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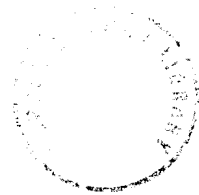
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H.R. 14566: Freestone Peach Research and Education Act.
Finance a nationally coordinated research and education program for freestone peach growers to improve their market position.
Report filed: July 23. No. 94-1365.

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H.R. 14846: Guard and Reserves Forces Facilities Authorization Act, 1977.
Construction, development and extension of various military installations.
Reported: July 27. No. 94-1371.

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H. Con. Res. 513: Providing for the printing of a compilation of materials commemorating the years of service of Justice William O. Douglas.
Reported: July 29. No. 94-1376.

H. Con Res. 592: Authorizing printing of 2000 copies of a Joint Committee on Atomic Energy print entitled "Review of National Breeder Reactor Program."
Reported: July 29. No. 94-1377.

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H.R. 14071: Interstate Horseracing Act.
Regulation of interstate commerce with respect to parimutual wagering on horseracing to maintain the stability of the horseracing industry. Assures the continued flow of revenue from parimutual wagering to those states which conduct horseracing.
Reported: July 26. No. 94-1366.

Judiciary Committee

H.R. 6684: FTC Act Amendment - sale of soft drinks.
Prohibits the FTC from declaring illegal the exclusive territorial rights of a trademarked private label soft drink or label food product on a per se basis. (This does not stop the FTC from declaring such practices illegal on other grounds.)
Reported: July 27. No. 94-1230, Part 2.

H.R. 14580: Antitrust Premerger Notification Act.
Amend the Clayton Act to provide for pre-merger notification and waiting requirements.
Reported: July 28. No. 94-1373.

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Reported: July 27. No. 94-1367.

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Reported: July 29. No. 94-1378.

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Report Filed: July 23. No. 94-1364.

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H.R. 14469: VA Physician & Dentist Pay Comparability Act extension.

To extend the VA Physician and Dentist Pay Comparability Act of 1975, Section 6 (a) (2) to be continued through September 30, 1977.

Reported: July 28. No. 94-1372.

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Reported: July 28. No. 94-1374.

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Reported: July 29. No. 94-1375.



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- H.R. 9398 - Public Works & Economic Development Act Amendments '76
- H.R. 13958 - Defense Officer Personnel Management Act
- H.R. 14070 - To amend & extend Guaranteed Student Loan Program
- H.R. 12664 - Emergency Medical Services Amendments
- H.R. 10498 - Clean Air Act Amendments of 1976
- H.R. 2525 - Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- H.R. 4634 - Basic Workweek of Fed. Firefighting Personnel
- H.R. 12882 - Civil Service Annuity Payments to Judges & Justices of the U.S.
- H.R. 11552 - Voter Registration Administration



HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Highways

Science and Technology Committee Subcommittee on Aviation, Transportation, Research and Development will hold hearings on the transportation programs of the Federal Highway Administration on August 3 and 4 at 10:00 A.M. in 2318 Rayburn.

Coal Mining

Science and Technology Committee Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development & Demonstration - Fossil Fuels will continue hearings on coal mining research and development August 3 - 5 at 9:00 A.M. in 2325 Rayburn.

Regulatory Agencies

Small Business Subcommittee on Regulatory Agencies will continue holding hearings on the activities of regulatory agencies in relation to small businesses. Hearings on August 4 and 5 will specifically deal with the CAB. 2359 Rayburn. Time to be announced.

Conservation

The Agriculture Committee Subcommittee on Conservation will hold hearings on H.R. 10563, S. 2081, and H.R. 10456, land and water resources conservation. August 3 and 4 at 2:00 P.M. in 1302 Longworth.

Alaska Pipeline

On August 3 and 5 the Interior Committee Public Lands Subcommittee will hold hearings on proposals for improved transport and distribution of Alaskan crude oil to the 48 states. 10:00 A.M. in 1324 Longworth.

Medicare

Ways and Means Health Subcommittee will hold hearings on Medicare hospital reimbursement revisions and rising hospital costs. August 3 at 9:00 A.M. in 1102 LHOB.

Government Files

Government Operations Committee Subcommittee on Government Information will continue hearings on H.R. 12039, requiring notification to individuals of government files on them. August 3. Room and time to be announced.

