

95th Congress succumbs to depression

A legislative legacy for austerity and collapse

After 30 hours in continuous session, during which it purportedly acted on a dozen major bills, the 95th U.S. Congress committed its final official legislative folly at 6:15 the morning of Oct. 15: it passed the Carson City Silver Dollar Act of 1978.

Attached to this otherwise inconsequential bill was a protectionist amendment barring the Carter Administration from making any concessions on textile duties at the ongoing General Trade and Tariff (GATT) talks with America's trading partners. If implemented, this Act alone would commit the United States to trade war with its allies and certain depression in 1979.

Although it is highly likely that Jimmy Carter will veto the Carson City Silver Dollar Act, it remains a fitting climax to the negative accomplishments of the President and the Congress in the closing days of the session. The *Washington Post* and numerous political pundits sponsored by Rothschild-Lazard Freres investment houses are now hailing Carter for his "reassertion of presidential leadership" in getting his zero-growth energy and tax bills through Congress and enforcing a series of "fiscal austerity" vetoes designed to give him a public relations image as a tough inflation fighter.

But, in fact, congressional bitterness and frustration over lack of real White House leadership on energy and economic policy throughout 1978 produced a mood of cynical disgust and opportunism and a legislative record which leaves the U.S. wide open for the City of London's economic-collapse and takeover scenarios.

The big blow-out

Here is what the 95th accomplished in its waning days and hours:

(1) Passed an energy bill whose "centerpiece," the so-called phased deregulation of natural gas worked out by Energy Secretary Schlesinger and his henchman Sen. Henry Jackson, will raise prices continuously until 1985, meanwhile creating a regulatory labyrinth setting up producers for "corporate watergate" blackmail operations. Although the crude oil tax, an anti-industry utilities pricing policy, "mandatory" conversion of plants from oil to coal use, an additional tax on gasoline

consumption and other hideous features of Schlesinger's original program were not included in the final bill, its grab bag of tax credits for home insulation, coal conversion, solar energy and other wasteful gimmicks, together with the natural gas provision, add up to a package perfectly coherent with Schlesinger's "strategy" of enforcing virtual zero-growth in U.S. energy production and consumption. The bill represents, as the *Washington Post* put it, "a national commitment to conserve." Meanwhile, Congress and Carter conspicuously failed to remove the environmentalist shackles from nuclear power plant construction, failed to enact legislation guaranteeing full-speed-ahead development and construction of nuclear breeder reactors, and despite major reported advances in fusion power development, failed to make fusion the nation's 1990 energy priority. Schlesinger's Energy Department is commonly conceded to be an administrative shambles, arbitrary, disorganized, and demoralized, and Schlesinger himself has been ranked as the "most incompetent" of Carter's major cabinet appointees by congressmen, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

(2) Passed an \$18 billion plus fiscal-austerity "tax cut" which, when increased Social Security taxes are taken into account, will result in a net personal tax increase for most of the working population. Despite included corporate and capital gains tax cuts ballyhooed as designed to improve industrial productivity, the cuts are "morally neutral," rewarding inflationary speculation equally with actual productive investment in basic industry and R and D, in direct contradiction to principles of sound political economy laid down by Alexander Hamilton. Moreover, Congress set itself up for more "Proposition 13"-style "fiscal conservative" assaults by nearly passing a three-year tax-cut plan mandating a balanced federal budget — part of a drive to strip the federal government of any "dirigist" authority to extend credit for healthy economic activity.

(3) Approved a scaled-down version of the notorious **Humphrey-Hawkins** slave labor bill. Although the legislation as passed does not create the massive federal pick-and-shovel jobs program originally envisaged by the bill's sponsors, it symbolizes commitment to national economic planning for such

labor-intensive methods of relieving unemployment.

