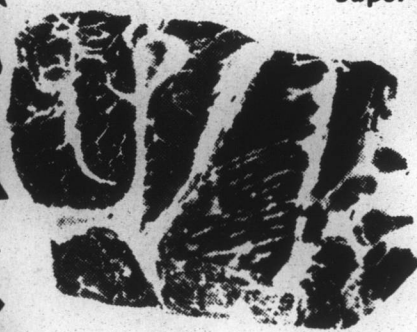
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