

WSS  
Norman C. Miller, "The Farm Baron: Rep. Jamie Whitten Works Behing Scenes to Shape Big Spending" WSJ June 7, 1971....

chmn of subc since ~~XXXXXX~~ 1949! called the "permanent Sec. of Ag"

"Has successfully defended old-line farm programs against executive budget-cutters, notably by frustrating the annual efforts of the last four Presidents to slash soil-conservation payments to farmers."

a former ag dept officials: "There is no way you can beat him when he's dead set against you. What he brings out of committee is what you get."

"All a guy like Jamie Whitten has to do is raise an eyebrow and a tremor runs through the Department of Agriculture." (another quote, this from a House member )

What his cotton-grower constituents want from Congress are federal subsidies for crop prices, development of pesticides to fight boll weevils and other programs to benefit agricuoture."

WSJ

Stanford N. Sesser, "The Gun: Kingpin of 'Gun Lobby' Has a Million Members, Much Clout in Congress," WSJ May 24, 1972

National Rifle Association has 12,000 affiliated local and state gun clubs around the U.S. And they're active. intensity!

not much here about how they use their political clout.

WSS

Albert R. Hunt, "It Isn't Who's for You That Matters in '72; It's Who Hates You," WSJ, Sept. 28, 1972

This is about the targeting groups.  
some "small, mostly liberal groups" that are working this year "to defeat selected incumbents"

Deadly Dozen, labeled by an aggressive antiwar arg.  
Dirty Dozen, labeled by the Environmental Action Fund  
NCEC has launched "Operation Cowpasture" in hopes of ousting 18 incumbents.

the "negative campaign" (i.e., emphasize the target rather than the challenger)

"The groups can already claim a pile of scapls....."

Aspinall was on both DD lists.

Miller was a Deadly Dozen target.

WSJ  
Jerry Landauer, "Golden Oratory: Special-Interest Groups Pay Big Speaking Fees To Many in Congress," WSJ, July 11, 1969

ghost written texts

the best racket: The AFL-CIO's Maritime Trades Department, speeches in the Transportation Institute in D.C. A quickie, for \$500 or \$1000. this happens "almost every Wednesday", for some congressman.

a questionable practice when the fees are large and the congressmen have clout in the relevant special interest areas.

"Only the leaders of maritime labor pay so frequently for firsthand enlightenment from Congress." .... "In one recent 12-month period, legislators picked up 55 fees for speaking to Maritime Trades Department lunches, breakfasts and seminars." (highest fee to Garment, MMchan, \$1250)

This is mostly House members at the Maritime.

"Without asking, scheduled speakers receive suggested texts written by union ghosts" (but QF they deliver their own)

Who pays the bill? The Seafarers International Union (just one of the 39 maritimes in the outfit) SIU has the biggest union kitty of any union for politics.

WSJ

Arlen J. Large, "An Now Let's Toast Nicolaus Copernicus, The Famous German"  
WSJ, 3/12/73

This is good, a gd example of symbolic, position-taking representation.

"Ethnic politics turns up regularly in the dull gray pages of the CR, with lawmakers wooing Italians and blacks by inserting articles and speeches about Columbus and Crispus Attucks. For about the last year Coperinicus has been a favorite among members representing heavily Polish constitutncies."

Rarick is the one pushing himas a German.!

Avalence issue !



W51

Norman C. Miller, "Yes, You ~~Are~~ Getting More Politico Mail; And It Will Get Worse,"  
WSJ, 3/6/73

Before June 30, 1973, an estimated 288.6 million pieces offranked mail at an estimated total cost of \$23.1 m. "That's more than double the volume of five years ago and, with higher postage rates, nearly triple the cost. Not coincidentally, the skyrocketing use of the frank has occurred since postal authorities in 1968 gave up trying to regulate congressional mailings and decided to accept any mail than members of Congress themselves declared 'nonpolitical' and hence eligible for free mailing."

Estimated for next year: predicted (by PO) (for H and S) 476 million pieces, at cost of 38.1 million \$, or about 900,000 pieces for each member.

They're scared: "If (the courts) can get us on motive, they'll put all of us in the pen tomorrow.,' says Texas Democratic Rep. Jack Brooks. 'Every letter that comes out of my office better damn sure make me look like I'm doing a good job or I'm an idiot for signing it.' he adds."

WJ

Dennis Farney, "How GOP Sen. Pearson Went From Sure Loser to Sure Winner in 1972"  
WSJ Sept. 29, 1972, p 1

This isn't what I want. Pearson denies (naturally) that there was a threatened primary against him if he anti-Carswelled. This article chalks it up to fence-mending, to the point where Dodking chose not to dare challenge him.....

WSJ

Norman C. Miller, "Privileges of Rank: New Congressman Finds Campaigning Is Easier Now That He's in Office" (Dave Obey) WSJ, August 4, 1969.

This is a good piece. It sounds very much as if it's built on the data of the Sturges piece. This could alternatively be cited.....