

1274. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Budget for 1945 involving an increase of \$20,682,370 (H. Doc. No. 479); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1275. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting supplemental estimates of appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1945, amounting to \$3,879,000, and drafts of proposed provisions, in the form of amendments to the Budget for the said fiscal year (H. Doc. No. 480); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1276. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the Petroleum Administration for War for the fiscal year 1945 containing an estimate of appropriation amounting to \$6,550,000 (H. Doc. No. 481); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1277. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the Solid Fuels Administration for War of the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1945 containing estimate of appropriation amounting to \$5,025,000 (H. Doc. No. 482); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1278. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an estimate of appropriation for the Office of Censorship for the fiscal year 1945, amounting to \$29,814,425 (H. Doc. No. 483); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1279. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the War Shipping Administration for the fiscal year 1945 containing estimates of appropriations amounting to \$550,350,000 (H. Doc. No. 484); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1280. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the National War Labor Board of the Office for Emergency Management for the fiscal year 1945 containing estimates of appropriations amounting to \$15,596,000 (H. Doc. No. 485); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1281. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the Committee on Fair Employment Practice of the Office for Emergency Management for the fiscal year 1945 containing appropriations amounting to \$585,000 (H. Doc. No. 486); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1282. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an estimate of appropriation for the Division of Central Administrative Services of the Office for Emergency Management for the fiscal year 1945, amounting to \$9,133,000 (H. Doc. No. 487); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1283. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the Committee for Congested Production Areas, of the Executive Office of the President for the fiscal year 1945 containing estimates of appropriations amounting to \$669,000 (H. Doc. No. 488); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1284. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an estimate of appropriation for the Office of Defense Transportation of the Office for Emergency Management for the fiscal year 1945, amounting to \$18,811,000 (H. Doc. No. 489); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COCHRAN: Committee on Accounts. House Resolution 467. Resolution providing for the payment of 6 months' salary and \$250 funeral expenses to Isaline Garney, mother of Mary Garney, late an employee of the House; without amendment (Rept. No. 1248). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CLASON:

H. R. 4378. A bill to amend the act approved March 14, 1936, entitled "An act to provide for vacations for Government employees, and for other purposes," as amended; to the Committee on the Civil Service.

By Mr. HAGEN:

H. R. 4379. A bill authorizing a per capita payment of \$25 each to the members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from the proceeds of the sale of timber and lumber on the Red Lake Reservation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GEARHART:

H. J. Res. 250. A joint resolution authorizing the erection in the District of Columbia of a memorial to the Third Division; to the Committee on the Library.

#### MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Puerto Rico, memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States relative to the disposition of its taxes as the legislature sees fit; to the Committee on Insular Affairs.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH introduced a bill (H. R. 4380) for the relief of Mabelle E. Olive, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

5219. By Mr. BUCKLEY: Petition of George McGee and others, protesting against prohibition legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5220. By Mr. ROLPH: Resolution of the San Francisco Labor Council, urging the passage of the Green-Lucas bill, giving all members of our armed forces an opportunity to vote; to the Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress.

5221. By Mr. COCHRAN: Petition of G. M. Hauridian and 19 others, protesting against the passage of House bill 2082, which seeks to enact prohibition for the period of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5222. Also, petition of W. A. Fitzpatrick and 19 others, protesting against the passage of House bill 2082, which seeks to enact prohibition for the period of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5223. Also, petition of Blanche H. Williams and 19 others, protesting against the passage of House bill 2082, which seeks to enact prohibition for the period of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5224. Also, petition of S. E. Dooley and 14 others, protesting against the passage of House bill 2082, which seeks to enact prohibition for the period of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5225. Also, petition of Frederick E. Taylor and 19 others, protesting against the passage of House bill 2082, which seeks to enact prohibition for the period of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5226. By Mr. FOGARTY: Memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, concerning the abrogation of the white paper and the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5227. By Mr. LeCOMPTE: Petition of the Reverend B. E. Dobbins and citizens of the town and community of Tingley, Iowa, in the interest of the Bryson bill, to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war, by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States, etc.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5228. By Mr. MYERS: Petition of 180 citizens of Philadelphia, Pa., protesting against the passage of the Bryson bill (H. R. 2082); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5229. By Mr. JOSEPH M. PRATT: Petition of 60 citizens of Pennsylvania, protesting against passage of the Bryson bill (H. R. 2082); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5230. By Mr. ROWAN: Petition of Stan Segal and 24 other persons, all of Chicago, Ill., favoring enactment of House bill 4063, authorizing the appointment of optometrists as commissioned officers in the armed forces of the United States; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

5231. By Mr. SCHIFFLER: Petition of Local Union 185, United Clerical, Technical, and Supervisory Employees of the Mining Industry Division of District 50, United Mine Workers of America, located at Grant Town, W. Va., urging the passage of House bill 3962; to the Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress.

5232. By Mr. WEISS: Petition of 5,200 citizens of Pennsylvania, protesting against the Bryson bill (H. R. 2082); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5233. By the SPEAKER: Petition of Francisco Elias Quinones, of Rincon, P. R., petitioning consideration of the resolution with reference to the removal of Rexford G. Tugwell; to the Committee on Insular Affairs.

5234. Also, petition of W. W. Fuller, Jr., of Miami, Fla., petitioning consideration of the resolution with reference to amending the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SENATE

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1944

(Legislative day of Monday, February 7, 1944)

The Senate met at 12 o'clock meridian, on the expiration of the recess.

The Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Thou dost gladden our eyes and thrill our beings with the glory of Thy handiwork; Thou hast written Thy law in our hearts; Thou hast wedded our finite days and ways to Thy eternity. In Thy fellowship alone we find peace for our spirits and power for our tasks. In a desperate day of disappointment, disillusionment, and despair, when so many hopes are crippled and crucified and so many loved ones are scattered far and wide, with all the world's disruption and confusion, we bow in grati-

tude for the mercies beyond our deserving which hallow our lot—the sacrament of friendship, the opportunities for service, the joys of a free life.

