

Congressional Leaders Seek Compromise on Whether Price Curbs Be Retained or Lifted

Washington—(U.P.)—Congressional leaders groped for a compromise Friday between a Senate bill that would keep price controls for eight more months and a House bill that would de-control almost all prices at mid-night Monday.

Administration officials, aghast at the amendment-crippled controls measure which the House passed 211 to 185 late Thursday, pinned their hopes on a Senate-House conference committee to salvage some inflation curbs from the wreckage.

To Seek Compromise

As the conference committee began its closed-door deliberations today, Chairman Burnett R. Maybank, D-S.C., of the Senate Banking committee served notice that he will "fight to the last ditch" for a compromise to "protect consumers." Maybank headed the Senate conferees.

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall said he was confident that "Con-

gress will yet enact a controls law that will afford protection to the people of America."

But it was abundantly clear that whatever legislation finally emerges from Congress will not even remotely resemble President Truman's request for a two-year extension of "strengthened" controls over all segments of the economy.

Will Ask Stop-Gap Bills

The present controls law expires June 30. If the conferees find it impossible to compromise legislation before the deadline, they will ask the House and Senate to rush through stop-gap bills extending the existing controls over credit and allocation of scarce materials for a full year.

Administration Rebuffed

The House, with a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats firmly in the saddle, handed the administration one rebuff after another Thursday. A hectic series of roll call votes produced a bill to continue wage controls for another year, terminate rent controls in most communities September 30, lift price ceilings next week from all items except a few industrial metals, and abolish credit controls.

Here are the major differences between the two measures:

Price Controls
The Senate's eight-month extension would prohibit ceilings on fresh fruits and vegetables none of which is controlled now. The House's one-year extension would prohibit ceilings on frozen and canned fruits and vegetables, too. In addition, it would immediately remove ceilings on all items not rationed or allocated.

ed. Since nothing now is rationed and only a few metals are allocated, this would virtually end price controls. This provision, sponsored by Rep. Harry O. Talle, R-Ia., was approved by a 210-182 roll call vote.

The House bill also would stipulate that any ceilings still in force must allow retailers and wholesalers the same "individual" mark-ups on each item or service that they received before Korea. This amendment, sponsored by Rep. Albert M. Cole, R-Kan., was approved 231-104.

Wage Controls

The Senate's eight-month extension would exempt engineers, architects and certified public accountants. The House's one-year extension would exempt farm laborers, anyone making less than \$1 an hour and employees of newspapers, radio and television stations, magazines and theater and advertising agencies, all of which are already exempt from price controls.

Rent Controls

The Senate's eight-month extension would make no basic changes. The House would extend rent controls for three months, to Sept. 30, except in "critical defense housing areas" or areas where local governing bodies request continued controls. Controls for these areas would be continued to March 31. The House accepted this proposal by Rep. W. M. Wheeler, D-Ga., by a 225-170 roll call vote.

Credit Curbs

The Senate's one-year extension would permit the government to restore controls on installment buying and to tighten up real estate credit controls, whenever it thought that necessary. The House would permit no credit curbs.

Import-Allocation

The Senate's one-year extension contains two contradictory provisions—one which would abolish controls on most materials and another saying they can be continued. The House's one-year extension would force the administration to get out of the international materials conference or give up much of this control power.

The Senate would continue the present tripartite board but require that all members—public, labor and management—be confirmed by the Senate; it also would forbid the board from intervening in non-economic issues in labor disputes. The House would abolish the present board and set up a new one controlled by public members and barred from intervening in any labor dispute.

Steel Strike

This is about the only new provision on which the two bills agree. Both would "request" President Truman to invoke a Taft-Hartley law injunction to get 650,000 striking CIO Steelworkers back to work. The House amendment, sponsored by Rep. Howard W. Smith, D-Va., was approved 228-164.

Farm Price Supports

The House bill would make mandatory the present high 90 per cent of parity supports on next year's crops of wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts and rice. The Senate bill doesn't contain this new provision.

Dairy Curbs

The Senate bill would repeal the mandatory curbs on imports, as President Truman requested. The House bill would continue them in modified form.

Mrs. Kader's Case Scheduled To Go To Jurymen Today

Portland—(U.P.)—The fate of Mrs. Jada Kader, accused by the state of the first degree murder of her three-year-old daughter, Sherrie, was expected to be put in the hands of a Circuit Court jury here sometime Friday.

Both sides rested their cases Thursday and final instructions to the jury were scheduled Friday morning.

The defense rested its case without calling the young defendant to the witness stand. Highlight of the trial, Thursday was the testimony of Dr. Howard L. Richardson, state's rebuttal witness, that it was he who had fractured the skull of the child while performing an autopsy on the body.

The defense had introduced evidence of the fracture Tuesday in an effort to discount state contentions that the child had been suffocated by Mrs. Kader.

4-H Club News

Howard Sewing Club
Howard Sewing club met June 17 at the home of Mrs. Heffernan. Each group talked on what they have to do and how much time they have to do it in. Nancy Brown is to have a demonstration on shrinking material at the next meeting, June 31 at the home of Mrs. Foley. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Heffernan assisted by Mrs. Gillaspie.

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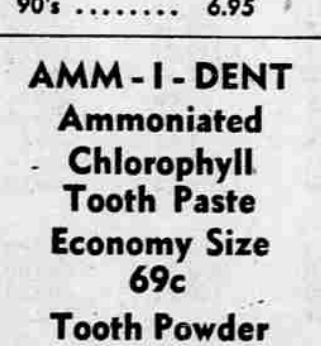
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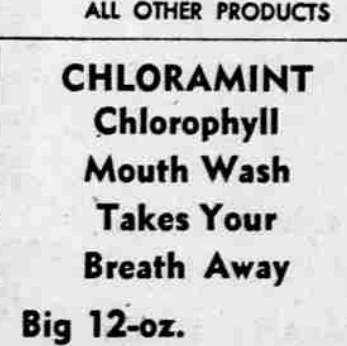
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