(4) Chopped the **CETA public sector jobs program** from 725,000 to 600,000 jobs, limited jobholders to 18 months tenure, and added further restrictive conditions on who may hold CETA jobs. Since CETA has been widely used in urban areas to fund needed trained city service personnel who would otherwise be eliminated in state and local fiscal austerity crackdowns, this is a blow at the nation's city residents. In addition, Congress failed to approve a \$1 billion revenue-sharing program, further throwing local, state, and city budgets out of whack.

(5) Passed Carter's vaunted **Civil Service Reform**, which creates a special category of federal "superbureaucrat" not subject to normal civil service rules and procedures and which encourages interdepartmental "personnel shifts" and outright purge-firings to remove those resisting Brookings Institution master-planners' idea of "effective government" and harebrained schemes emanating from Zbigniew Brzezinski's National Security Council.

(6) Okayed the so-called "**Bert Lance Banking Act**," giving Treasury Secretary Blumenthal and his crew of regulators new powers to conduct "banking watergates," purge bank officers, conduct "Kennedy Justice" antitrust campaigns against proindustrial growth financial institutions, etc. (In one of its few real, if modest, accomplishments, Congress rechartered the U.S. Export-Import Bank for five years, increased its authorization by \$15 billion, and at the behest of Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D-Ill), added language encouraging additional government backing for U.S. exports on the Japanese-European model.)

(7) Passed a **deregulation bill** "deregulating" U.S. airlines by destroying the Civil Aeronautics Board, encouraging rate wars and mergers and promoting a short-term boom in passenger travel and profits for some large lines at the expense of long-term capital investment and overall service in the industry.

(8) Snored through, without realizing its implications, an amendment cutting off all U.S. contributions to the **United Nations technical assistance fund**, an embarrassment to the President and a thumb-in-the-eye to U.S. allies and the developing sector nations.

As a special insult to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, Congress granted new most-favored-nation agricultural credits exclusively to China among "communist countries."

At the same time, under Carter's prodding, Congress okayed more than \$1 billion for the International Monetary Fund's "Witteveen Facility" for promoting Nazi economics in Europe and the Third World, while totally ignoring the most important issue now facing the country, U.S. participation in the new European Monetary System designed to rescue the dollar.

— Donald Baier

Crime bosses: do

How the link-ups to dirty money

For many years, only two companies produced voting machines in the U.S.: the Automatic Voting Machine Co. (AVM) of Jamestown, N.Y. and the Shoup Voting Machine Company of New York City. More recently, computerized voting systems have covered about 20 percent of the electorate; the largest producer of computerized systems is the Computer Elections Systems of Berkeley, California. Together these three companies are responsible for a tremendous portion of the votes cast in most American elections.

Now a broad intersection has been uncovered between the circles controlling the voting-machine companies and British-run political-intelligence and drug-money networks.

It is already known that British intelligence and its financier controllers operate the bulk of the world's drug trade, intermingling their approximately \$100 billion of drug money with hot-money flows from gambling and other organized crime enterprises plus more or less legitimate speculative businesses. There is therefore little distinction between British-contaminated sections of the intelligence community and what is usually termed organized crime — as the more serious investigations of the Kennedy and related assassinations have shown. And as this news service has shown (see *Executive Intelligence Review*, Vol. V, No. 39), those organized crime channels are also intimately connected to vote theft and other illegal tampering with U.S. elections.

But in addition, these criminals and their dirty-money financier allies also have a hand in the electoral process at the voting-machine level — and as the following report will show, the implications for free elections in this country are ominous indeed.

Appearing prominently in this investigation of U.S. voting-machine companies have been circles associated directly with now-fugitive drug-runner Robert Vesco, sports investors, convicted stock swindler Louis Wolfson, and the city of Reading, Pa. Only slightly behind the scenes are banks known to be direct conduits for drug money, such as Marine Midland of New York, Kuhn Loeb and its new merger-partner Lehman Brothers, Goldman, Sachs and Co., and the law firms which provide the legal cover for their dirty dealings.

The picture that follows, when combined with evidence in the public domain on the extent of organized crime control of the election apparatus in key cities and states of our nation, provides more than ample grounds for full-scale Justice Department and congressional investigations of the vote-fraud