Give us the insight, the faith, and the courage in these days of destiny to escape the futile repetitions of old errors and the restoration of ancient evils. Let not ignorant or mean partisanship or selfish greed block the way to a new order in the world, with hope of lasting peace, enlarging brotherhood, and universal justice, a world in which the lives now being offered on the altar of righteousness shall not have been given in vain. We ask it in the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

On request of Mr. BARKLEY, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the calendar day Thursday, March 9, 1944, was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

#### SENATOR FROM OREGON

Mr. HOLMAN. Mr. President, I present the certificate of appointment of the Governor of Oregon designating the Honorable GUY CORDON a Senator from Oregon. The Senator-designate is present in the Senate Chamber, and is ready to take the oath of office.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The credentials will be read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

STATE OF OREGON,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Salem, March 4, 1944.

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Oregon, I, Earl Snell, the Governor of said State, do hereby appoint GUY CORDON a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the death of Charles L. McNary is filled by election, as provided by law.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Earl Snell, and our seal hereto affixed at Salem, Oreg., this 4th day of March A. D. 1944.

EARL SNELL, Governor.

By the Governor:

ROBT. S. FARRELL, Jr.,  
Secretary of State.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The credentials will be placed on file.

If the Senator-designate will present himself at the desk, the oath will be administered to him.

Mr. CORDON, escorted by Mr. HOLMAN, advanced to the desk, and, the oath prescribed by law having been administered to him by the Vice President, he took his seat in the Senate.

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

Mrs. CARAWAY, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that on March 9, 1944, that committee presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 872. An act to provide retirement benefits for certain persons who serve as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs;

S. 1146. An act to amend section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

S. 1387. An act to extend the time within which the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming may negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River; and

S. J. Res. 78. Joint resolution to provide cash awards to personnel of the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration for useful suggestions to improve administration of their activities.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT—APPROVAL OF BILLS

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Miller, one of his secretaries, and he announced that the President had approved and signed the following acts:

On March 10, 1944:

S. 872. An act to provide retirement benefits for certain persons who serve as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

On March 11, 1944:

S. 1554. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to change the name of Conduit Road in the District of Columbia," approved March 4, 1942; and

S. 1658. An act to extend for 1 year the date of termination of Public Law 22, dated April 1, 1943, entitled "To provide for a temporary increase in compensation for certain employees of the District of Columbia government and the White House Police force."

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Maurer, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House had disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4133) making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for other purposes; agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that Mr. LUDLOW, Mr. O'NEAL, Mr. MAHON, Mr. CURLEY, Mr. TABER, Mr. KEEFE, and Mr. DWORSHAK were appointed managers on the part of the House at the conference.

The message also announced that the House had disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4183) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes; agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that Mr. SNYDER, Mr. STARNES of Alabama, Mr. KERR, Mr. MAHON, Mr. POWERS, Mr. ENGEL of Michigan, and Mr. CASE were appointed managers on the part of the House at the conference.

The message further announced that the House had passed a bill (H. R. 4346) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for other purposes, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Speaker had affixed his signature to the following enrolled bills, and they were signed by the Vice President:

S. 891. An act for the relief of Jack Lebel Haas;

S. 393. An act for the relief of William Kovatis;

S. 397. An act for the relief of Lt. (Jr. Gr.) Svend J. Skou;

S. 617. An act for the relief of Homer C. Chapman;

S. 776. An act to confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment on the claim of Louis H. Pink, superintendent of insurance of the State of New York, or his statutory successor, as statutory liquidator of New York Indemnity Co. against the United States;

S. 1427. An act to authorize the appointment of Gregory Boyington a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps;

S. 1549. An act for the relief of Vern M. Stanchfield;

S. 1563. An act for the relief of W. E. Dowdell and June Dowdell; and

S. 1668. An act authorizing appropriations for the United States Navy for additional ship-repair facilities, and for other purposes.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF POLITICAL PUBLICATIONS BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Mr. VANDENBERG. Mr. President, at the last session of the Senate I brought to the attention of the Senate certain one-way correspondence I have had with the War Department regarding certain political publications under the auspices of the War Department. Immediately thereafter I received a thoroughly satisfactory letter from the Secretary of War on the subject in which he advises me that he has ordered total abandonment of the particular system against which I was protesting. I wish to thank the Secretary for his forthright reply and I ask that his letter be printed at this point in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, D. C.

Hon. ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR VANDENBERG: I have your letter of February 23, calling my attention to the Army War College Library Bulletin for February 1944, which contains in a list of Ten Outstanding Magazine Articles an article entitled "General MacArthur—Fact and Legend," by John McCarten, published in the American Mercury.

For some time past it has been the custom of the Army War College Library to reprint in its Bulletin, as a routine library function, this monthly selection of current magazine articles by a council of librarians. The present head of this council is Dr. Luther H. Evans, Chief Assistant Librarian, Library of Congress. The list is taken from a poster sent out each month by Harper & Brothers to public libraries throughout the United States, and I enclose a copy of the January 1944 poster. From this you will note that comments reprinted under the title of each article in the Library Bulletin for February 1944 are reproduced exactly from the text which appears on the poster.

There has been no intent to imply War Department approval of these selections. The sponsorship by a council of librarians is indicated as part of the heading. Monthly circulation of this publication represents fewer than 500 copies.

In order that there may be no opportunity for misunderstanding of the War Department's position, however, I have directed that the list be eliminated from future issues of the Library Bulletin. I need hardly assure you of my complete agreement with your statement that "the War Department must be scrupulously careful to avoid the official

distribution of partisan or prejudicial material to the Army," either at this time or at any other.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON,  
Secretary of War.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE  
POLITICAL PARTIES AT BARI, ITALY

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a letter from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting the text of a message received in the State Department and directed to the Congress of the United States from the Congress of the Political Parties held at Bari, Italy, January 28-30, 1944, which letter and message was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the text of the message was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

The first free assembly of southern Italy, the islands and the patriots of all Italy belonging to all the anti-Fascist parties salutes the great American democracy, in its supreme expression, its Congress.

We want to fight side by side with the Allied armies for the liberation of Italy and we also want the reconstruction for our country of strong democratic institutions that may insure for us the four liberties which are the glory of America. Fascism is not dead. It is still entrenched in strong positions.

We confide in the help of the United States of America for the final destruction of this danger that is not only of Italy, not only of Europe, but of the whole world.

