

Washington Report

By Congressman Walter B. Jones

In an action that was almost totally unexpected, the House of Representatives on Thursday, September 9, overrode the Presidential veto of a Supplemental Appropriations Bill by a vote of 301 to 117. What was so unusual about the turn of events, was that it was the first time the House had voted to override President Reagan on a money bill. The only other veto overridden was on a relatively minor copyright protection bill. In the past, on such matters of veto on budget and tax bills, some forty to fifty Democrats have supported the President, but in this veto action, only thirteen Democrats voted with the President. While of the one hundred and ninety-five Republican House votes, eighty one voted to override the veto, or against the President. In summary, the President's objection to the bill was due to the fact of \$918 million dollars more than the President wanted for the handicapped, the elderly, and the disadvantaged. His main objection was the fact that the bill included only \$500 million of the \$2.6 billion which the President has requested for defense. But in answer to the Presidential charge that it was a "budget buster", the fact remains that it was \$1.5 billion less than the President had requested in his Supplemental Appropriations request to meet payroll and other governmental expenses. All of the North Carolina House Members, except Republican Members, Mr. Broyhill, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Martin, voted to override.

In other House action, the House approved authorization to increase Farmers Home Administration funding for

farm and rural development loan programs. In view of the run-away inflation, the loan ceiling increases were not out of line. For example, the operating loans which presently has a cap of \$1.375 billion has been increased to \$1.510 billion. Other programs were increased proportionately. Another major change contained in the House bill is to provide procedures whereby the Secretary of Agriculture would be required, through September 30, 1982, to forego foreclosure and allow a deferral of principal and interest payments by any individual FmHA family farmer - borrower who demonstrates that he has used good management practices, is temporarily unable to make payments because of circumstances beyond his control, and has a reasonable chance of repaying his loan if the deferral is granted. Following any deferral, the remaining debt would be rescheduled at no increase in interest rates. Also of interest, is a provision that farmers can be eligible for emergency disaster loans if losses amount to 20 per cent or more of an individual farmer's crops. This restores the eligibility level which was in effect before a 1981 law raised the qualifying level to 30 per cent.

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They can "become" governor, lieutenant governor, state attorney general or any one of a number of state officials and work alongside their counterparts during annual Youth Involvement Day activities in Raleigh, November 2 - 3.

"This experience gives our young people a closer look at the executive processes of state government," said Gov. Jim Hunt, who traditionally participates in the activity. "It is also an excellent opportunity for state officials to hear the concerns and recommendations of our youth."

The theme for the two-day program will be New Federalism and how it will affect the programs in our state. A workshop will be held Tuesday afternoon followed by a banquet and a costume dance that evening. Wednesday will begin with a breakfast where the youths will meet their government counterparts. Cost per student is \$30, which covers the banquet, entertainment, lodging and breakfast.

For registration and in-

formation, contact Sarah Harris at 919-733-5966, or write to Youth Involvement Office, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611. Deadline for registration is Sept. 29.

Youth Involvement Day is sponsored by the State Youth Council in the N.C. Department of Administration's Youth Involvement Office. The office works to develop opportunities for youth involvement in state government and community affairs.

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Report From Weyerhaeuser: Dye Tracking Project

Albemarle Dye Job

Several days ago, Weyerhaeuser Company scientists dumped 32 gallons of a very special bright red dye into the Albemarle Sound. The dye, called rhodamine, is not only easy to see in heavy concentrations, but it can also be measured down to dilutions of one part per billion. It is also totally harmless.

The "dye job", according to fisheries biologist Bob Hermann, is part of Weyerhaeuser Company's continuing effort to understand the nature of the receiving waters in its operating area.

"In this particular project", said Hermann, "we were tracking the flow and movement of the dye out of the Roanoke River and into the Sound as well as measuring the rate at which it spread and was diluted. This will give us a very

basic piece of information about the Sound - how quickly it assimilates materials placed into it and where the stuff goes once it's there."

Hermann and other company scientists made daily boat trips onto the Sound during the first week after the dye was dumped on August 25th and have made periodic checks on the material since.

"The dye will be down to less than one part per billion this week so this part of the project is over", said Hermann. Adding, "But the information we get here will help us understand how well the Sound accepts our treated effluent from Plymouth and where it goes in the water body. It'll help us to interpret the effect of the Roanoke River

discharge on algae blooms and the like", Hermann concluded.

