

Critics Challenge Wining-Dining By Congressmen

WASHINGTON — Economy-minded congressmen, in a busy day of budget cutting, often gather in the red carpeted Capitol dining room to consume steaks and assorted meals that cost the taxpayers over \$100,000 last fiscal year.

The taxpayers provide this service because the prices are

35 per cent below-even posts. Critics have challenged other subsidies or expenses beneath the dome of Congress in this economy year.

The House, for example, bought \$1,681 wall calendars this year for use around the Capitol—or about 164 calendars per member.

LAST YEAR 90,000 were purchased, W. P. Jenkins, clerk of the House, conceded so many were found unused they had to be bailed into stacks.

The Senate is looking after itself too. It recently approved \$1.25 million for land for a third office building so senators

"May do their work under reasonable economical and efficient working conditions."

One senator complained his six-room office suite was insufficient for his 30-member staff.

Similarly, the House has launched a \$4.9 million expansion and renovation program that includes a new \$150,000 marble railing along the roof of the ancient Cannon Office Building.

"It's to keep workmen from falling off the roof," quips a House staff member. But Philip L. Roof, executive assistant to the Capitol architect, says without the expensive balustrade—which replaced an older one—the building would look like "a man that had been scalped."

To re-equip the Cannon building, the House last year appropriated \$2.1 million. Only nine per cent has been expended, mainly for venetian blinds, but the rest of the money, by law, cannot revert to the Treasury. It must remain in the fund until spent. Meanwhile, the price of furniture is rising five to 10 per cent a year, according to testimony before a House appropriations subcommittee.

EVEN the lavish Rayburn House Office Building (original estimate: \$64 million; final construction cost: \$125 million) is not yet completely furnished.

House Clerk Jennings said the basement level was overlooked. It is taking an additional \$330,000 to furnish it.

The Rayburn Building, completed in 1965, vastly increased office space for the House of Representatives, whose membership has remained roughly constant at 435 while staff sizes have grown.

Aide from food, buildings and furniture, other services provided to congressmen can be highly expensive and of questionable value in an economy year, some believe.

Jennings told a closed door appropriations hearing in April there is "quite a duplication of effort on the part of all the libraries that are on Capitol Hill."

The Library of Congress, he said, has branch libraries in each of five congressional office buildings, with two to three employees in each branch.

The Cannon Building library, with a budget of \$40,766 is a case in point. Located in the basement, its main function is to keep two copies of each house publication as required by law. It is distinct to avoid accumulating unneeded documents, Jennings said.

ANOTHER SERVICE for Congress is its 453-member special police force, filled mainly by patronage. Congressmen have approved a 33 per cent increase in the force, which has a budget of over \$3 million.

The manpower increase in the Capitol police force exceeds that requested by President

Johnson for the entire FBI, which has 6,600 agents throughout the country.

In Congress, traditionally-conscious of its privileges, there are some, however, who question the wisdom of self-serving expenses.

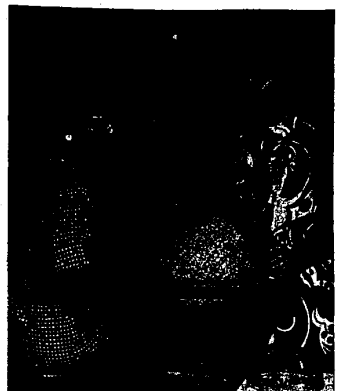
Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., objected to the \$1.25 million appropriation toward another Senate office building when Congress just voted on a \$ 6 billion cut in spending by executive departments, coupled with a tax increase.

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EXAMINE GLOBE — Dr. Jane E. Smith, institute director, and Miss Merry D. Moore, a science teacher at Bryant Junior High School in Livonia, examine a celestial globe, which maps the constellations, during the Earth Science Summer Institute at Michigan State University.

Out Too Far In Boats Too Small

LANSING — "Out too far in boats too small." This sums the problem facing the Coast Guard and sheriff's marine officers as they try to prevent accidents among fishermen on Lake Michigan.

With echo fishing expected to improve in the next few weeks, thousands of boats will be on the big waters. Sheriffs of counties bordering on the Great Lakes, along with Coast Guard officers, representatives of the U.S. Weather Bureau, and the Michigan Department of Conservation have developed plans for emergencies.

As good as they are, however, the plans are admittedly inadequate to cope with boaters who do not use good judgment.

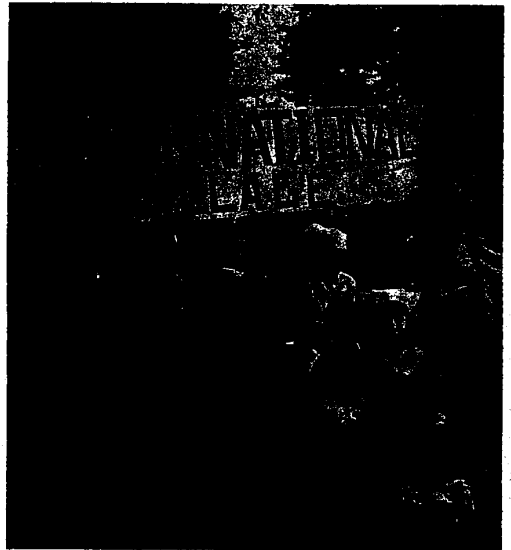
SOME IDEA of the problem is indicated in this comment by Lt. Bill Miller, Coast Guard Group Commander at Ludington: "Our off-shore patrols have found small, inland type aluminum fishing boats as far out in Lake Michigan as 15 miles. Even if they listen to their transistor radios and receive a weather warning, they're too far out to get into port before the storm strikes." James A. Hadley, head of the Conservation Department's boat and water safety section, remarked: "On Saturday, June 29, 1968, one of the worst storms ever to hit the west-

ern Michigan coastline occurred with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour.

"Few boats of any size could weather a storm of this ferocity, but the sixty or more boats which were out shortly before the storm struck were operated by persons of good judgment who, upon hearing the radio weather warning, immediately headed for safety. Only about six boats capsized in this storm and no lives were lost. But had these boats been of the small inland fishing variety with small outboard motors, they would never have made it to safety and lives would have been lost."

"Fishermen must consider their own seamanship ability, have a respect for the weather and be sure their boats are adequately equipped for the severe weather that can be anticipated at any hour of any day, on Lakes Michigan and Superior."

Since weather has such an important bearing on Great Lakes sport fishing, anglers would be well advised, says Hadley, to heed the warning of Jim Zollar, meteorologist in charge of the Grand Rapids Weather Bureau station: "Carry a transistor radio in your boat, listen for weather warnings and head for safety whenever a warning is broadcast. It could save your life."



AN INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE at the Madison Elementary School in Westland had young boys and girls dressed in foreign costumes transported along the playground by a Parks and Recreation Department driver and vehicle. The village was one of the many special events sponsored by the parks department.

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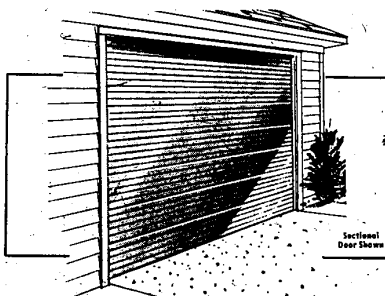
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