

The Real Facts of Life for Congress-Watchers

Herewith a Glossary of Terms Used in Both Houses



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How to Address A Congressman

What to write to your congressman or legislator? It's simple.

For U.S. senators, make it "Honorable Adam Smith, U.S. Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, 25, D.C."

For U.S. representatives, "Honorable Adam Smith, U.S. House of Representatives, House Office Building, Washington, 25, D.C."

For a state senator, make it "Sen. Adam Smith, State Senate, Salem, 10, Ore."

For a state representative, it's "Rep. Adam Smith, State House of Representatives, Salem, 10, Ore."

To write to the President, the proper form is "The President, The White House, Washington, D.C."

For the governor, it's "Gov. Adam Smith, State Capital, Salem, 10, Oregon."

Salutations are generally ignored. Start the letter with "Dear Senator Smith." Courtesy requires that it be "Dear Mr. President" in writing to the White House.

EDITOR'S NOTE — The average citizen probably doesn't have a very clear understanding of how Congress works. Here is a tongue-in-cheek account of what the congressional record doesn't tell.

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WASHINGTON — Congress comes back to work Wednesday, so it's time for each conscientious, high minded citizen to buckle down to his homework.

The task: To learn what senators and representatives mean when they speak the languages mysteriously their own.

In this perilous age, when we can't understand the Russians, when the Russians can't understand the Cubans, and

the Cubans can't understand anybody, let's at least know what our heroes at the Capitol are up to.

Here, then, is a glossary of terms used in, or about, Congress:

DEBATE, HOUSE VERSION—Don't be misled by this word; in the House, there is no such thing.

With 435 members, time is severely limited, on important issues, where everyone wants to talk, a congressman thinks he has hit the jackpot if he gets as much as five minutes at the House microphone.

So he gets his great opportunity and drones until time runs out and the gavel falls. Orator follows orator, with hardly anyone listening to what is said—except, possibly, the fellow doing the talking.

Possibly no vote is ever changed by House debates. That's why they are usually attended by a smattering of members, chiefly those waiting to get into the act.

The House is the exact reverse of a fancy shop which uses its showcases to tempt the customers to buy. If you want to appreciate the House, you have to march right in to the committees, where the work is done, and investigate the interesting stuff on the shelves yourself.

DEBATE, SENATE STYLE—It is not true that senators talk longer and say less than any other similar body in the world. It only seems that way. Yet, despite the unending speech-making, here, too, few votes are swayed by it.

Tom Connally, the former Texas senator, was speaking of a single colleague, but what he said is true of almost all of

them (and almost all of us). "The senator approaches each issue," tart old Tom said, "with an open mouth and a closed mind."

"The distinguished Senator"—never has an adjective been so devoid of meaning. Privately a senator may know his colleague is a creep, but publicly all senators are distinguished, to other senators. Fairly harmless habit, but incurable except by a crushing defeat at the polls.

FILIBUSTER—This is a dirty word, so dirty that nobody ever admits he filibusters. No, he wants to arouse public attention, to explore constitutional problems created by this iniquitous legislation. Or, if he's a wordmonger like Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen, R-Ill., he has a yen to ventilate the issue. But, filibuster? No, this is a horrid word reserved for the other fellow.

MAJORITY LEADER—This is a humorous term used to describe Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont. You can't lead a senator to water, much less make him drink.

It got so bad during the last session that Mansfield was given unexpected support, from his Republican counterpart, the gallant Dirksen of Illinois.

"I have seen some of the articles in the newspapers and magazines which undertook to demean him as the leader of the Senate," Dirksen said in that magnificent purr that sounds like a well tuned sports car.

"God save the mark. I know him well. I served with him in the House of Representatives as well as in the Senate. He deserves far better. He

has made an effort to harmonize 100 diverse personalities in the U.S. Senate."

"Oh great God, what an amazing and dissonant 100 personalities there are—from the orchards of Oregon and Washington, from the cotton fields of Mississippi, from the cranberry bogs of Massachusetts, from the rockbound coasts of Maine, and from the cornfields of Illinois."

They or their amazing, dissonant successors will all be here, daring anyone to lead them anywhere.

SPEAKER—This is a humorous term used to describe Rep. John W. McCormack, D-Mass.

Speaking is what a speaker doesn't do. He rarely comes down on to the floor to take part in the purported debate, and when he presides over the House he usually mumbles expertly so no one will be sure exactly what is said.

Sam Rayburn, greatest of speakers, turned mumbling into a science. Rayburn could sneak a passel of legislation through the House before the snooziest legislator could cry, "Hey, what's going on here?" Once he mumbled so wonderfully that he even fooled the official reporters and the "Congressional Record" came out next day saying the House had zipped when it really had zaggged.

McCormack still hasn't mastered mumbling, but even though he's 71, he's still a rookie playing a strange position. Given time for seasoning, his speaking should be as difficult to understand as anybody's.