The dye tracking project was conducted with the assistance of Dr. Steven Anderson of the Company's corporate staff. Rhodamine, which Hermann says looks like "beet juice", has been used in similar projects on the west coast and in other North Carolina estuaries including the Neuse River.

Safety Mark Met

The woodyard crew at the New Bern Pulp Mill has just notched another safety record, says woodyard superintendent, Jim Kurz.

"As of August 23, our team has worked four-and-a-half years without a lost time accident", Kurz said. "Now the challenge is to keep it going through the same kind of effort that got

us here."

Weed Appointed To C.R.C. Glen Wood, Manager of external affairs for the Region, has been named to a four year term on the Coastal Resources Commission by Governor Jim Hunt.

Wood succeeds DeWitt Darden, land use supervisor for the company, who had been a member of the 15-member commission since its creation in 1974. The commission administers the Coastal Area Management Act.

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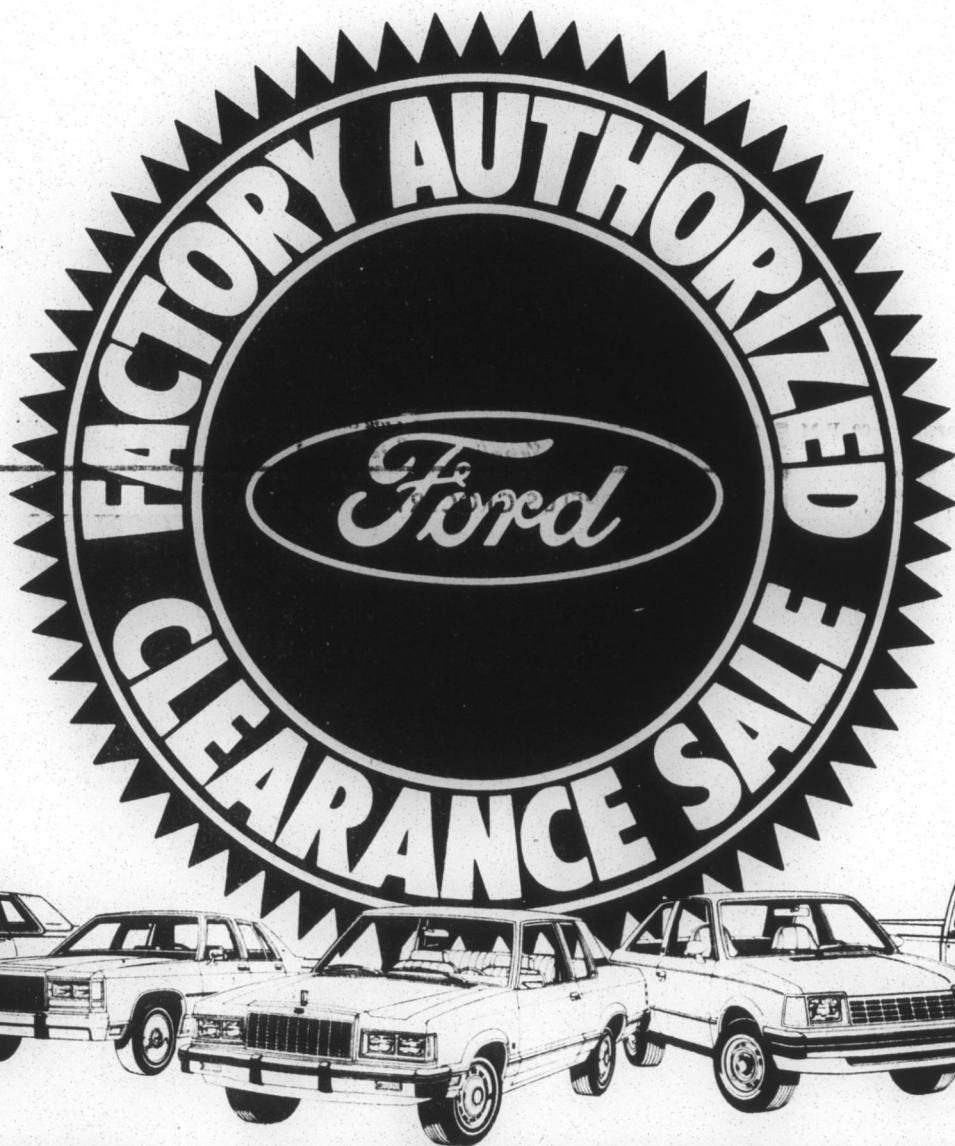
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