



Legislative Alert

THURSDAY
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- * The Senate convenes today at 9:15 AM. The Senate will consider the Pacific Fur Seal Treaty and the Rashish nomination (Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs).
- * Yesterday, the Senate passed the FOOD STAMP bill, 77-17. Paul voted yes after supporting several strengthening amendments and opposing several amendments to weaken the bill. All seven major amendments were defeated on roll call votes.
- * Highlights of Paul's schedule:
 - American Electronics Assn.
 - Interview with Ottoway News
 - David Davis, Massport
 - Interview with Cable News
 - Interview with Channel 2 TV
 - Washington Workshop students
- * The Foreign Relations Committee will consider the nomination of Robert Dillon to be Ambassador to Lebanon.
- * The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 13-5 to report a bill (\$114) reinstituting the federal death penalty for certain crimes such as murder, treason, espionage, and Presidential assassinations. Supreme Court decisions in recent years in effect have invalidated capital punishment laws as being unconstitutionally broad. The Committee passed a similar bill last year, but it was linked with the proposed Criminal Code Reform, and both died. The Committee voted 9-4 to add an amendment by Thurmond to allow the death penalty for anyone who attempts to kill the President "and results in bodily injury to the President or otherwise comes dangerously close to causing the death of the President."
- * The House this week approved 265-122 a provision to prohibit the Justice Department from pursuing any sort of action to require directly or indirectly the busing of students to any school but the one closest to their home, except where special education is needed. The provision, attached to the \$2.3 billion Justice Department Authorization bill, would prevent the Justice Department from filing or intervening in court suits which seek to desegregate school systems by busing students beyond their neighborhood. This would not prevent federal courts from ruling on busing suits brought by individuals. Both the House and the Senate approved the Justice Department language last year but it was vetoed by President Carter, and Congress did not attempt to override the veto. The Administration is favorable to the provision. The Senate is expected to take similar action.

