

Edith Green Continues Efforts For Campaign Spending Limits

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Edith Green's note: This is the fourth in a series of legislation introduced by the Oregon delegation in Congress.

Washington—Certain congressmen may have conflicts of interest, but in the club itself no one talks of it. So when Rep. Edith Green stood on the House floor last month and scolded then like the former school-marm she was, there was a bit of schoolboy reaction.

But she went ahead with legislation and is gathering support to make Congress 99 and 44/100th per cent pure, such as:

HR 4747, which limits the amount candidates may spend on campaigns, pre-primary, general and nominating conventions. A Senate candidate and House member at large may spend \$50,000 and a House candidate \$12,500, each, on the pre-primary and general election campaigns. Presidential and vice presidential candidates may spend about 20c a head on registered voters in the country.

HR 4993 which requires all congressmen, their spouses and children earning over \$12,500 annually to make a statement disclosing the amount and sources of income, the value of their assets and dealings in real estate, securities and commodities, on an annual basis.

HR 4793 which establishes a 15-man commission on legislative ethics to make an 18-month study of congressional habits and make recommendations for reforms.

Record Requirement
Mrs. Green has not yet introduced, but has planned legislation to require congressional staffs to keep a record of all oral communication with the regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Power Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission, etc.

Because she is not on the committee to which the above bills will be sent, passage depends upon her success in winning support of those committee members.

Mrs. Green, because of seniority, has moved into leadership circles as chairman of a subcommittee on the Education and Labor Committee, which considers many key bills. Chairmanship of a committee means that one's name is engrossed on bills which are considered. If passed by Cong-

ress, the Higher Education Bill would become the Morse-Green Act. This bill failed of enactment last year because of the religious issue—the Senate bill gave loans only, the House fought for both grants and loans to private and public colleges for construction and it lost in the House by 23 votes.

Bill Calls for Centers
The \$2 billion higher education bill has had new life breathed into it and may yet reach the House for a vote. Mrs. Green has also introduced separate legislation to provide 15 centers around the country where universities could share graduate research facilities.

She has said that the proposed Graduate Research Center in Portland could qualify for federal funds under this legislation, which may yet be incorporated in the higher education bill.

Rep. Green has introduced legislation to prevent funds from going to Land Grant colleges in states which discriminate against Negroes, and to hospitals which have been constructed with Hill-Burton Act funds.

Sen. Lister Hill, of Alabama, a supporter of federal aid for education, has indicated he will not support federal programs because he fears the Government may use federal funds as a lever to

force integration of more southern schools. He was a prime mover in defeating the higher education bill last year.

Mrs. Green, who has been working for an equal pay bill for women since arriving in Washington in 1935, saw it fail last year in the Senate—Sen. Hill would not call a committee meeting to consider it—after having passed the House under her leadership.

Her original bill covered all women working in interstate commerce industries, but the Republicans on her committee objected to setting up a new bureau, so Mrs. Green compromised to win their support. She has introduced legisla-

tion which is a duplicate of the Administration's bill providing hospital care for the aged under social security.

Minor bills which she has sponsored include: HR 4748 which would extend the time to allow ministers to decide whether to come under social security.

HR 3511, which she calls the working widows bill, allows them to deduct a greater amount than now from their income tax for maid or house-keeping services.

HR 2380 allows tax credit for contributions to the United Nations.

HJRCS 238, provides that voting residents of one state

who move into Maryland or Virginia and want to vote may do so without meeting residence requirements, if the Registrar of Voters receives a certification from his home state Registrar that he is eligible to vote.

Rep. Green is contemplating legislation taking postmaster-ship out of politics completely; taking the Water Pollution Control program from the Public Health Service and setting up a separate administration within the department of Health, Education and Welfare, and one requiring Cabinet officers to appear before Congress and answer questions on administration action, similar to the British system.

SOC Officials Visit Reno Schools

Ashland—Representatives of Southern Oregon college visited four Washoe county schools in Reno, Nev., to observe their non-graded elementary program recently.

Purpose of the trip was to observe the system which will be partly utilized during the SOC summer session at the Lincoln training school. Those attending were Gwen Brinkworth, Rose Marie Davis, Art Phillips, of the Lincoln Elementary school; Florence Robinson, assistant professor of education; and Chester Squire, associate professor of education.

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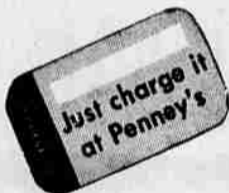
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The committee also approved bills to let the public employees of an electric power supplier organize and bargain collectively, to permit county bonding for exposition facilities, and to require inspection of plans for public works built by political subdivisions.

Bills calling for a statewide port study, and for a study of professional licensing in Oregon, were sent to the Ways and Means committee.

The committee tabled, and thus probably killed, a package of racing bills. It tabled "for a week" a bill to revise the county planning law.

WANT MODERN FASHIONS
Paris — (UPI) — Air France ground hostesses threatened today to work in civilian clothes unless their employer comes up with jet age fashions. "We are wearing uniforms designed in 1946," said a spokesman for the 140 hostesses. "Our colleagues around the world are wearing uniforms designed by Dior and we look like poor parents."

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