

# House Democrats to Fight Nixon on Cuts

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WASHINGTON, March 21—House Democrats agreed unanimously today to fight Administration efforts to cut back Federal aid for social services.

The latest challenge to President Nixon's efforts to hold down spending came as the House Democratic Caucus instructed the Ways and Means Committee to "promptly report" legislation designed to block proposed cutbacks in social services.

The controversy arose last month when the Department of Health, Education and Welfare proposed regulations that critics say could trim \$500-million or more from Federal outlays for such state and local social services as day care for working mothers, programs for the elderly, treatment of alcoholics and drug addicts and health and educational services.

Legislation to nullify the proposed regulations has been introduced in the House by Ogden R. Reid, Democrat of Westchester, and some 80 colleagues in both parties; and in the Senate by Walter F. Mondale, Democrat of Minnesota, Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, and more than 40 others.

## Welfare Burden Seen

In urging fellow Democrats today to support his move, Representative Reid contended that proposed regulations would "hurt the helpless and throw thousands of families back onto overburdened welfare rolls."

Joining Mr. Reid in bringing the social services issues before the Democratic caucus was representative Don Fraser of Minnesota, a former chairman of the Liberal Democratic study group.

The regulations have not yet been made final. Testifying last week before a Senate subcom-

mittee, Caspar W. Weinberger, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said the proposed new rules would be reviewed "sympathetically" before final action was taken.

In still another challenge today to the President's budgetary cutbacks, the House approved, 392 to 2, a bill calling for a \$238.5-million one-year extension of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. The Senate has passed similar legislation.

The Administration endorsed the simple one-year extension but has budgeted just \$6.2-million for the program in the coming fiscal year, starting July 1.

As approved by the house, the bill would provide grants to cities and states for recycling systems and disposal plants and would give the Environmental Protection Agency funds with which to develop new recycling and disposal techniques.

The two votes against the extension were cast by Republicans, Earl F. Landgrebe of Indiana and John H. Rpusset of California.

Meanwhile, in an apparent rebuff to the White House, Representative Robert H. Michel of Illinois was elected today as chairman of the national Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, defeating Representative Clarence Brown of Ohio.

The election ended party wrangling that began last fall after Republicans gained only 13 House seats despite President Nixon's landslide victory.

The White House had asked the House campaign committee chairman, Representative Bob Wilson of California, to step down in favor of Mr. Brown. However, Mr. Wilson refused and was re-elected to the post in January. Last week, uttering a few parting shots about the

need for more White House help in future Congressional races, Mr. Wilson resigned.

Mr. Michel, a nine-term member of the House, defeated Mr. Brown by a substantial margin today. The exact vote was not announced.

## G.O.P. Still Upset

The election outcome was interpreted by some House Republicans as an indication that party members were still upset by the lack of campaign help from the President last fall and as a warning to the White House not to meddle in the internal political affairs of Republicans in Congress.

In other developments today on Capitol Hill the House Democratic Caucus rejected a proposal to abolish the controversial House Internal Security Committee, formerly known as the House Committee on un-American activities. The move, led by two Californians, Don Edwards and Jerome R. Waldie, was rejected by a vote of 92 to 69.

Meantime, the House Republican Policy Committee endorsed the tentative recommendations of a joint Senate-House study committee for creation of a system to improve Congressional control over budget outlays and receipts. The study group has completed hearings but has not yet issued a final report.