



TAX SEMINAR— Amy Asbell (right) visits with Sidney Kess (left) at the Kenelm Foundation-Campbell University Tax Seminar held at the Weymouth Center in Southern Pines.

The Washington Report By Congressman Walter Jones

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Congress has finally decided who will represent the 8th District of Indiana. After spending an entire week, over 200 hours, of what many Members consider to be wasted legislative time, on debate and procedural motions, Democrat Frank McCloskey was seated on May 1 as the Representative.

In February a special Task Force was established pursuant to the powers granted the House of Representatives by the Constitution to recount the ballots cast in this election. The actual recount was conducted by impartial auditors from the General Accounting Office and directly supervised by an experienced election official from Arizona. The final tabulation found Mr. McCloskey the winner by four votes.

Although the Republican members of the House repeatedly made accusations that the recount was a Democratic scheme to "steal" this seat, the procedures used to recount the ballots had been used many times before to finalize disputed elections. As early as 1820 and 1838, the House was called upon to determine how to count ballots in a debated election. The recent Indiana dispute is

now settled and I am hopeful we can now return to the important business of adopting a budget which reduces the deficit and maintains our essential programs.

There has been no new or effective progress made towards solving the problems facing our tobacco program. The stabilization buy-out proposal is apparently still deadlocked on the antitrust legislation issue. In addition, USDA is considering withdrawing its approval for the 25¢ per pound rebate to manufacturers unless 100% of the stabilization stocks are purchased. There is some work being done on drafting a tobacco bill which would address the buy-out, price support and antitrust areas, but it is not likely this bill could be considered and passed in time to help with the 1985 crop.

In addition, there is growing concern over the many proposals to increase the excise tax on cigarettes. Placing any additional tax on cigarettes, regardless of the amount, will open the door not only for as much as 32¢ per pack to be tacked on but will also be a giant step toward killing the tobacco program altogether.

There is good news on the 1986 Farm Bill. Although the entire bill has not been definitely put together, each subcommittee is

diligently working in their respective areas of expertise and the full Committee is expected to consider the proposals by May 15. The tobacco program is not a part of the Farm Bill.

A few days ago President Reagan appeared on national TV and urged the American public to respond to his request for support of his fiscal year '86 budget. It has been my policy since being in Congress to support the President

regardless of political party whenever possible. In the main I do not have too many problems with the President's budget, but if the American public had any idea of the waste and fraud which exists in defense spending, for which the recommended request is some \$354 billion, perhaps they would enthusiastically approve of their Representatives looking most carefully at this particular part of the budget.

Youth Group To Compete In Finals

The teenage groups from Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church, Tyner, will compete in regional finals competition at Greensboro on May 17 and 18.

On April 27, the youth groups won ten top place awards at the Williamsburg, Va. Conference final.

The teenagers who will be competing in Greensboro are:

Vocal group - Curtis "Dee" Bunch, Denise Bunch, Tammy Copeland, Jerry and Terry Harrell, John Jennins, Jewel Langley, Marsha Perry, Sherry Pierce, Collene Shropshire, Lynn Shropshire, Robin Shropshire, Crystal

Stallings, Carroll Ward Jr, Gerald Wiggins, and Reginal Wiggins. Instrumentals solo - "Dee" Bunch; Creative Arts: Robin Shropshire, Crystal Stallings, Gerald Wiggins and Reginal Wiggins; Creative Writing - Jewel Langley.

The junior group (age 8 - 12), which won first place is made up of:

The Junior Bible quiz; vocal solo - Dale Jones; Creative Arts - Stacy Copelan.

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