Commodity Trade

The Agriculture Committee Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit will hold hearings on H.R. 12571 and S. 3051, amending the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Act. August 5 at 2:00 P.M. in 1302 Longworth.

OPIC and Bribes

International Relations Committee will hold hearings and mark up H.R. 14681 which ends insurance by the Overseas Private Investment Corp. to any company that makes a payment to influence the action of a foreign government. August 5 at 10:00 A.M. in 2172 Rayburn.

Tariffs and Customs

Subcommittee on Trade of the Ways and Means Committee plans hearings on H.R. 9220, the proposed Customs Modernization Act and also on possible amendments to the fraud and penalty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 for August 3,4,5,and 6. Time and place to be announced.

Cable Television

Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications will conclude oversight hearings on the regulation of cable television.

August 3 - Cross-ownership, minority ownership, EEO

August 4 - FCC

August 5 - Rural Telecommunications/Conclusions

Hearings will be held in 2123 Rayburn and will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Federal Employees Health Services

Civil Service and Post Office Committee Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits has scheduled hearings on the inequalities in the preventative health services offered to Federal employees. The hearings will begin on August 3. 304 Cannon at 9:15 A.M.

SSI

The Oversight Subcommittee of House Ways & Means will hold hearings on SSI programs concerning alcohol and drug addict assistance on August 5 at 1:00 P.M. in 1102 Longworth.

MARK UPS

Strip Mining

The Interior Committee will continue mark up of H.R. 13950, Strip Mining Control on August 4 and 11 at 9:45 A.M. in 1324 Longwrth.

Tarriff Changes

The Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee will mark up H.R. 11420, amending the tarriff schedules to repeal the special tarriff treatment accorded to articles assembled abroad when component parts are made in the United States. Mark up of H.R. 14599, duty suspension and fluorspar, and H.R. 14600, high precision watches, will follow. August 3 at 2:00 P.M. in 1102 Longworth.

Consumer Protection

Interior and Foreign Commerce Consumer Protection Corp. will mark up H.R. 8064, Securities Investors Protection Corp. on August 4 at 10:00. 2218 Rayburn.

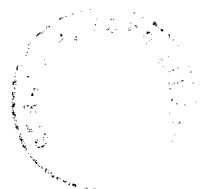
Consumers

The Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance will mark up H.R. 8349, the Franchising Practices Reform Act on August 5 in 2218 Rayburn. Time to be announced.

HEARING - LATE NOTICE

Alaska Natural Gas

On Thursday, August 5 at 10:00 A.M., the Commerce Committee Energy and Power Subcommittee will hold a hearing on S. 3521, the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976. Place to be announced.



July 28 -- Proposed Deferrals and Rescissions

The President transmitted a message proposing four rescissions and four deferrals in budget authority. The rescissions, totalling \$124.6 million would affect educational programs and the child nutrition program of the Dept. of Agriculture. These funds are "either not needed to accomplish program objectives or "would be used inappropriately to fulfill a State responsibility rather than a Federal responsibility," said Mr. Ford.

The deferrals, totalling \$334 million, are aimed at reducing federal spending and reprogramming funds.

H. Doc. # 94-567.

July 29 -- Progress in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

The President transmitted the fifteenth annual report of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, indicating that "steady progress has been made" in the following areas:

- The Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT)
- Treaties to halt nuclear weapons testing
- Negotiations to reduce forces in central Europe
- Strengthening of barriers against further proliferation of nuclear weapons

Mr. Ford emphasized the importance of keeping U.S. military forces strong, yet at the same time pursuing negotiations to avoid a destructive, unleashed race for arms. Referred to the Committee on International Relations.

July 29 -- Rescission Proposal of \$45 million

The President transmitted a proposal for a rescission of \$45 million in budget authority appropriated for payment to the Legal Services Corporation. Action by Congress would prevent unneeded expansion of Legal Services Corp. activities and delay greater geographic coverage until program evaluations are completed. Referred to the Appropriations Committee.



(For the week of August 2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate West Point Cheating

A special ad hoc committee established to investigate the West Point cheating scandal will hold a hearing on Wednesday, August 4 at 2:00 P.M. in room E.F. 100, Capitol.