FOURTEENTH REPORT ON LEND-LEASE  
OPERATIONS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate a report on operations under the Lend-Lease Act, from the passage of the act, March 11, 1941, to December 31, 1943, filed with the Secretary of the Senate on March 11, 1944, by the Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration, which will be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following letters, which were referred as indicated:

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (S. Doc.  
No. 164)

A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an additional estimate of appropriation in the amount of \$7,250,000, for the Department of Commerce, fiscal year 1945, in the form of an amendment to the Budget (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEVELOPMENT OF LANDING AREAS FOR NATIONAL  
DEFENSE (S. Doc. No. 165)

A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed provision extending the availability of the existing appropriation for the development of landing areas for national defense, Office of Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, Department of Commerce, to June 30, 1945 (with accompanying papers); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE, VETERANS' ADMIN-  
ISTRATION (S. Doc. No. 166)

A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Veterans' Administration, fiscal year 1944, in

the amount of \$1,650,000 (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE, POST OFFICE  
DEPARTMENT (S. Doc. No. 162)

A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplemental estimate of appropriation in the amount of \$4,500 for the Post Office Department, fiscal year 1944 (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES, DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE (S. Doc. No. 163)

A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, estimates of appropriations in the amount of \$2,869,000, for the Department of State, fiscal year 1945, in the form of amendments to the Budget for that fiscal year (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS, OFFICE OF ADMIN-  
ISTRATOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS

A letter from the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, revision No. 1 of the estimate of personnel requirements for the quarter ending March 31, 1944, for the Office of Administrator of Civil Aeronautics (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Civil Service.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE PAPERS

A letter from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, lists of papers and documents on the files of the Departments of the Post Office and Navy; War Production Board, Tennessee Valley Authority (2), and Reconstruction Finance Corporation (2) which are not needed in the conduct of business and have no permanent value or historical interest, and requesting action looking to their disposition (with accompanying papers); to a Joint Select Committee on the Disposition of Papers in the Executive Departments.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. BARKLEY and Mr. BREWSTER members of the committee on the part of the Senate.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

Petitions, etc., were laid before the Senate, or presented, and referred as indicated:

By the VICE PRESIDENT:

A resolution of the Senate of the State of Washington; ordered to lie on the table: "Whereas the United States, and particularly the Northwest, has sustained a great loss in the untimely death of a tried and true friend, CHARLES L. McNARY, of Oregon, for many years the floor leader of his party in the United States Senate; and

"Whereas CHARLES L. McNARY has been a United States Senator from Oregon since 1917 and was honored by nomination for Vice President of the United States; and

"Whereas by his remarkable ability, personality, and leadership he has not only endeared himself to all who served with him, but has performed the greatest services throughout his public career to the people of the Northwest, as well as the Nation as a whole; and

"Whereas, due to his character and leadership he has become universally beloved and his place will be hard to fill; Be it

"Resolved by the Senate of the State of Washington in legislative session assembled, That we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to Senator McNARY's family on account of their great loss; and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. McNARY; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Senate."

A cablegram from the secretary of the Senate of Puerto Rico embodying a resolution adopted by that senate; to the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs:

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 3, 1944.  
Hon. HENRY A. WALLACE,  
President, Senate of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.:

The Senate of Puerto Rico adopted today the following resolution: "Whereas there is pending in the Congress in Washington legislation to deprive Puerto Rico of the taxes collected on the sale of Puerto Rican rum in the United States;

"Whereas for more than 40 years the people of Puerto Rico have enjoyed the right to use and dispose of these taxes in accordance with the laws of its legislature; and

"Whereas the increase in these taxes is practically the only favorable factor caused in Puerto Rico by the war in the midst of the many sufferings which the war has caused our people and which our people are bearing in a spirit of sacrifice and comprehension in defense of the great democratic principles: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate of Puerto Rico, To express to the Congress of the United States its respectful and firm opposition to having the people of Puerto Rico deprived of the right which they have enjoyed for more than 40 years to dispose of those taxes through the legislature and for such purposes as the legislature in representation of the people believes of the greatest utility and benefit to Puerto Ricans."

Y. SOLA MORALES,  
Secretary of the Senate  
of Puerto Rico.

(The VICE PRESIDENT also laid before the Senate a cablegram from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico, embodying a resolution identical with the foregoing, which was referred to the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs.)

By Mr. TYDINGS:

A petition signed by the pastors of several churches of Snow Hill, Berlin, Pocomoke City, Newark, Girdletree, and Stockton, Md., on behalf of the members of their congregations, praying for the enactment of House bill 2082, to reduce absenteeism, conserve manpower, and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RETURN OF DODECANESE ISLANDS TO  
GREECE—PETITION

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. President, I desire to present a rather unusual and important petition sent to me by the President and Secretary of the board of directors of the Greek Orthodox community of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

The letter transmitting the petition was signed by Hon. V. G. Arfaras, president, and Hon. Peter Saclarides, secretary. The petition contains the photographic signatures of the officials composing the board of directors of Calymnian Society, also the signatures of the board of directors of Halki Society St. Nicholas, and the signatures of the officials and board of directors of the Taxachis Symean Society, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

They are loyal American citizens and have always contributed their share wholeheartedly to the effort of the United States and the United Nations to re-establish self-government in enemy-riden Europe and their native Greece.

They are descendants of the inhabitants of those beautiful historic Greek islands of the Aegean known as the Dodecanese, which have been Greek in language, sentiment, tradition, and religion since the dawn of history, notwithstanding the fact that the vicissitudes of war have deprived them of political independence during several periods, including the present. Most of the petitioners still have relatives and even members of their immediate families in those islands, and have retained the emotions, feelings, and traditions of their forebears.

The Senate of the United States unanimously adopted a resolution on May 17, 1920, in favor of the freedom of the Dodecanese Islands, reading as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the 12 islands of the Aegean where a strong Greek population predominates should be awarded to Greece and become incorporated in the Kingdom of Greece.

Unhappily this resolution was never effectuated, and the islands have for two decades been dominated by Italy under Mussolini, and thus the economy of the islands was disturbed; and the ultimate result is that the population has been reduced from 150,000 to 60,000.

