

# Democrats Organize To Push More Laws Through in 1960

**By Congressional Quarterly**  
Washington - A group of about 120 Northern and Western Democrats in the House of Representatives have organized to push more liberal legislation through Congress in 1960.

Although the group says it is not in conflict with the Democratic leadership in the House, the move presents a direct challenge to the firm grip of Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Texas) for two principal reasons:

First, the liberal Democrats feel that Rayburn's assurance that certain legislation favored by them would not be held up unduly, has fallen in question. Two such bills - an aid-to-school-construction measure and a civil rights bill - have been stuck in the conservative House Rules Committee since the middle of last year's session.

Second, Rayburn's announcement last September that he favored Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas) for the Democratic Presidential nomination has persuaded the Northern Democrats that they must pursue their own legislative program even harder.

**Study Group Formed**  
The new developments convinced the group's leaders that a more formal organization was needed to make their weight felt. On Sept. 1959 they formed the Democratic Study group, which claims about 120 members. Whereas these House Democrats were loosely organized in the past, communicating generally on a personal basis, the DSG has officers, a policy board, more regular meetings and "whips" to round up strength for voting action on the floor.

"This is not an anti-Rayburn or an anti-leadership group," Rep. Lee Metcalf (D-Mont.) chairman of the DSG, said. "We merely feel the need of better communication." Another member put it this way:

"Metcalf's district is a mountainous, watershed area half owned by the Federal Government. Thompson's is all under concrete. These like-minded members, seeking a unified point of view on liberal legislation, want to be informed about each other's specialties and problems."

Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. (D-N.J.) is secretary of the Democratic Study group and one of its chief backers.  
**Stronger Efforts**  
Since organization in September, the use of the term "study group" has developed into an understatement. The exchange of views and informal meetings among the Members involved has produced more militancy among them. Their efforts to develop a legislative program for 1960 accordingly will be more forceful.

These are some of the areas where the Metcalf group will concentrate:

- Aid to Education - Efforts to produce a compromise bill providing Federal aid to education will be complicated by the DSG's determination to get an aid-to-school-construction provision which is unacceptable to the Administration and Republicans in Congress.
- Civil Rights - Most Members of the DSG have signed a discharge petition to get a compromise civil rights bill, now lodged in the House Rules committee, to the floor.
- Depressed Areas - The DSG will support area redevelopment legislation which almost certainly would be vetoed by the President.
- Minimum Wage - A bill to raise the minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour also will receive the group's support but this, too, is opposed by the administration.
- Farm Program - The liberal Democrats are not completely unified on farm legislation but attempts are being made to outline a program acceptable to most of the group.
- Social Security - Among other improvements in Social Security, the DSG will support the Forand bill, opposed by the Administration, to incorporate health insurance in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program.

**Frequent Meetings**  
The group's position on legislation will be molded during the session at frequent meetings. One of the jobs of the "whips" will be to maintain a unified position on major issues.

Another job the DSG plans to concentrate on this year is aiding their members and new candidates with similar views in getting elected in November. In 1958, the Metcalf-Thompson group provided liberal Democrats with campaign literature to many of the liberal Democrats which, they claim, greatly helped in increasing their numbers in the 86th Congress.

Vice chairman of the DSG include: Reps. James Roosevelt (Calif.), John A. Blatnik (Minn.), Frank M. Coffin

(Maine), William J. Green Jr. (Pa.) and Abraham J. Multer (N.Y.).  
All three of Oregon's Democratic representatives have participated in the group's activities, including Charles O. Porter of the 4th district, Al Ullman, of the 2nd, and Edith Green, of the 3rd. Mrs. Green also is on the DSG's policy committee.



**ON GOTHAM TOUR**-Actress Kim Novak took an unusual sightseeing tour of New York which included riding in a press car and responding to police calls. Here she attempts to console Alfredo Colon, 19, a prisoner at the police station accused of driving a stolen automobile involved in an accident.

## The Family Council

**Editor's Note:** The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Laura J.-Jean is too timid.**  
Jean R. - I'm not sure it's the best thing to do.

Laura J. - I am trying to be of help to a friend who has become seriously depressed because of a love affair.

Jean is in her late 20s and the man is in his mid-30s. They plan to be married, but his mother, a widow, has been seriously ill for the past two years. The doctors say there is no hope, but they don't know how long she'll last. Keith can't leave his mother now and it seems that marriage is impossible in the immediate future.

