

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Harris Ellsworth, Member of Congress

In spite of the fact that the entire committee structure of the House of Representatives was torn up and put back together again by the Congressional Re-organization Act, organization of all of the committees of the house has already been completed. The house now has only nineteen committees, eighteen of which are legislative. One, the rules committee, determines the order in which bills come to the floor of the house, and does not act on any legislation.

Four of the eighteen are minor, and members of these may also serve on one major committee. Otherwise, members of the house have but one committee each. The committees generally have 25 or 27 members. Those having 27 members, have 16 Republicans and 11 Democrats. Those having 25 members have 15 Republicans and 10 Democrats. The majority party always has a substantial majority on all committees.

Each bill is referred to a committee when it is introduced. There, all of the detailed work on it is done, so that, when the bill is brought to the floor, it is usually in such shape that it is passed or rejected by the house. The committees of congress are, therefore, extremely important. Service on a committee is a very important part of the work of a member.

Seniority—the length of consecutive service of a member—has the greatest effect on his opportunity to choose his committee. Fortunately, all four members of the house from the state of Oregon have sufficient seniority in the 80th Congress to permit them to obtain excellent committee assignments. In fact, all four of us were given the assignments we requested. Homer Angell of Portland is ranking member on the Public Works Committee, which handles rivers and harbors, flood control, public works and buildings of all sorts, and roads. Lowell Stockman, who represents the eastern Oregon districts, was made a member of the appropriations committee. Walter Norblad, representing the northwestern portion of the state, is on the armed services committee, which is the consolidation of the military affairs and naval affairs committees.

I was appointed to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, which I have always considered one of the most important committees in congress. This committee handles legislation dealing with interest and foreign commerce generally, regulation of interstate and foreign transportation, regulation of interstate and foreign communications, civil aeronautics, weather bureau, interstate oil and gas compacts, securities and exchanges, regulation of interstate transmission of power, railroad labor and railroad retirement and unemployment, public health and quarantine, inland waterways and the bureau of standards. You can readily see, from the foregoing list that the jurisdiction of my committee covers a wide range of important subjects. I feel certain that my membership on this committee will give me greater opportunity for constructive service to my district and the

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state of Oregon than I have had previously.

Committee assignments on the Republican side of the aisle are worked out by a committee on committees, which is made up of one member from each of the 48 states. On the Democratic side of the aisle, the assignments are made up by the Democratic members of the Ways and Means committee. Apparently, 424 members of the house of representatives are fairly well satisfied with their assignments, but one member, Vito Marcantonio of New York, is not. He is a member of the American Labor party, and does not claim affiliation with either of the major parties. When the Republicans made their committee assignments, they took the position that, since Marcantonio had received both the Democratic and American Labor party nominations in his district, he should be taken care of by the Democrats. When the Democrats made their committee assignments, they took the position that it had long been the custom of the majority party of the house (which has far more committee seats to assign) to take care of assignments for members of minor parties. The result is that, as this is written, Marcantonio has no committee assignment.

Three major problems which will be considered during this session of congress are reduction of federal spending, taxation and labor legislation. As usual, numerous minor bills will be introduced, but the concentration of the leadership will be on those three subjects.

With The Churches

Baptist Community

REV. CHARLES E. DUNHAM, PASTOR
O. C. Turley, Music Director
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Walter B. Jones, supt. Classes for all ages.

Morning worship at 11 a. m. Sunday is the beginning of Youth Week. There will be special services for the young people. The pastor will bring the message.

B. Y. F. meets at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday Bible study at the home of Frank George. Time is set for 7:30 p. m.

Christian Science Society

Services Sunday at 11 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Truth" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all the Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 26.

The Golden Text will be "It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth" (1

John 5:6).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible: "Praise the Lord. The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Ps. 111:1, 7, 8,) together with the following correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The question, What is Truth, is answered by demonstration—by healing both disease and sin; and the demonstration shows that Christian healing confers the most health and makes the best of men" (Pre viii: 12-15).

Seventh Day Adventist

Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.
Church services at 11:00 a. m.

Curry County Mission of the Episcopal Church

Port Orford: St. Christopher's chapel. Vicar—The Rev. Dan A. Bacot, phone 341. Church school and Evening Prayer, 3:00 every Sunday. Holy Communion—first and third Sundays at 10 a. m.; Holy Communion—every Tuesday at 10 a. m.

Gold Beach: St. Matthew's chapel. Vicar—The Rev. Luther Ison. Church school (each Sunday) at 9:45 a. m. (First Sunday a Children's Eucharist). Holy Communion—(each Sunday) 9 a. m. On second Sunday at 11 a. m. Morning prayer—fourth and fifth Sundays at 11 a. m. Evening prayer—first and third Sundays, 5 p. m.

Brookings: St. Timothy's chapel. Vicar—The Rev. L. O. Ison. Alternated Morning and Evening services on Saint's days when announced. Holy Communion—first and third Sundays at 11:45 a. m. Evening Prayer—2nd and 4th Sundays at 5 p. m. (Chapel is across from high school. All are welcome. Father Ison can be contacted by phoning Gold Beach, 62R14.

Latter Day Saints

Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. at Harbor school house. George Baxter, president; Ira

Brown, first counselor and Robert Rasmussen, second counselor.

Star of the Sea Catholic Church

First Sunday of month at 12 noon.

All other Sundays at 8 a. m. Rev. Daniel Kelly, Pastor.

Smith River Methodist

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Grace VanZee, supt.

Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Rev. E. C. Hicks will deliver the sermon.

The Pilot—For Christmas Gifts.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lytle week had the pleasure of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Hanson of Minnesota, and their son, visitors, after enduring the Minnesota winters, were pleased with the climate of this area leaving for their home. So they told the Lytles they expect to come here for a permanent location.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph cent returned Tuesday from business trip to Portland they had gone to purchase for their new business, also open here.

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