On March 25, 1944, the independence and freedom of modern Greece will be celebrated, and petitioners pray that the Senate proclaim and reiterate the resolution adopted in 1920 on behalf of the Dodecanese Islands, and that they be set free at the end of this war to join their mother country—Greece.

Mr. President, I ask that this petition be received and that the letter of transmittal, together with the resolution adopted and signed by the city commissioners of the city of Tarpon Springs, Fla., be printed in the body of the RECORD, and that the petition and resolution with all signatures be then referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

There being no objection, the letter and resolution were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY,  
"SAINT NICHOLAS,"  
Tarpon Springs, Fla., February 7, 1944.  
The Honorable Senator CHARLES W. ANDREWS,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR ANDREWS: We, the undersigned inhabitants of Tarpon Springs, Fla., respectfully submit to you the following:

We are all American citizens and residents of this city and State for many years past. We have been loyal Americans and have contributed our share of wholehearted effort and work to the successful fulfillment of our democratic institutions and of the political and social objectives in this great democracy.

We feel proud of our American citizenship and also feel proud of our traditions which we brought into our country and which are the imperishable traditions of the Greek love for freedom, for democracy and for human decency.

We derive, all of us, from the Greek islands of the Aegean, known as the Dodecanese, which have been Greek from the dawn of history and have remained Greek in language, sentiment, tradition, and religion for 30 centuries, notwithstanding the fact that the vicissitudes of history had deprived them of political independence during several pe-

riods. Some of us still have relatives or members of family in those islands, but all of us retain the emotions and feelings associated with memories and traditions of the life of our fathers and forefathers in these charming and lovely islands of the Greek Dodecanese.

Our American heritage of attachment to political freedom, democracy, and popular administration necessarily imbues us with the deep feeling and desire to see the Dodecanese set free and united with the Greek people, and it is natural for us, as for all freedom-loving people, to wish the United States to do all in its power to see that the Dodecanese are set free at the end of this great war which is being fought for democracy and freedom, and in which the children, husbands, or fathers of many of us are now fighting.

The Senate of the United States already in 1920 had adopted as unanimous Resolution No. 324 on May 17 in favor of freedom of the Dodecanese. The resolution quoted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, volume 59, part VII, page 7160, reads:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the 12 islands of the Aegean where a strong Greek population predominates should be awarded to Greece and become incorporated in the Kingdom of Greece."

Unhappily, the object of this resolution was not effectuated and the islands were allowed to remain under the Italian tyrannical rule after the end of the last World War. What this alien tyranny meant is well known. Greek schools were closed, the Greek language was suppressed. The exercise of the Greek religion was by all manner of means made difficult. Men were deported, others maltreated or killed. The economy of the islands was destroyed. The result was that the population of the islands was reduced from 150,000 to 60,000 people.

For these reasons and on the occasion of March 25, 1944, when the independence and freedom of modern Greece is celebrated, we request of you, our Senators and national leaders, to proclaim on behalf of this country that the United States reiterates the resolution adopted in 1920 on behalf of the Dodecanese Islands and that they definitely expect the Dodecanese Islands to be set free at the end of this war to join their motherland Greece, our gallant ally.

In the belief that you share our feelings in this matter and that you will take such action as in your judgment may be appropriate in the circumstance, we subscribe

Respectfully,

V. G. ARFARAS,  
President,  
PETER SÄCLARIDES,  
Secretary,  
Board of Directors, Greek Orthodox  
Community.

Resolution 625

Whereas the 12 fair islands of the Dodecanese that lie off of the Hellenic mainland have been subjected to the ruthless and brutal and inhuman practices of the dictators and totalitarian governments, and in spite of such hardships and impositions the people of these islands have continued to keep alive the spirit of democracy throughout the ages and in so doing have given to the world many of the sciences that have spread the benefits of civilization in all directions, and it is a recognized fact that the science of medicine looks to the Dodecanese and recognizes her as its motherland; and

Whereas this chain of islands has always been populated by industrious, freedom-loving Greeks who, in spite of their punishment and hardships, have never submitted to and will never bow to the ruthless demands of the dictators; and

Whereas there is a very close and common feeling between the residents and citizens of

Tarpon Springs and the inhabitants of these islands because of the fact there have emigrated therefrom a large number of its outstanding and upright citizens who founded and have maintained the sponge industry in the city of Tarpon Springs, thereby contributing in a large measure to the economic growth and development of this city; and

Whereas it appears that the day is not far distant when these oppressed people will be liberated and the islands returned to their motherland, and once again these people will be able to breathe the air of freedom, and the ruthless acts of the dictators will be blotted out and a peace-loving people will once again be able to turn their talents and energy to the betterment of civilization; and

Whereas it is the earnest wish of this board that these people will be liberated in the near future and in order to keep the word "Dodecanese" and what these islands stand for and the contribution they have made to civilization before our statesmen, diplomats, and other high-ranking officials of international affairs, this board is of the opinion that as a matter of principle it would be wise, just, and beneficial that a public street, avenue, or boulevard be named "Dodecanese"; and

Whereas after making a thorough and complete survey of the city of Tarpon Springs, the board is of the opinion that it would be most fitting that the name of Anclote Boulevard be changed and henceforth known as Dodecanese Boulevard: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs, Fla.*: Section 1. That because of the principles, matters, and things set forth in the preamble of this resolution, from and after the passage of same, that public thoroughfare known as Anclote Boulevard shall henceforth be known and designated as Dodecanese Boulevard, and that copies of this resolution be furnished such diplomatic officials and other international figures advising them of the interest of this Board in the early restoration of the Dodecanese Islands to their motherland, and the liberation of the fine and upstanding race of people that has made countless contributions to the progress of civilization.

Passed and adopted on this 2d day of January A. D. 1944.

J. M. YOUNG,  
Mayor-Commissioner.  
ELMER L. HOADLEY,  
ROBERT GREER,  
HENRY H. EMERSON,  
MIKE SAMARKOS,  
Commissioners.

Attest:

W. D. FLETCHER,  
City Clerk and Collector.

NATIONAL WAR SERVICE LEGISLATION

Mr. MALONEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to present for appropriate reference and to have printed in the RECORD at this point, a letter embodying a resolution which I have received from the resolutions committee of the Connecticut Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars. The letter contains a resolution adopted by the members of that organization, expressing disapproval of the passage of a labor draft law.

