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(Continued from Page 1) the Senate will make considerable changes in the bill. "The modifications won't change the final effect of an \$1 billion tax cut over two years," he predicted.

On civil rights, the congressman said the conflict is between southern segregationists and northern anti-segregationists. Many northern states, he says, have laws on their books which cover everything in the present civil rights bill.

PRESENT LAWS are enforced by the states, says Becker, and the new bill would give the power of enforcement to the United States attorney general. "This is a grave danger because it makes a virtual dictator of the attorney general," he said. The public accommodations section, on which most of the controversy has been focused, doesn't worry Becker as much as the effects of the bill on education, voting rights, and employment. "This bill," he added, "will abolish all states rights."

Looking ahead to 1964, Becker said Senator Goldwater is still the frontrunner for the GOP presidential nomination. He says we are going through a period of emotional hysteria now, and adds, "a great deal will wear off in a couple of months, and people will begin to segregate in their minds between the death of Mr. Kennedy and who they will vote for in 1964."

Republican prospects for 1964 are good, according to Becker. He doesn't feel Johnson's move to the White House will detract from Goldwater's advantage in the south.

HE BELIEVES the GOP can win a national victory in 1964. "If the Republican candidates — for President, governors, congressmen — will give the American people a choice between the political, economic, and spiritual freedom of the Republican party as against the welfare state of the Democratic party, Republican candidates can sweep into victory in 1964," he concluded.

He went on to explain the movement of young people to the conservative movement as a recognition by the young people of "what the welfare state means to them."

On foreign aid, Becker said if the contention of U.N. Ambassador Stevenson and President Johnson that the foreign policy of the United States is dependent on giving away billions of dollars is true, "then the results have been tragic." Citing the case of Israel and Egypt, Becker said the so-called non-aligned countries are bent on destroying our good allies with our money. "Israel is a bastion of democracy in the Middle East, and Egypt is buying war material with our money to destroy Israel," he explained.

ASKED ABOUT the flurry of criticism of Congress, Becker quickly replied, "Congress is not bogged down at all. The administration has been playing politics with Congress (and) the Democratic leadership has made a shambles of the Congress." The failure of Congress to pass the appropriations bills before June 30, he said, "is a disgrace."

The congressman agrees that something is wrong with the seniority system in Congress, but he challenged the intellectuals to come up with something better that would not

make the President a virtual dictator over the Congress.

FINALLY, Becker launched an attack on news media. He called it "the curse of the nation." Newspapers, radio, and television are "not providing the people with the truth," he said. "How many people know what calendar Wednesday is? Republicans refused to dispense with calendar Wednesday so (Emanuel) Sellers (chairman of the House Judiciary Committee) could bring up the civil rights bill. All he had to do was call it up and we would have stayed in session until the bill was passed or defeated," he said.

(Calendar Wednesday is a process in the House whereby bills which have been tied up in committee—generally the Rules Committee — may be called to the floor for debate and a vote by the chairman of the committee having initial jurisdiction. Any bill called up on calendar Wednesday must be debated and disposed of during that day's session. Otherwise, the bill dies for the duration of that session of Congress.)

Congressman Becker concluded, "A change in the rules won't change the politics."

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(Continued from Page 1) ple initiative to get adequate school support as the legislature seems reluctant to move in this direction.

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FOLLOWING approval of the letter, Dr. Kurt Shery, a board member, summarized the feeling of the trustees.

Said Dr. Shery, "CSBA delegates were in favor of the resolution; the guiding members were not. The only way now is to solicit the individual support of all school boards. We'll have to take the ball and run with it ourselves."

Mayor's Trial Set for Feb. 3

Trial of Mayor Albert Isen on a drunken driving charge, scheduled to begin Tuesday, was postponed until Feb. 3 in Compton Municipal Court. Mayor Isen was arrested by the California Highway Patrol on Oct. 10 after they alleged his car struck a parked truck on 228th Street at Petroleum Avenue east of Torrance.

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