Study Committee Sponsors Final Intern Program Speaker

The Republican Study Committee Intern Lecture Series will feature Representative Del Clawson on Tuesday, August 3. Rep. Clawson will speak on the Rules Committee and House Procedures. 9:00 A.M. in 135 Cannon. (All interns and other interested staffers from RSC offices are welcome.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WEEKLY REPORT SHOULD REACH THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE BY WEDNESDAY, 4:00 (1616 Longworth, x55725).

MEMBERS' PROJECTS

Rep. Beard Seeks Cosponsors on Legislation to amend OSHA Act of 1970

Congressman Robin Beard is seeking cosponsors for a bill which would reimburse from OSHA funds, employers who have successfully defended their cases against unreasonable constraints placed on them by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Mr. Beard's goal is to deter OSHA from bringing unwarranted citations against small businessmen and to encourage these employers to challenge Federal agencies against unjust demands.

For further information, please contact Tom McNamara at x52811.

Rep. Conte Plans Legislation to Increase Veterinary School Numbers

Congressman Silvio O. Conte is seeking cosponsors for H.R. 13299, a bill to provide federal grant assistance for the planning and start-up costs of new schools of veterinary medicine.

At present, there are only 19 such schools in the U.S.; thousands of qualified students are turned away each year because of the unavailability of space. It is expected that there will be a serious shortage of vets by 1980.

To cosponsor, or for further information, contact Jeff Jacobs at x55335.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS AS WELL AS REQUESTS FOR COSPONSORS ON LEGISLATION. Announcements should not exceed 50 words and should be received by Wednesday, 4:00 P.M. For more information, contact Sandie at x55725.



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AN IMMODEST PROPOSAL: THE 1976 DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The Democratic Party in "a covenant with the people".

.Advocates an immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenditures by abolishing useless commissions and offices, consolidating departments and bureaus, and eliminating extravagance to accomplish a saving of not less than twenty-five percent in the cost of the Federal Government.

.Favors maintenance of the national credit by a federal budget annually balanced.

.Condemns the open and covert resistance of administrative officials to every effort made by Congressional Committees to curtail the extravagant expenditures of the Government.

So read the Democratic Platform in 1932.

The emptiness and speciousness of these pledges quickly became apparent when FDR Braintruster Harry Hopkins aptly observed that the Party's real commitment was to "tax and tax, and spend and spend, and elect and elect." Forty-four years later, amidst the economic ruins of its policy and the poverty of its philosophy, the Democrats continue to prove the Emersonian dictum that "consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds."

The 1976 Democratic National Platform is labeled a "Contract With The People." It is rather a study in political sophistry. Rhetoric clashes with reality. Commitments to efficient, effective, and encapsulated government vanish before a Byzantine array of spending programs.

The 1976 Democratic Platform represents old wine in old bottles. At a time when Americans are asking for less -

- . less government interference in their lives
- . less governmental planning
- . less governmental programming
- . less direct and indirect costs to the taxpayers -

the Democrats are offering more: More government, more planning, more programming, more cost, and more failure.

The backbone of the Democratic platform is the party's commitment to a full employment program that would mesh basic Keynesian fiscal and monetary methods of economic management with a glut of public works programs. The platform provides



for approximately 62 new or extended spending programs and the expansion or creation of approximately 22 agencies, offices, or bureaus. Moreover, its economic planks - the platform's fulcrum - are premised on the philosophical proposition that the nation's economic health and future depend on a system of income redistribution rather than income growth. With the federal government operating at a \$60 billion deficit, Democratic recommitment to a plethora of federal spending programs defies reason and breaks covenant with the American people.

The controversial Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1976 was codified in the Democratic platform with the pledge that "all adult Americans willing, able and seeking work (will) have opportunities for useful jobs at living wages." Moreover, the Democrats guarantee to "support legislation that will make every responsible effort to reduce adult unemployment to 3 percent within 4 years."

If implemented by a Democratic Congress, Humphrey-Hawkins could enlarge the federal payroll by at least one million jobs, increase the federal budget as much as \$44 billion, and broaden the federal government's power over the economy to a degree heretofore unknown.

