
Representative Walter K. Granger Sends News From the U. S. Capitol

Agricultural Appropriation Bill, which contained a controversial appropriation for the Farm Security administration: If the bill is agreed to as it now is written, the present FSA will be eliminated and the functions heretofore carried on by Farm Security under the Secretary of Agriculture will be transferred to the War Food Administrator Chester Davis. This does not mean that the present machinery set-up by Farm Security will be discontinued, but leaves it an administrative problem for the War Food Administrator to carry on with its functions limited and its appropriation decreased.

School Lunch Funds

National Youth Administration: In the same appropriation bill is an appropriation of \$50,000,000 to carry on the school lunch program. This appropriation also is reduced below the appropriations
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formerly used for this program.

If the action of the House is final on the War Manpower Appropriation bill, including labor and the functions of National Youth Administration, which was recently passed by the lower body, it will mean that NYA will be discontinued. It is thought very likely that the Senate will restore the appropriation for NYA or enough of it to complete now-existing training programs.

Newspaper Advertising: Legislation now pending concerning which there is considerable interest is a bill authorizing the Federal Government to pay newspapers for government advertising that newspapers have heretofore been carrying without cost to the Federal Government. There is the opinion, originating mostly from the large press, that to pay small country newspapers for this service might subsidize the press to the extent that it would cease to be a free press. The other view is the contention that the small press should not be expected to print free government publicity that is necessary information for the general public. It is further contended, because of the war that has necessitated so many war activities, that because of a shortage of manpower and other costs the small press should not be called upon to perform this service free of charge.

Congress plans to recess: It is contemplated, beginning on about July 10, that Congress will recess until September 1st, of course, with the understanding that should any emergent situation arise, members can be called into session immediately by the presiding authority of the respective bodies.