

Rep. Whitener Has Introduced Many Bills Of Great Importance

During his eight years in the House of Representatives Congressman Basil L. Whitener has introduced many bills for the benefit of the people of his district, state, and nation. The legislation sponsored by Whitener covers a wide field. Quotations from some of the speeches Whitener has made in the House of Representatives on the bills he has introduced for the benefit of the people he represents picture the broad range of his legislative activity.

SOCIAL SECURITY

"I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the limitations imposed on outside income under the Social Security Amendments of 1960 should be removed. The higher cost of food, clothing, housing, and medical care is working a severe hardship on thousands of our older citizens.

My bill would permit Social Security beneficiaries to earn as much outside income as possible without jeopardizing their right to Social Security benefits. The enactment of my bill would permit many of our elderly people who now find it impossible to maintain a decent standard of living on their Social Security payments to increase their income from outside sources to a level adequate for their proper maintenance."

U. S. MAIL

"Mr. Speaker, one of the most serious problems existing in the United States today is the great harm that is being done to our young people through the dissemination of obscene and degrading pictures, publications, and other pornographic matter through the U. S. mail.

I have introduced a bill, therefore, to prohibit the mailing of obscene matter and prescribe adequate penalties for those who do so. I sincerely hope that my colleagues in the House will join in supporting my bill. The distribution of obscene matter in our country adversely affects the moral health of our nation, and I feel there is no greater duty on the part of the Congress than to provide adequate safe guards against the distribution of such material."

FEDERAL TAX

"Mr. Speaker, I have introduced bills today to repeal the Federal tax on the transportation of persons and on communications. I feel that the repeal of these taxes is long overdue.

These taxes are discriminatory in nature and certainly should be removed without further delay on the part of the Congress."

NSLI

"Mr. Speaker, thousands of our veterans are now without National Service Life Insurance. Many of these veterans lost their policies by reason of the fact that they were not properly notified by the Veterans Administration of the lapse of their policies. In addition, numerous other veterans allowed their National Service Life Insurance policies to lapse due to economic hardship or insufficient information as to their rights, privileges, and benefits under the National Service Life Insurance Act.

Mr. Speaker, in order to give these deserving veterans the opportunity to participate once again in our National Service Life Insurance program I have introduced a bill which will authorize the renewal of expired five-year level premium term National Service Life Insurance."

REPRESENTATION

"Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a bill, which, if enacted, I believe will eliminate the loss of representation that certain states will suffer by the admission of Hawaii and Alaska. My bill is in keeping with the historic pattern that has been followed in the past whenever new

states have been admitted to the Union. Throughout our history the additional representation brought about by the admission of new states to the Union has been taken care of by the creation of new House seats."

TWO-PRICE COTTON

"Mr. Speaker, it is my judgment there is no more important legislation relating to our economy pending in the Congress than the bill designed to eliminate the two-price cotton situation.

I have pointed out heretofore that more North Carolinians work in textile jobs than in all of the other manufacturing industries of the state combined. The textile payroll is nearly 5 times larger than that of the next largest manufacturing industry in the State of North Carolina."

MICA

"Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing a bill to establish a program for the purchase and resale of domestically produced, newly mined, processed mica and mica ore.

Every mica mine in the United States is closed today, according to the information which comes to me. These mines are of particular significance to the Congressional District in North Carolina which I am privileged to represent."

Of Basil Whitener

Congressional Record Reveals Reputation

"No man is an island separate and apart . . . Man is involved with mankind"—John Donne.

Man is indeed involved with his fellow man and no better example of this principle can be found than the life of Congressman Basil L. Whitener. Congressman Whitener's entire life has been one of service to his fellowman and predicated on the concept of the Brotherhood of Man.

OUTSTANDING

His record of civic service is an outstanding one.

In addition to the public offices that he has held, he has found time to serve humanity in

ener was one of the organizers and the first president of the numerous capacities. Basil Whitener served as state president of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina in 1946-47. He was named permanent chairman of the Young Democratic National Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., in November, 1949. He was chairman of the Speakers Bureau of the Young Democratic Clubs of America in 1940 - 1951. He was elected chairman of the Board of Regional Directors of the Young Democratic Clubs of America in 1951.

He was named Gastonia's "Young Man of the Year" in 1939.

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He served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1948 and 1960.

Belmont Abbey College bestowed upon him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1960.

He is an active member of the First Methodist Church in Gastonia and has served on the official board of the church. He is a member of the Kiwanis, Elks, American Legion, The Forty and Eight and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Basil Whitener is a Thirty Second Degree Mason, member of York and Scottish Rite Bodies, a Shriner and a member of many other civic and fraternal organizations.