There being no objection, the letter embodying a resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CONNECTICUT GRAND LODGE,  
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF  
GOOD TEMPLARS,  
NEW BRITAIN, CONN., February 27, 1944.

We the members of the Connecticut Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars, assembled to discuss the proposed

labor draft law, have voted to submit the following resolution to Members of Congress, particularly those representing the State of Connecticut:

*Resolved* That passage of a labor draft law is a dangerous encroachment on our basic liberties as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States; that the passage of this act would be a hindrance rather than an aid to production. Free Americans can and will out produce forced or compulsory labor. Our members consist of both labor and industry and it is the unanimous opinion of all that the passage of this law would be inimical to the welfare of our country.

HARRY JOHANSON,  
RUDOLPH F. BANNOW,  
ALICE M. LEVINE,  
Resolutions Committee.

SANITARY EMBARGO—BEEF PRICES—  
TARIFF

Mr. CAPPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to present for appropriate reference and printing in the RECORD three resolutions adopted at the Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the American National Livestock Association held at Denver, Colo., on January 13, 1944.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the resolutions presented by the Senator from Kansas will be received, printed in the RECORD, and appropriately referred.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:

SANITARY EMBARGO

Whereas the war condition which exists in our country and the world today has brought the realization of the need for an increased meat supply and other necessary foods for the United States; and

Whereas in order that we may maintain the production of these increased meat supplies, it is of vital importance that we protect and safeguard the health of our herds: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our opposition to any modification of the existing sanitary embargo applying to countries where foot-and-mouth disease and/or rinderpest exists.

To the Committee on Banking and Currency:

BEEF PRICES

Whereas numerous radio news commentators and Government officials by radio, news release, and in testimony before committees of Congress have claimed that cattlemen were asking only for higher prices for beef: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we declare that such statements are not in accord with the facts; that our opposition has been to the fixing of ceilings on live animals as impractical and unworkable; and that since the order of December 16, 1942, affecting wholesale beef ceilings we have not in our resolution of January 1943, the resolutions adopted at the Kansas City conference on September 2, 1943, or by the testimony of our members before congressional committees asked for higher beef prices.

To the Committee on Finance:

TARIFF

Whereas in much of the post-war planning it is proposed that tariff barriers be lowered or eliminated entirely in order to promote international trade; and

Whereas such proposals ignore completely the difference in living and operating costs between this and most of the other nations of the world—and ignore also the fact that all the nations of the world will be seeking

access to this, the richest market in the world, and many of them will have greatly increased capacity in industrial plants: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our belief in a policy of reasonable tariff protection which will equalize the difference in the cost of production between this and foreign countries. In no other way can our farms and ranches, our labor groups, and our industries hope to continue to operate successfully and maintain the living standards which have been developed under this system.

PROTEST BY KANSAS GASOLINE DISTRIBUTORS AGAINST O. P. A. REGULATIONS

Mr. CAPPER. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent to present and to have printed in the RECORD and appropriately referred a letter from H. L. Parker, president, Independent Gasoline Distributors Association, Wichita, Kans., protesting against O. P. A. regulations which require endorsement of gasoline stamps. It seems to me that the gasoline distributors have a legitimate objection to the extra work required, in view of the manpower shortage, and hope their suggestion that coupons be numbered serially, in lieu of requiring endorsement by purchaser, may be given consideration by the O. P. A.

There being no objection, the letter was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

INDEPENDENT GASOLINE  
DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION,  
Wichita, Kans., March 4, 1944.

Hon. ARTHUR CAPPER,  
Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: At the annual meeting of our State-wide organization, the Independent Gasoline Distributors Association, held at Wichita, Kans., February 21, 1944, a motion was passed by unanimous vote to oppose the present O. P. A. regulations requiring endorsement of gasoline stamps, for the following reasons:

1. It accomplishes no real purpose.
2. Service-station employees are not qualified and do not make accurate inspection of license numbers, rationing books, and other information theoretically required in releasing purchasers.
3. Purchasers should be required to make proper endorsement before receiving stamps, if endorsement serves any purpose.
4. Service-station operators and employees, by and large, are attempting to ration gasoline honestly.
5. Present requirements lower the proper cooperation of service-station operators because manpower shortage makes it physically impossible for them to secure endorsements as outlined by O. P. A. at this time.
6. If all gasoline stamps will be serially numbered in the future, their endorsement would serve no purpose.

We will appreciate proper consideration of this matter and immediate relief for the already burdened gasoline-marketing industry.

May we have an early reply?

Yours truly,

H. L. PARKER,  
President.

HIGHER TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH  
INFLATION CONTROL

Mr. CAPPER. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent to present and have printed in the RECORD and appropriately referred a letter from members of a social studies class of the junior high school at Augusta, Kans., signed by Clifford Boucher, president of the class, and

24 other members, urging Congress to levy higher taxes as an aid in preventing inflation. I think it is a fine thing that these youngsters are taking an active and intelligent interest in current affairs.

In this particular instance, however, I think it is only fair to suggest that the revenue measures now in effect will draw off from forty-two to forty-six billion dollars in Federal taxes this year, approximately one-third of the entire national income, and that State and local taxes will amount to another \$10,000,000,000, making total tax collections between fifty-two and fifty-six billion dollars, which is more than one-third of the entire national income.

Furthermore, if present estimates are correct, Federal tax collections should equal about one-half of the war expenditures for the present calendar year. Incidentally, I am not certain that the parents of the children, after the parents make out their income tax returns for March 15, would support the children's request that tax levies be increased at this time. I ask that the letter, and the signatures, be printed at this point in the RECORD as a part of my remarks.

There being no objection, the letter was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL,  
Augusta, Kans., March 2, 1944.

Senator ARTHUR CAPPER,  
Senate Office Building,

Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR CAPPER: We, the members of the sixth-hour social-studies class, urge your support of measures for higher taxes. We believe in a pay-as-you-go plan, because many people are making more money now than they will after the war is won. Higher taxes now will also help to prevent inflation.

We are more than willing to do all we can to help win this war. We want to express our loyalty to, and our faith in, our country and its democratic institutions.

