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Senate Passes
School Aid Measure

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The United States Senate voted (80-7) a two-year continuation of the federally impacted areas school aid program and the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

The vote of approval came despite Administration support of only a one-year extension. In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Pr sident Kennedy said a one-year extension would "provide the best assurance that re-evaluation of legislation affecting education will take place early next year." An amendment to this effect, by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), was defeated.

The Senate passed version is identical with language of a bill previously pass d by the House of Representatives.

One section of the two-part $900,000,000 measure continues all provisions of the National Defense Education Act of 1958. The other continues Federal aid to public schools in "impacted areas," areas with heavy concentration of Federal civilian or military personnel.

As it came before the Senate, the bill called for a one-year extension. However, on motion of Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D., Okla.), the Senate voted to substitute the text of the earlier House approved bill, carrying a two-year extension.

On a parliamentary technicality the bill must again be passed by the House of Representatives before it can be sent to the White House.

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Baptists Ask For
$1,434,000 In Loans (9-19-61)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Three Baptist institutions made application in August for college housing loans according to Commissioner Sidney H. Woolner of the Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

A total of $26,694,000 was requested by 27 colleges, universities and hospitals. Sixteen of them are private institutions, of which number 11 are church-related. The Baptists asked for $1,434,000.

The Baptist applications were from: (1) Mercer University (Southern Baptist), Macon, Ga., $604,000; (2) Mississippi Baptist Hospital (Southern Baptist), Jackson, Miss., $500,000; and (3) Ottawa University (American Baptist), Ottawa, Kans., $330,000.

Of the remaining church-related institutions, three are Roman Catholic, two Methodist, two Presbyterian and one Church of God.

In making the announcement, Woolner said, "While these applications have not yet been processed, their receipt is made public so that private lenders may negotiate with the institutions if they wish to make the loans. There is no assurance that these applications will be approved, and this is merely an announcement of applications received."

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Peace Corps Bill
Passed By House

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The House of Representatives passed, by a vote of 287 to 97, a bill to give permanent status to the Peace Corps.

The bill authorizes the full $40 million sought by the Administration for the operation of thePeace Corps in its first year. It is currently operating on a pilot basis, set up by President Kennedy early in the year.

In proposing legislation to make it a permanent agency, the President said the corps would provide a "pool of trained American men and women to help foreign countries meet their urgent needs for skilled manpower."

Baptist leaders have warned against church-state problems that might arise in the Peace Corps.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in testimony to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, made suggestions for more precise legislation in the Peace Corps, for rules on church-state practice, for policy in relation to foreign missions, and for the democratic process. He urged that the Peace Corps not in any way be identified with the foreign mission program of the American churches.

The House passed measure is similar to a bill passed earlier in the Senate. It does, however, contain an amendment not found in the Senate version, that would requir Peace Corps volunteers to swear that they do not advocate the overthrow of the constitutional form of government in the United States and that they are not members of an organization that so advocates.

The bill now goes back to the Senate. A Senate-House conference committee is expected to be appointed to iron out differences.

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