What Others Think

WHAT CONGRESSMAN WHITENER'S COLLEAGUES IN THE CONGRESS THINK ABOUT HIM AND HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE:

As secretary of the informal House Committee on Textiles, I have become closely associated over the years with Basil Whitener. I know of no one who has more persistently, ably, and successfully fought to save our great textile industry from unfair low-wage foreign competition and to protect our farmers. Basil Whitener is a leader in the Congress. He is a man of unquestioned integrity, character, and patriotism. The Congress is a better Congress because of Basil Whitener's membership and dedication to better government. I congratulate all of you for your good judgement in sending him to Washington.

—REP. WILLIAMS JENNINGS BRYAN DORN, S. C.

Congressman Basil Whitener is a man of experience and sound judgment, of integrity and human compassion. I not only prize his friendship; I seek his wise counsel time after time. Basil Whitener's good works are everywhere. He has made a reputation in Congress as an effective and tireless worker for the common man's interests. No people are better represented in Washington than those of the Tenth Congressional District of North Carolina. Basil Whitener is truly a dedicated man of the people.

—REP. CARL ALBERT, OKLAHOMA

Basil Whitener is dedicated and industrious, and I know, as does Speaker John McCormack, that he works hard for the people of his District and the great State of North Carolina. Throughout his career, he has battled for the success of the Democratic Party, both in local and national elections, and we are proud to have him in our front ranks. Basil Whitener has earned the respect of the House leadership as well as his fellow colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his honesty, his industriousness and his sincerity. As you know, your Congressman serves on the vital House Judiciary Committee, and he is making a fine record for his District and his State on this committee. I am proud to work with Basil Whitener and to serve with him in the House; and I am confident you will continue to give him your wholehearted cooperation and support for the benefit of your State and our Nation. I commend Basil Whitener and urge the people of the Tenth District to work for his re-election.

—REP. HALE BOGGS, LA.

It has been suggested by friends of Congressman Basil L. Whitener of the Tenth District of North Carolina that I write you in regard to his service as a member of the United States Congress. I have served with Basil Whitener throughout his tenure of office. Congressman Whitener enjoys in an unusually high degree the confidence and esteem of his colleagues, and particularly those of us who have had the privilege of serving on the Judiciary Committee with him. He is able, forthright, dependable and courageous. In addition, he is well informed and active in the Committee, as well as in the work of the House of Representatives. Congressman Whitener firmly adheres to sound and fundamental doctrines. He believes in and advocates measures which enhance the betterment of America. He is one of the most useful members of the House of Representatives.

—REP. WILLIAM M. TUCK, VIRGINIA

Basil Whitener is one of the most respected and able Members to enter the House of Representatives in my 22 years of service here. During that time I have seen hundreds of Members come and go. A few of them become leaders within a short time; others after a period of years; and many never made it at all. Basil Whitener, with his keen knowledge of the law, as an advocate of Constitutional government and sound fiscal policy, with his firm yet temperate manner of speech, dedication to public service, hard work, resourcefulness and magnetic personality, made himself known and respected within a short time after entering the House. With each passing year he has grown in stature and position. He has, indeed, become one of the most effective and influential Members of this body, one that the great State of North Carolina and the country could ill-afford to lose.

—REP. THOS. G. ABERNETHY, MISSISSIPPI

I have known Congressman Whitener since his first election to the Congress. My association with him has been almost daily. Certainly he is one of the outstanding Members of Congress by any yardstick you want to measure him by. All of us value his service and his judgment and leadership most highly.

—REP. ALBERT THOMAS, TEXAS

Congressman Basil L. Whitener is one of the most dedicated, productive and outstanding Members of Congress whose service on the powerful Judiciary Committee has been a credit to his district, state and nation. He is recognized by all Members of the House as one of the best informed legislators in the Congress.

—REP. RICHARD H. ICHORD, MISSOURI

I have known Congressman Whitener since he was first elected to Congress in January, 1957 where he has served with distinction. As a Member of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, I was privileged to work in close association with him until 1962 when I left the District of Columbia Committee to become a Member of the Committee on Agriculture. He also serves as a most valuable Member of the Judiciary Committee of the House. During the time we have served together in the Congress, Congressman Whitener has demonstrated his great capacity for the position he holds. In my judgment he is eminently qualified to continue as a distinguished Representative of the people of North Carolina by reason of his qualifications, excellent character, fine temperament, and outstanding record in Congress. It has been my experience that he diligently studies every issue presented to the Congress with an open mind, and, after having examined all of the facts and evidence, he has acted and voted in a manner which shows his intense desire to serve the people of North Carolina in the best possible manner and in the highest tradition of the Democratic Party.

—REP. JAMES H. MORRISON, LOUISIANA

Congressman Basil Whitener has done an outstanding job in Washington, diligently caring for the interests of his constituents while at the same time taking national leadership in major efforts to strengthen our nation in these times of peril.

—REP. CHARLES E. BENNETT, FLORIDA

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Policy

The policy of THE SENTINEL is to give voters in our District an absolute true picture of the outstanding job Congressman Whitener has done for the people of our District, our State and our Nation, and to urge the re-election of this distinguished American to Congress.