Ironically, those most critical of executive power and most anxious to restore the proper balance between the legislative and executive branches are supporting sweeping presidential authority over the economy. If enacted, H/H gives the chief executive authority to determine annual goals for employment, production and purchasing power necessary to achieve full employment. Further, the president would have authority to "reorder national priorities" to direct the economy toward the most promising areas for new jobs. Once designated, these areas would be protected from future budget cuts. H/H gives the president discretionary power to marshal his executive prerogatives, including tax and monetary policies, the power to raise or lower interest rates, and the use of the federal budget toward one end: the creation of full employment.

The independent, apolitical Federal Reserve Board would be politicized to the degree that it would "become responsive to the economic goals of Congress and the President." Moreover, the Board's actions would be "coordinated with (Democratic) economic goals, and coordinated within the framework of national economic planning."

Under H/H, the role of Congress in the economic planning process would be circumscribed. The primary function left to the Congress appears to be to "review and revise, to the extent deemed desirable, the economic goals, priorities, policies, and programs proposed . . . by the President and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve."

The Democratic platform promises a full employment economy without inflation in four years. The absence of inflation in such an economy is highly questionable. Dr. Robert Hall of MIT, testifying before the Subcommittee on Manpower, House Education and Labor Committee, April 8, 1976, concluded that

adoption of the (Full Employment and Balanced Growth) Act's unemployment target and its achievement with expansionary monetary and fiscal policy alone would commit the United States to continuing high rates of wage inflation, inflation that would worsen progressively.

Dr. Alice Rivlin, Director of the Congressional Budget Office, in testimony before the same Subcommittee, April 14, 1976, maintained that

accelerating inflation has corresponded to falling unemployment and vice versa I would stand by the point that . . . a tight labor market and a low unemployment rate do generally go with rising prices . . . it has certainly generally been the experience of the most advanced economies...

Concern over the potential for rampant inflation under Humphrey-Hawkins crosses the political spectrum. Conservative critics like Alan Greenspan and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce join together with liberal economists like Charles Schultze of Brookings Institute and former Harvard professor John Kenneth Galbraith in challenging the reality of a full employment economy without inflation.

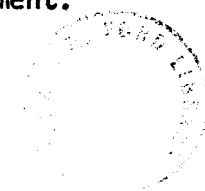


The Democratic Platform reaffirms that party's ongoing commitment to a centralized, power-bloated federal government: a commitment that has failed the American people. Promises to attenuate the growth of federal spending fade before Christmas tree provisions for approximately 62 new or expanded government spending programs:

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PLATFORM
NEW OR EXPANDED SPENDING PROGRAMS:

1. Federal anti-recession grant programs.
2. Public employment and public works projects.
3. Domestic Development Bank.
4. Low interest loans to business, state/local governments to encourage private sector investment.
5. Expansion of training, apprenticeship, internship and job counseling at the high school/college level.
6. Permit youth participation in public employment projects under minimum wage scales.
7. Special training and job bank programs for those difficult to employ in both private and public sectors.
8. Adequate funding for a "government wide system" of delivery of equal job and promotion opportunity.
9. Direct government loans to small businesses, especially minority-owned.
10. Support indexation of minimum wage to keep pace with increases in cost of living.
11. Raise pay standards for overtime work.
12. Extend unemployment insurance to cover all wage and salary workers. OSHA employees should be covered completely, and adequate compensation should be made to miners suffering from black lung disease.
13. Create and maintain an independent Consumer Agency with staff and power to intervene in regulatory matters on behalf of consumers.
14. Increase "incentives to reward efficiency and innovation in the Civil Service."
15. Establish an Office of Citizen Advocacy in the executive branch, independent of any agency, with full access to agency records and with power and responsibility to investigate complaints.
16. Full funding for Neighborhood Legal Services for the poor.
17. Increase consumer knowledge and bargaining power through government supported systems for developing product performance standards, advertising and labeling requirements, efficient and low cost redress of consumer complaints
18. Comprehensive national health insurance system.
19. Increase federal aid to government laboratories and private institutions.
20. Income maintenance for the poor.
21. Establish work incentive programs guaranteeing equitable levels of assistance to the poor.
22. Federal assumption of local welfare costs and a "phased in reduction in the States' share".
23. Vigorous federal programs and policies of compensatory opportunity to remedy for some Americans generations of deprivation.
24. Federally funded family centered developmental and educational child care programs.
25. Concentrated spending on the education of the disadvantaged.
26. Increased spending for bilingual education and vocational education.
27. Federal aid to implement desegregation through matching funds, incentive grants, and other mechanisms.

