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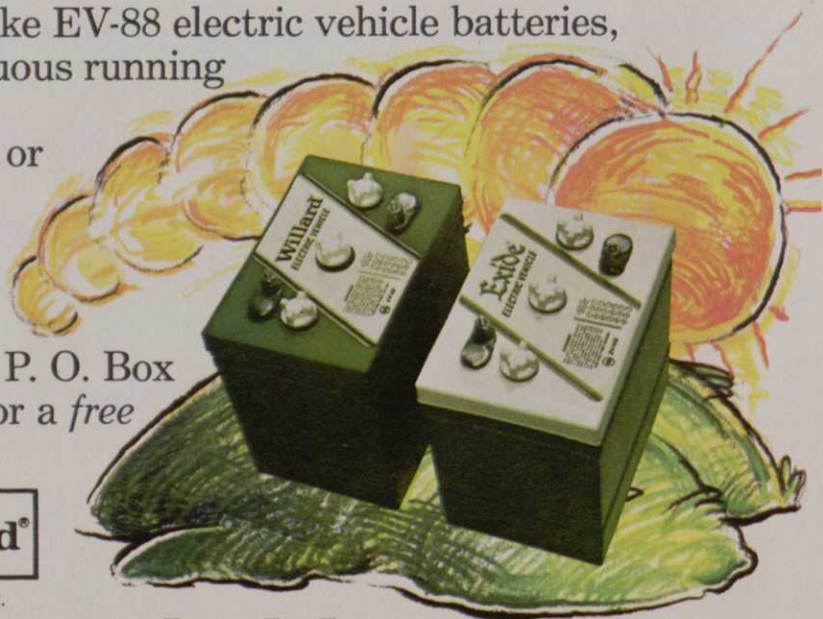
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As it passed into history, the 92nd Congress left behind, like all Congresses, a mixed record; some of it bad and some good.

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Here is their record of the legislation important to golf clubs:

Minimum Wage (not passed): Initially, to most Congressional observers, the passage of a new minimum bill was inevitable. However, the inability of the Senate and House to reconcile their legislation (S. 1861 and H.R. 7130) killed the bill for this year. With the House passed version calling for a raise to \$1.80 now and \$2 a year later and the Senate passing (by a one vote margin) a broader bill raising the minimum to \$2 now and \$2.20 in two years, the stage was set for an unusual action. When the Senate refused to accept a compromise and after House liberals made no secret of their support for the Senate version, a majority of House members refused to send the bill to conference, despite two major efforts to do so. Accordingly, the bill died because of lack of action.

Occupational Safety Amendments (not passed): A bill that would have exempted companies with 25 or fewer employees and provided for no-penalty OSHA inspections on a consulting basis failed to pass because of the addition by the Labor

Department of certain restrictions. These would have given the department full control over whether or not to agree to such inspections and would not have held the Labor Department responsible for inaccuracies.

Pesticides Controls (passed; awaiting signature): This bill was a compromise worked out with several groups, one of which, the Pesticide Users Conference, NCA is a member. The bill passed during the last days of the session and appears to be a satisfactory compromise. It gives the Environmental Protection Agency the power to ban the sales of pesticides considered substantially hazardous and to register and classify others for "general" or "restricted" use. The latter can be applied only by qualified application

Noise Control (passed; awaiting signature): Compromise version worked out during the last hours of session.

Land Use (not passed): When pressure to institute Federal controls over local land use policies could not be reconciled with recommendations to provide grants for land use planning, this legislation was caught in the last minute rush for adjournment.

15% Bill (not passed): Although passed by committee, the heavy pressure to exact major legislation of national importance caught this bill in the end-of-session snarl of last minute business.

Social Security (PL 92-336 H. R. 1; awaiting signature): This bill will greatly increase both Social Security taxes and benefits.

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