Respectfully yours,

Dorothy Jean Hime; Jane Gillespie; Earlene Nance; Margaret Varner; Ruth Myers; Geneva Strait; Betty Edwards; Richard Hamilton; Buster Crouley; Joan Bramlett; Clifford Boucher, president of eighth-grade class; Earlene Funke, secretary; Jo Anne Tague; Clay Plymire, Jr.; Dorothy Rippe; Jacqueline Sue Peal; Clyde Eugene Ewart; J. E. Chappell; Dorvin Dean Davis; Bonnie Jewell; Barbara Jean Hada; Helen Larcom; Neomi Collins; Sam Scheyods; Kathleen Lewis.

FRANCES SCARBOROUGH

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, I report back favorably, without amendment, Senate Resolution 258, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The Chief Clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 258) submitted by Mr. TYDINGS February 25, 1944, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate hereby is authorized and directed to pay from the contingent fund of the Senate to Frances Scarborough, widow of Harold Scarborough,

late keeper of stationery of the Senate, a sum equal to 6 months' compensation at the rate he was receiving by law at the time of his death, said sum to be considered inclusive of funeral expenses and all other allowances.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution was considered and agreed to.

**FUNERAL EXPENSES OF THE LATE SENATOR MCNARY**

**MR. LUCAS.** From the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate I also report back favorably, without amendment, Senate Resolution 265 submitted by the Senator from Maine [Mr. WHITE] for the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HOLMAN]. It provides for the payment of the funeral expenses of the late Senator McNary. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the resolution.

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 265) was read, considered, and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate hereby is authorized and directed to pay from the contingent fund of the Senate the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the committee appointed by the Vice President in arranging for and attending the funeral of Hon. CHARLES L. McNARY, late a Senator from the State of Oregon, upon vouchers to be approved by the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.

**HEARINGS BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE — LIMIT OF EXPENDITURES**

**MR. LUCAS.** From the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate I also report back favorably, without amendment, Senate Resolution 267, which seeks to increase the limit of expenditures of hearings before the Committee on Appropriations by the sum of \$7,500. I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** Is there objection?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 267) originally reported by Mr. MCKELLAR from the Committee on Appropriations on March 9, 1942, was considered, and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Appropriations, authorized by Senate Resolution No. 53, agreed to January 18, 1943, to send for persons, books, and papers, to administer oaths, and to employ a stenographer, at a cost not exceeding 25 cents per hundred words, to report such hearings as may be had on any subject referred to said committee, hereby is authorized to expend from the contingent fund of the Senate for the same purposes during the Seventy-eighth Congress, \$7,500 in addition to the amount of \$10,000 heretofore authorized.

**INVESTIGATION OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES**

**MR. LUCAS.** Mr. President, I now report from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, without additional amendment, Senate Resolution 253 submitted by the Senator from Maine [Mr. BREWSTER] for himself and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. MOORE] on February 9, 1944, pro-

viding for an investigation of petroleum resources and the production and consumption of petroleum within and outside the United States. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the resolution.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce on February 17, with amendments, and from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate without additional amendment.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The amendments will be stated.

The first amendment reported by the Committee on Commerce was, on page 1, line 2, after the words "composed of", to strike out "three" and insert "two"; in line 3, before the word "members", to strike out "three" and insert "two"; in line 4, before the word "members", to strike out "and three" and insert "two"; in line 5, after the word "Commerce", to insert "and two members of the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys."

The amendments were agreed to.

**MR. MALONEY.** Mr. President, I notice some changes have been made in the resolution. I wonder if we might have an explanation?

**MR. LUCAS.** I should like to have the clerk read the resolution in full as amended. I think that will explain it to the Senator.

**MR. BREWSTER.** Mr. President, does the Senator mean to have it read as amended?

**MR. LUCAS.** Yes. I think that a reading of it as amended will give a full explanation.

**MR. BREWSTER.** I think that is a very good idea.

**MR. LUCAS.** The resolution is not very long, I will say to the Senator.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The clerk will read the resolution as proposed to be amended.

The Chief Clerk read the resolution as proposed to be amended, as follows:

Whereas adequate petroleum reserves are essential to our national security and economic welfare; and

Whereas the Petroleum Administrator for War has recently stated that the United States was not now in a position "to oil another war". Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That a special committee of nine Senators, to be composed of two members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, two members of the Committee on Interstate Commerce, two members of the Committee on Commerce, and two members of the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys, to be appointed by the President of the Senate upon the recommendations of the respective chairmen of such committees, and one member to be selected and appointed by the President of the Senate, is authorized and directed to make a full and complete study and investigation with respect to petroleum resources, and the production and consumption of petroleum and petroleum products, both within and outside the United States, in their relation to our national welfare and security. The committee shall report to the Senate at the earliest practicable date the results of such study and investigation, to-

gether with its recommendations for the formulation of a national petroleum policy.

For the purpose of this resolution the committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit and act at such times and places during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Senate in the Seventy-eighth Congress, to employ such experts, and such clerical, stenographic, and other assistants, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such correspondence, books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony, and to make such expenditures, as it deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words. The expenses of the committee, which shall not exceed \$25,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The clerk will state the last committee amendment.

**THE CHIEF CLERK.** On page 1, line 8, after the word "committees", it is proposed to insert a comma and the words "and one member to be selected and appointed by the President of the Senate."

**MR. BAILEY.** Mr. President, is the amendment to strike out the language "one member" and insert in lieu thereof "three members" to make the total membership of the committee 11?

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** Such an amendment has not as yet been proposed.

**MR. BAILEY.** The clerk read it as if the committee were to consist of one member.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The clerk will again state the last committee amendment.

**THE CHIEF CLERK.** The last committee amendment starting on page 1, line 8, after the word "committees", proposes to insert a comma and the words "and one member to be selected and appointed by the President of the Senate."

**MR. BAILEY.** At the proper time I shall offer an amendment to strike out the words "one member" and to insert in lieu thereof the words "three members." I offer that amendment at this time.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from North Carolina to the amendment of the committee.

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

**MR. BARKLEY.** I understand the Senator from North Carolina has another amendment.

**MR. BAILEY.** The other amendment is on page 2, line 6, after the word "committee", to insert "shall select its own chairman and."

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The clerk will state the amendment.