28. Direct federal subsidies to eliminate educational spending disparities within state borders.
29. Direct federal subsidies to provide cost of education payments to all institutions of higher education to help cover per-student costs which exceed those covered by tuition and fees.
30. Increase federal spending for graduate education.
31. Provide federal grants to states for broad, community-based programs.
32. Extend Medicare to Americans abroad, eligible for social security.
33. Automatic cost of living increases to Veterans on pension and disability.
34. Expand educational assistance two years for veterans already enrolled and drawing benefits in VA education and training programs.
35. Develop special anti-recession employment programs for artists.
36. Increase annual funding of revenue sharing to compensate for erosion by inflation.
37. Emergency anti-recession aid provided to states and cities hard hit by recession.
38. Direct federal subsidies and low interest loans to encourage the construction of low and moderate income housing.
39. Expand highly successful programs of direct federal subsidies to provide housing for the poor.
40. Automatic triggering of direct production subsidies and a steady flow of mortgage funds during periods when housing starts fall below acceptable levels.
41. Federally backed support to lenders so that investment risks are shared by both the public and private sectors.
42. Massive effort to aid older cities in their unprecedented financial crises.
43. Funding and implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.
44. Extend federal death benefits to police killed in the line of duty.
45. Develop programs to make family farms economically healthy again to attract young people.
46. Create jobs by full implementation and funding of the Rural Development Act of 1972.
47. Insure and guarantee loans for electrification and telephone facilities for rural Americans.
48. Insure the existence of adequate health facilities, community facilities such as water supply and sewage disposal systems, decent housing and needed transport.
49. Commit the federal government to expend whatever funds are required to develop new systems of energy.
50. Commitment to massive domestic energy programs, including an active federal role in the research and development of clean burning coal.
51. New federal incentives for aiding individual home owners in undertaking conservation investments.
52. Major federal initiatives, including government participation in early, high risk development projects are required to harness renewable resources.
53. Revitalize basic credit programs for farmers.
54. Provide adequate credit tailored to the needs of young farmers.
55. Reinstate soil conservation programs.
56. Federal assistance programs to farm workers for housing, employment, health care, social services, and education.
57. Substantial increases in funding for environmental research and development.



58. Federal assistance in promoting greater developing country capital markets.
59. Significant financial support to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
60. Significant contributions to the multi-national world food reserve system.
61. Support of the World Bank's International Development Association.
62. Increase bilateral and multilateral assistance to Africa.

The Democratic Platform calls for the expansion or creation of approximately 22 agencies, offices, programs, or bureaus:

1. Create a government-wide system for the delivery of equal job and promotion opportunity.
2. Establish a program to increase productivity and production to assure relative price stability.
3. Establish a Domestic Council on Wage and Price Stability.
4. Strengthen the Small Business Administration.
5. Increase the role of the Government Accounting Office.
6. Create an Independent Consumer Agency.
7. Establish an Office of Citizen Advocacy.
8. Create a program of government supported systems for developing objective product performance standards.
9. National Health Insurance System program.
10. Federal government takeover of local welfare costs and "phased in" reduction in States' share of welfare costs.
11. Federal programs to assure implementation of civil rights.
12. Anti-recession employment programs for artists.
13. Establish a national rail and road rehabilitation and improved mass transit program.
14. Create new programs to make family farms economically healthy.
15. Implement Rural Development Act of 1972.
16. Inaugurate a massive domestic energy program of conservation, coal conversion, exploration and development.
17. Create an executive agency to centralize all energy planning.
18. Establish assistance programs to farm workers in housing, education, employment, health, and social services.
19. Inaugurate a program to establish national minimum environmental standards.
20. Expand International Atomic Energy Agency and monitoring of national facilities.
21. Create job banks and training programs for the difficult to employ.
22. Inaugurate public employment and public works projects.