Keith has asked Jean to have relations with him. She is not religious and has no objections on those grounds, but can't overlook her timidity about such a relationship. I think she is very frustrated.

Jean R. - Laura keeps telling me that physical relations are just what I need and that it will be good for me physically and emotionally. She may be right because I know I certainly do feel awful. In

spite of that I find I can't get over certain feelings of fear and disgust at the idea of sex outside the marriage relationship.

Keith also assures me that physical relations will cure my depression. At times I am almost convinced and then I start thinking again and I just don't know if it's the best thing to do.

My parents keep bothering me about when I'm going to get married. They think I ought to give Keith up and go out with others.

**The Council:** Amateur doctors who make prescriptions for others about delicate, highly complicated matters ought to be put out of business for practicing without a license.

It is just possible that Jean's depression could be cured by more vitamins, sleep or exercise. It is also possible that she needs treatment for a glandular disturbance. We don't know. We are, however, fairly positive that an affair with Keith is just what she doesn't need.

Depression can come about as the result of prolonged frustration, but according to the best medical evidence we can find, sexual frustration is borne far more easily by most humans than a lot of other frustrations. We don't doubt that Jean is deeply frustrated in many ways at this time, but she must do some serious thinking about the root of the problem, and not grab at makeshift and dangerous prescriptions.

Jean probably has many doubts about her own feeling toward Keith and his toward her. If these doubts did not exist the couple would be able to arrive at a better solution of their problem. They would decide either to marry and accept the difficulties involved at this time or wait, accepting this unhappy period with as good grace as possible. They would know that they want more from one another than momentary thrills.

Jean seems to feel the pressure from others more than she should at her age. She should not feel the need to discuss these matters with Laura and to seek boosting from her friend to do something she claims she doesn't want to do. Her parents' pressure, also, would not affect her deeply if she knew what she wanted to do. If she were sure of her feelings and of Keith's, the waiting period would be accepted with a little more calmness.

We suspect that Jean has lost confidence in the future of this relationship but lacks the courage to make the break. What may be needed here is not more togetherness, but more apartness. (Copyright 1960, General Features Corp.)

**Jury Returns 'Not True Bill' in Death**

Roseburg - (UPI) - The Douglas county grand jury has returned a "not true bill" in the incident in which Lawrence Isom, 18, shot his father to death Christmas day.

Isom admitted to police that he shot his father after he found him beating his mother with a pistol.

## Committee Told Of Shippers' 'Bad-Guessing'

Salem - (UPI) - The governor's Emergency Transportation committee was told Friday afternoon by Southern Pacific company that state shippers have been "bad-guessing" their rail car needs.

This has contributed to rail car shortage in western Oregon, the SP said.

The railroad officials who attended the meeting were W. D. Lamprecht, SP general manager and W. G. Peoples, vice president in charge of traffic.

**Help Needed**  
They told Medford Lumberman R. J. Hogue, chairman of the committee: "We need your help in correctly anticipating your car needs."

They said if they knew by the 10th of each month what the potential western Oregon loading would be for the following month, "it would materially assist moving the proper cars into position."

Both men denied that the SP's program of tearing up trackage on sidings would reduce car-storage facilities in Oregon.

Lamprecht said that last year Southern Pacific hauled the largest volume of timber, paper and wood chips over its Oregon lines in the history of its operations.

**Oregon Not 'Island'**  
Lamprecht told the committee that Oregon "isn't an island by itself" in respect to car needs and that shortages occurred throughout the nation.

The meeting was attended by Public Utility Commissioner Jonel Hill and members of his staff who produced figures indicating the possibility of an acute shortage in wood chip rail cars in 1960, with an estimated 623 cars needed to augment the normal supply.

The SP officials said that continuance of an incentive loading program - whereby near-capacity loads are shipped at lowered volume rates - will tend to ease tight car situations.

## Salem Schools Picked for UNESCO

Salem - (UPI) - The Salem school system is one of five districts in the United States chosen to contribute to an international library which the U.S. Education office is preparing for UNESCO.

UNESCO - United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural organization - will receive Salem teacher-developed writings including the Oregon Story, The Salem Story, Oregon Picture Set, Our Indian Friends and Salem Children in Action.

## Coroner's Jury Says Death Natural

Salem - (UPI) - The death of Robert Otha Niemi, 37, Gates, was natural and no violence was involved, a Marion county coroner's jury has ruled.

Niemi was found dead last Tuesday in his home. He had complained earlier of being beaten in a fight, and District Attorney Hattie Kremen called the inquest.

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