**THE CHIEF CLERK.** On page 2, line 6, after the word "committee", it is proposed to insert "shall select its own chairman and."

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

**MR. BAILEY.** Now Mr. President, the final amendment is to strike out in line 1, page 1, the word "nine", and insert in lieu thereof the word "eleven."

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The clerk will state the amendment.

**THE CHIEF CLERK.** On page 1, line 1, it is proposed to strike out "nine" and insert in lieu thereof "eleven."

The amendment was agreed to.

**MR. BARKLEY.** Mr. President, if that completes the amendments, I wish to suggest to the Senator from Illinois and the Senator from North Carolina—and I have conferred with the Senator from Maine [Mr. BREWSTER]—that it seems to me the second whereas in the preamble should be eliminated. The first whereas sets out sufficient ground for the resolution. The second whereas merely quotes a statement in the newspapers alleged to have been made, I suppose, by the Petroleum Administrator for War.

**MR. BAILEY.** I have no objection.

**MR. BARKLEY.** It seems to me that whereas is not necessary, and I move that it be stricken out.

**MR. LUCAS.** I have no objection.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The question is on agreeing to the amendment to strike out the second whereas in the preamble.

The amendment was agreed to.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The question is on agreeing to the resolution as amended.

The resolution (S. Res. 253), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS, DIRECTIVES, REGULATIONS, ETC.**

**MR. LUCAS.** Mr. President, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate I report favorably, without amendment, Senate Resolution 252.

This is a very important resolution, and I ask that the clerk read the first paragraph of the resolution for the information of the Senate.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is hereby authorized and directed to study and survey any or all Executive orders of the President, and directives, rules, and regulations issued by or under authority of any department or independent agency of the Executive branch of the Federal Government, with particular regard to the source of constitutional or legislative authority upon which such Executive orders, directives, rules, and regulations are based, their validity and the effect and manner of their enforcement, and to report to the Senate before the end of the Seventy-eighth Congress the results of such study and survey, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems justified.

**MR. BARKLEY.** Mr. President, I should like to have the resolution go over for a few days because I wish to look into it and discuss it with the Senator from Illinois and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. McCARRAN], who reported the resolution from the Judiciary Committee, before it is acted upon, if that is agreeable.

**MR. McCARRAN.** Mr. President, this resolution was pending before the Committee on the Judiciary for many months. The senior Senator from Minnesota [Mr.

SHIPSTEAD] has been quite zealous in his attempt to have the matter considered. Before my beloved predecessor passed away, he was instructed by unanimous vote of the Committee on the Judiciary to prepare the resolution for reporting, but for some reason it was not then reported. As soon as I became chairman of the committee I reported the resolution, and I have been rather insistent that the Senator from Illinois bring it to the floor of the Senate. It entails a considerable and serious study of the subject of the resolution. I shall be glad to have it go over so that the leader and others may give it consideration.

**MR. BARKLEY.** I thank the Senator.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** The resolution will be placed on the calendar.

**ADDITIONAL REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—MAGNESIUM (PT. 17 OF REPT. NO. 10)**

**MR. TRUMAN.** Mr. President, the secretary of the Senator from Washington [Mr. WALLGREN] has requested that I obtain permission for the Senator from Washington to file today an additional report on magnesium for the Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program. The report has been prepared, and I ask unanimous consent that it may be filed on behalf of the Senator from Washington [Mr. WALLGREN] for the special committee.

**THE VICE PRESIDENT.** Without objection, the report will be received and printed.

**REPORTS ON DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE PAPERS**

**MR. BARKLEY.** from the Joint Select Committee on the Disposition of Executive Papers, to which were referred for examination and recommendation three lists of records transmitted to the Senate by the Archivist of the United States that appeared to have no permanent value or historical interest, submitted reports thereon pursuant to law.

**BILLS INTRODUCED**

Bills were introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:

By Mr. EASTLAND:

S. 1766. A bill for the relief of C. C. Thornton; to the Committee on Claims.

(Mr. CLARK of Missouri (for himself, Mr. GEORGE, Mr. VANDENBERG, Mr. WALSH of Massachusetts, Mr. BARKLEY, Mr. CONNALLY, Mr. BAILEY, Mr. MCKELLAR, Mr. SHIPSTEAD, Mr. GUFFEY, Mr. BANKHEAD, Mr. WAGNER, Mr. THOMAS of Utah, Mr. JOHNSON of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado, Mr. RADCLIFFE, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LA FOLLETTE, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. TYDINGS, Mr. O'MAHONEY, Mr. THOMAS of Idaho, Mr. BUTLER, Mr. CAPPER, Mrs. CARAWAY, Mr. McFARLAND, Mr. MAYBANK, Mr. McCARRAN, Mr. McCLELLAND, Mr. HILL, Mr. SCRUGHAM, Mr. HAYDEN, Mr. BILBO, Mr. TRUMAN, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAVEZ, Mr. STEWART, Mr. CLARK of Idaho, Mr. WILEY, Mr. GURNEY, Mr. LANGER, Mr. OVERTON, Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma, Mr. EASTLAND, Mr. MILLIKIN, Mr. WHERRY, Mr. WILLIS, Mr. MOORE, Mr. WHEELER, Mr. GILLETTE, Mr. WALLGREN, Mr. BONE, Mr. NYE, Mr. BRIDGES, Mr. REVERCOMB, Mr. MURRAY, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BUCK, Mr. ROBERTSON, Mr. TOBEY, Mr. WALSH of New Jersey, Mr. GREEN, Mr. CHAN-

DELER, Mr. PEPPER, Mr. HOLMAN, Mr. BUSHFIELD, Mr. HAWKES, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. DOWNEY, Mr. MEAD, Mr. AIKEN, Mr. WEEKS, Mr. MURDOCK, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. CORDON) introduced Senate bill 1767, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and appears under a separate heading.)

By Mr. MALONEY:

S. 1768. A bill to provide for the payment of national service life insurance benefits in the case of Lester D. Blumberg (XC-3,034-306); to the Committee on Finance.

(Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma introduced Senate bill 1769, which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency and appears under a separate heading.)

