Tax Credit Compromise Sought in Senate

Washington (NC) — The Senate Finance Committee worked Aug. 9 at hammering out a compromise between the Reagan administration's tuition tax credit bill and another version, but did not vote on the issue.

Three major differences separate the administration's bill, introduced in June, from legislation which had been proposed earlier by Senators Robert Packwood (R-Ore.) and Daniel Patrick Moynihan

The disagreements center around a refundability provision, a provision to phase

novations this year will be the

inauguration of two new

academic programs and a new

After piloting the data

processing part of the new

state business curriculum,

Nazareth will offer the new

business course of studies for

the first time. As part of the

program, a group of students

under the direction of Sister Diana Dolce and Mrs.

Mariangela Annucci will run

the school bookstore to give

them the experience of

operating a small business.

The business program is under the direction of Sister Dolores

The other new program

beginning this year is called a

fine arts major. Sisters Beth

Sutter and Donna Marie

Cucci styled the curriculum-

and won the approval of the State Education Department.

The program will allow students to combine art, music

theory and music per-formance to complete the

The athletic department

will add soccer to its interscho-

lastic curriculum this year as a varsity sport. The program

Anne Heuther.

computer center.

Nazareth

out tax credits for parents with higher incomes and a provision to prevent tax credit money from going to schools that discriminate on the basis of race.

Both proposals would give parents a tax credit for up to one half the cost of tuition for each child in a private school.

The Packwood-Moynihan bill would allow a tax credit for parents who pay tuition to send their children to nonpublic schools but do not earn enough money to qualify for a tax refund.

The administration's version does not have a

refundability Treasury Assistant Secretary John B. Chapoton said refundability violates tax policy but Packwood commented that tuition tax credits are educational policy as well as tax policy.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole (R-Kan.) said, "While I generally shy away from refundable tax credits as bad tax policy, it seems to me to be sensible social policy in this case. Why should a poor family with little or no tax liability be denied the opportunity to choose between public and private schools?"

Dole said the three-year cost of the refundability provision would total only \$51 million. "This seems the least we can do for those in the lowest brackets who wish to sacrifice to send their sons and daughters to alternative

The administration's bill would set a maximum amount a parent could earn and receive a tax credit and although Finance Committee members spoke in favor of the idea, several recommended the maximum be that lowered.

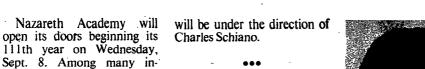
The administration has called for the credit to be reduced by a specified per-centage of the amount by which the taxpayer's adjusted income exceeds \$50,000 and a taxpayer with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or more could not claim any

Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) suggested that those figures be lowered to \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Committee members also questioned administration witnesses about the strength of language in the bill to prevent racial discrimination.

"It is critical that there is no odor of discrimination," Packwood said. He said he feared that tax credits opponents would try to claim that the legislation "will help upper income whites rather than lower income blacks.

Dole said, "I expect the



The first day of school at Nazareth holds a tradition each year. Only two classes the freshmen and the juniors — attend the opening day. It is called Big Sister Day, when each freshman is assigned a junior as a personal escort to get her through the very difficult first day of orienting to high school life.

Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ, has been named Nazareth Academy's director of development. Her position will include long-range planning, alternate funding, publicity and recruitment.

A native of Rochester, Sister Carol has been assistant principal there for the past three years. Prior to that, she was principal of St. Anthony principal of St. Agnes High School. of Padua School and vice

Sister Carol holds masters degrees in history form Syracuse University and in administration and supervision from the University of Rochester. She is currently the vice president of the State Catholic School Administrators' Association.



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Geneva — DeSales High librarian and teach a course in Academic Methods; William Carroll, foreign language; and Thomas Geary, math. Sister Leo Marie came to DeSales from St. James, Waverly.



committee report on this bill, assuming it passes, to make crystal clear that these provisions are meant to be tough on those who may discriminatte.'

A letter from President Reagan urging support for his bill was read to the committee by Dole.

"It is of great importance to the continued vitality and diversity of our society that

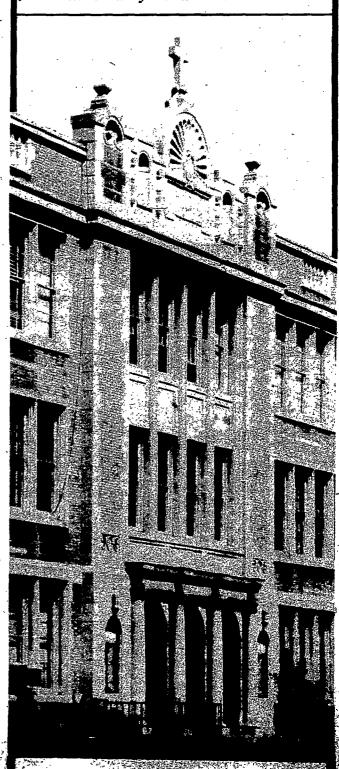
parents have a meaningful choice between public education and the many forms of private education that are available," Reagan said.

"The rising costs of education are threatening to put the private schools beyond the reach of many families who cannot afford the double burden of paying private school tuitions and the state and local taxes that support the public school system.'



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