

Your Congressman Says...



Congressman SAM COON  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES defeated the \$1,600,000,000 Federal aid to school construction bill by a vote of 224 to 194. It contained an amendment to deny school aid funds to states which fail to comply with the Supreme Court's integration decision. I voted for this amendment as a matter of principle, as I believe the Supreme Court's decisions should be upheld.

The defeated school aid bill

would not have helped the states on the basis of their needs. The Republicans tried to incorporate into the bill the Eisenhower policy of aid based on need. The Democrats combined almost unanimously to defeat our efforts.

Many of us tried to guard against the danger that this Federal aid to construction program could be the entering wedge leading to control of education by bureaucrats in Washington. Chairman Graham A. Barden of our House Education and Labor Committee introduced an amendment with the object of keeping Federal control of the program to a minimum. I voted for this amendment, but it did not pass.

Another amendment was introduced to return 1% of the Federal income tax collections to the states, to be used for school construction purposes, but with absolutely no strings attached. This amendment also failed to pass.

I am a friend of education and am deeply interested in seeing that every American boy and girl has the best of educational opportunities. I am a member of the Education and Labor Committee. I know local school problems as I served for five years on a local school board in Baker County, and I feel very strongly that we should not let the Federal government enter into control of our school systems. This is a field where we can manage our own affairs and it should remain a state and local responsibility without controls from Washington.

Because the construction aid bill did not grant aid on a basis of need, and because it opens the door to more and more Federal control of education, I voted against the bill.

THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION has loaned nearly \$4 million in our district since January 1, 1953 for the improvement of rural electric service. Lines have been extended to serve many more people in central and eastern Oregon.

The most recent REA loan in our district was made to the Central Electric Co-Op of Redmond which services areas in Jefferson, Crook, Grant, Deschutes, Wasco and Harney Counties. The \$156,000 loan will be used for general system improvements and to build 20 miles of distribution lines. These will bring service to 67 new members.

The following Electric Cooperatives in our district have also benefited from REA loans: Umattila in Hermiston, Columbia Basin in Heppner, Wasco in The Dalles, Eastern Oregon in Pendleton, Columbia Power in Monument, Midstate in Lapine and Harney in Burns.

MANY WARM SPRINGS AND KLAMATH INDIANS would be eligible for vocational training under a bill which has been reported out by the House Interior Committee. It would provide for job training for Indians between the ages of 8 to 35.

RECENT VISITORS to my office have included Mrs. R. Willard Duncan of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Deibert Gildersleeve of

OSC Animal Studies Stress Rapid Gains; Hormone Use Checked

Fast, economical gains in beef animals appear linked to another desirable trait in livestock—superior ability to convert high-protein feeds to lean meat rather than fat.

Two Oregon State college animal scientists, Ralph Bogart and Hugo Krueger, report a close tie between rapid beef gains and tendencies of some animals to

Baker, Mr. Richard McDaniel of Wallowa, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Price and family from Eugene. Mr. Price is associate professor of journalism at the University of Oregon.

retain high quantities of protein in the body, converting it to meaty tissue.

Slow-gaining test calves tended to build body fat at an earlier age, and urinalysis showed body loss of a high percentage of nitrogen or "unused" protein.

The less efficient animals gave off one-fourth more urea nitrogen than did the fast-gaining group. Bogart and Krueger tested about 50 Hereford and Angus calves that were fed a high protein ration of pelleted chopped alfalfa and concentrates. Animals were put on the test at 500 pounds body-weight and fed to 800 pounds.

Bull calves rationed a higher ratio of nitrogen than did heifers. Bogart says further tests will be conducted to see how much feed

efficiency of helpers can be improved by feeding or injecting them with various hormones.

Other tests in progress with mice and rabbits indicate that the key role of protein synthesis in animals may stem from high or low activity of the pituitary, thyroid, and adrenal glands that secrete hormones into the bloodstream.

Animal science is moving rapidly in use of hormone additives to speed growth rates, Bogart stated, and "we hope to get some basic information on how high the level of treatment can go without danger of back-firing." The federal food and drug administration is keeping tight reins on hormone treatment of livestock until more is learned of possible hormone residues in animal products.

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