"MR. SPEAKER, I ASK PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE FOR ONE MINUTE AND TO REVISE AND

EXTEND MY REMARKS—Possibly no other combination of words is used so frequently in the House. But, since these words usually come at the opening of the day, when that noisy body is midway between hubbub and chaos, they are never heard. And nobody cares.

For this is a pleasant little device whereby a representative can insert a whole speech into the "Record" without saying a word of it. Copies of this opus can now be mailed back to his admiring constituents who—so the theory runs—will cry out, "Man, he's a really a-telling them up there in Washington, isn't he?"

WASTE—Despite the talk, you won't find a pro-waste man in all of Congress. We pant for economy in government, and always have.

"The people justly view with alarm the reckless extravagance which pervades every department of the federal government." These sparkling words are a part of our national literature that we don't read much any more, and rightly so. They're from the Republican platform of 1860.

Nobody wanted reckless extravagance then, and nobody wants it now, but the difficulties arise from the way a congressman looks at this simple word:

ECONOMY—Something that should be practiced severely, but in the other fellow's state or district.

But don't get me wrong. Congress is a delightful institution. So welcome home, gentlemen, gentlemen. Speak right up so that we can hear you.



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Conflict Revealed in Research Chief's Resignation

PORTLAND (AP)—A conflict over administration of the multi-million-dollar Oregon Regional Primate Research Center came to light Saturday with the resignation of the facility's director—Donald E. Pickering.

Pickering said in a letter of resignation to the board of directors of the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon that the administrative code

adopted by the dean of the University of Oregon Medical School—Dr. D.W.E. Baird—and the foundation did not permit him to exercise scientific and operational responsibility for the center.

Pickering said that he planned to continue as senior scientist, however.

Pickering said that problems had arisen over budgets and

what he said were obstacles placed in the way of graduate education.

University of Oregon President Arthur S. Flemming, a former Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, said in Seattle Saturday, "I believe that the administrative code and the manner in which it has been administered by the Research Foundation through Dean Baird is in complete conformity with the understanding reached with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare when the

grant was made for the Primate Research Center.

"I also believe the Medical Research Foundation, working through Baird, has conducted the affairs of the Center in a manner consistent with sound

principals and will develop it to the point where it will be one of the outstanding institutions of its kind in the nation."

The center is under the sponsorship of the University of Oregon Medical School.

Three Killed in Flaming Plane Crash

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP)—Three children were orphaned here Saturday as their parents and a family friend died in the flaming crash of a light plane at the start of a scheduled cross-country flight.

Killed were Harold Gerard,

39, his wife, Shirley, 35, and John Platsman, 31, all of Sunnyside.

The Gerards were survived by two daughters and a son, Peggy, 16, Jean, 12 and Allen, 8. Neighbors are caring for them. Platsman was unmarried.

The Gerards, operators of a drive-in stand, were bound for a national soft drink convention in Florida. Platsman, owner of the Sunnyside Glass Co., had offered to fly them there in his four-place Cessna 170, which he had had about three years.

'Monopoly' Seen In Railroad Merger

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department says the proposed merger of the Northern Pacific, Burlington and Great Northern railroads would create a huge and powerful rail monopoly crossing four Northern states.

The railroads' brief, filed Friday, said the merger would result in better transportation at lower cost.

The Justice Department took a different view in a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission opposing the merger application. It contended the merger would:

- Destroy vigorous competition between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

- Seriously damage and eventually jeopardize the existence of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Co., a principal competitor, and hurt other competitors by diverting millions of dollars of freight revenues.

- Impair adequate transportation in a growing region of the nation and deprive it of the advantages of competition.

- Impose hardships on communities and shippers in the area, and trigger new merger applications.

The brief, presented Friday, also contended that opponents of the merger were denied a fair hearing in testimony taken last year on the merger plan.

The Justice Department said the ICC examiner deprived the opponents of the right to cross examine some witnesses and placed undue restrictions on other cross examinations.

Bus Firm Seeks Service Reduction

The Oregon Public Utility Commission is studying a request by Western Greyhound Lines to abandon service on its Junction City-to-Eugene route over River Road, the Corvallis-to-Eugene run over Highway 99W and the Albany-Newport run over U.S. Highway 20.

At the same time, Valley Stages of Salem has applied to take over the three runs.

And Pacific Trailways has now filed a request with the PUC for permission to operate between Albany and Newport and for a route between Corvallis and Eugene over U.S. 99E.

Protests have been filed against Greyhound's request by the Canby Chamber of Commerce and the Railway and Motor Coach Employees Union.

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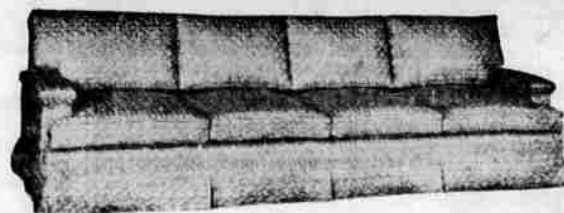
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