

Astronautics Committee: "I don't think any significant group of Republicans have attempted to design a peculiarly party position on basic research. There is a tendency, however, for the Republicans to give more weight to economy, to be more hesitant to approve the full amounts asked for by the administration. The executive branch faces us in quite a monolithic way in asserting administration policy. In our minority role, we find ourselves espousing more vigorously cuts in appropriations. Now if we become the majority party, we might be put in a reverse position."

James Fulton (R-Pa.), ranking Republican on the committee: "Support of research is not a party issue. But I think if we win in 1968, we'll treat the NASA enterprise with less program-mindedness than the Democrats and with more room for research. I have pointed out time after time that 95% of NASA's money is not research, and I have insisted that its laboratories be left open for research and not put into a rigid military program. Research was always emphasized more under Eisenhower."

Congress Finds Little Time For Legislation on Science

Much significant legislation affecting science was still bottled up in committee as the first session of the 90th Congress drew to adjournment. Bills concerning the National Science Foundation, metric-system study, National Standard Reference Data System, geographic distribution of research funds and others drew scant attention from Congressman preoccupied with poverty programs, urban riots, Vietnam and new tax proposals. Status of some of the science bills follows.

National Science Foundation. Earlier this year the House passed HR 5404, to give NSF an expanded role and strengthen its operation. The bill is still pending before the Senate Labor Committee, but hearings are planned.

Metric system study. HR 3136 reported by the Science and Astronautics Committee in both the 89th and 90th Congresses is still pending in the House Rules Committee where it has pended longer than any other piece of legislation before the committee in this session.

Standard reference data. The National Standard Reference Data System bill, to put a congressional stamp of approval on the system and facilitate its funding, won House approval with two restrictive amendments: that annual authorization of funds must be obtained and that FY 68 spending be limited to the FY 67 amount. No Senate action on S 998 seems likely this year.

Education. HR 875 providing \$150 million for institutional support for science, introduced earlier in the year, is still pending before the House Science and Astronautics Committee with no action planned this session. HR 5465, to encourage out-of-school cooperation between students and the scientific community, is pending before the General Education Subcommittee; no action is planned. HR 1185, to establish a National Science Academy for training scientists and engineers for service in the federal government, is awaiting action in the Science and Astronautics Committee.

Patents and copyrights. Patent reform legislation, S 1042, providing for patent awards to the first to file, has received hearings in both House and Senate but no further action is planned this year. The copyright revision bill, S 597, won early approval in the House but is shackled in the Senate over jukebox royalty controversies.

Congressional reform. The Senate passed by an overwhelming vote the Congressional Reorganization Act of 1967 (S 355), one significant feature of which would enable the Library of Congress science-policy-research division to expand its services to Congress. The House Rules Committee now has the bill but has held only one day of hearings, with no further action planned within the remainder of the current session.

In Brief

Publications

Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors, a bimonthly journal begun by North-Holland Publishing Co., Box 103, Amsterdam, Holland.

International Journal of Mass Spectrometry will be issued bimonthly by Elsevier Publishing Co., Box 211, Amsterdam, Holland.

Journal of Molecular Structure, published bimonthly by Elsevier.

A Directory of Information Resources in the United States: Federal Government, containing over 1600 items of federal and federally sponsored information resources. Purchase from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 (\$2.75 per copy).

Systems for Measuring and Reporting the Resources and Activities of Colleges, issued by the National Science Foundation. Report presents the problem, rationale and main features that must be included in a data system as well as suggestions on specific items of data needed. Purchase from Superintendent of Documents, \$2.00 per copy.

Industry

Laser Industry Association has been formed by representatives of 31 manufacturers of laser beam-emitting products. Information from Arthur Lubin, Korad Corp., 2520 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif. 90406.

Stevens Institute of Technology will develop a new industrial research center, costing in excess of \$20 million, on a 12-acre waterfront tract adjoining the school campus at Hoboken, N. J.

Magnon has acquired Strand Labs, a manufacturer of electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometers and microwave equipment.

Varian Associates has newly acquired Mess- und Analysentechnik, a West German maker of research instruments, including mass spectrometers.

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