By Mr. WALSH of Massachusetts:

S. 1770. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes;

S. 1771. A bill authorizing appropriations for the United States Navy for additional ordnance manufacturing and production facilities, and for other purposes;

S. 1772. A bill to authorize Lewis Hobart Kenney, Charles Garner, Charles Clement Goodman, and Henry Charles Robinson to accept decorations and orders tendered them by the Government of the United States of Brazil; and

S. 1773 (by request of the Navy Department). A bill to amend the part of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and for other purposes," approved June 4, 1920, as amended, relating to the conservation, care, custody, protection, and operation of the naval petroleum and oil-shale reserves; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS of Utah:

S. 1774. A bill authorizing the Shoshonee-Goship Bands of Shoshone Indians to sue in the Court of Claims; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

**FEDERAL AID FOR READJUSTMENT OF VETERANS IN CIVIL LIFE**

Mr. CLARK of Missouri. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill providing for Federal Government aid for the readjustment in civilian life of returning veterans from World War No. 2. I ask unanimous consent to introduce the bill on my own behalf and on behalf of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. GEORGE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BARKLEY], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CONNALLY], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. VANDENBERG], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BAILEY], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. MCKELLAR], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. SHIPSTEAD], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. GUFFEY], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. BANKHEAD], the Senator from New York [Mr. WAGNER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from California [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. RADCLIFFE], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. LUCAS], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. LA FOLLETTE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. DAVIS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. BUTLER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. CAPPER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. CARAWAY], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. McFARLAND], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. MAYBANK], the Senator from Nevada [Mr.

McCARRAN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. McCLELLAN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HILL], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. SCRUGHAM], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. HAYDEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. BILBO], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. TRUMAN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. BREWSTER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. BROOKS], the senior Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HATCH], the junior Senator from New Mexico [Mr. CHAVEZ], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. STEWART], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CLARK], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. WILEY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. GURNEY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. LANGER], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. OVERTON], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. EASTLAND], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. MILLIKIN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. WHERRY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. WILLIS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. MOORE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WHEELER], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GILLETTE], the junior Senator from Washington [Mr. WALLGREN], the senior Senator from Washington [Mr. BONE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. NYE], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. BRIDGES], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. REVERCOMB], the Senator from Montana [Mr. MURRAY], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. REYNOLDS], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. JACKSON], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BUCK], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ROBERTSON], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. TOBEY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. GREEN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. CHANDLER], the Senator from Florida [Mr. PEPPER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HOLMAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. BUSHFIELD], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. HAWKES], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. RUSSELL], the Senator from California [Mr. DOWNEY], the Senator from New York [Mr. MEAD], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. O'MAHONEY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. AIKEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. TYDINGS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. WEEKS], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. FERGUSON], the Senator from Utah [Mr. MURDOCK], and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. CORDON].

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senator from Missouri yield to the Senator from Florida?

Mr. CLARK of Missouri. I yield.

Mr. ANDREWS. In order to make the roll of the Senate quite complete, I should like to ask unanimous consent to add my name.

Mr. CLARK of Missouri. I am very happy to add the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. ANDREWS].

Mr. President, I should like to ask the indulgence of the Senate for a moment or two in order to explain this rather unusual procedure. Several weeks ago on behalf of several other Senators as well as myself, I introduced Senate bill

1617, known as the Servicemen's Aid Act of 1944, and more familiarly known as the "G. I. Bill of Rights." This bill was referred to the Committee on Finance and was there referred by the chairman of that committee, the Senator from Georgia [Mr. GEORGE] to the Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs of which he had done me the honor to appoint me chairman.

That committee has held lengthy and complete hearings. We have labored long and hard to bring out the best and most comprehensive bill which it is possible for us to enact at this time. In addition to the voluminous hearings, members of the committee had held many conferences with Senators interested in the subject, with representatives of veterans' organizations, with various departments of the Government, and with other interested persons.

As a result of these hearings and conferences the bill has been extensively amended. The Senator from New York [Mr. WAGNER] who had already prepared, and who on his own behalf and that of the Senator from Georgia and myself introduced a measure on the subject of reemployment and unemployment insurance for veterans, has given generously of his time and advice; and the title in the bill as it is now introduced is largely his handiwork. The Senator from Utah [Mr. THOMAS] had introduced a bill upon the subject of education for veterans which had been reported from the Committee on Education and Labor and is now on the calendar. Nevertheless, he has given us the benefit of his great experience and wisdom, has worked untiringly in consultation with us and with the agencies of the Government to bring about a general agreement, and has generously consented to be one of the sponsors of this bill, which is in substantial conformity with the provisions of his own.

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. McFARLAND] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. MAYBANK] had introduced a bill on the subject which they later introduced as an amendment to Senate bill 1617. They have been most helpful in conference and in attending the hearings of the committee, and many features of their bill are embodied in the measure as it has been introduced today. The Senator from Alabama [Mr. BANKHEAD] has given us the benefit of his vast experience as the author of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act which is the basis of the agricultural section of the present bill. Certain technical amendments suggested by the Army and Navy, the Federal Housing Administration and the Agricultural Department as well as the Veterans' Administration are also included.

Instead of reporting the bill with many far-reaching amendments, it was decided to reintroduce what might be called a "clean copy" with the amendments showing as part of the text. We have discussed the matter with many Senators who have shown great interest in the matter and who expressed willingness and desire to join in sponsoring and introducing this important matter. It is in this way that the bill has just been

presented with the names of an unprecedented number of Senators attached.

Let me add one word, Mr. President; I regard this bill as one of the most important measures that has ever come before the Congress. The men and women of the armed services and those who will be in the armed services before the end of this war, not only now hold the fate of this country in their hands but they will hold it for a generation to come. On the extent to which they can be speedily reintegrated in our population as decent law-abiding citizens the welfare of this Nation depends. If we should fail in that endeavor, as most of the participants in the last war failed, the consequences to our future well-being might well be most tragic. If we succeed and the trained and disciplined efficiency and valor of these men and women is turned into the right channels we will have a better country to live in than the world has yet seen. This bill—which I wish to emphasize is in all respects in line with the President's program as outlined in various messages—is designed for that purpose. I do not contend that it is the last word on the subject. I do assert that it will be a fundamental bill of rights for service men and women in facilitating their return to civilian life and I assert that it represents as little as we can properly do at this time.

I should like to add that the bill in its present form has the undivided and enthusiastic support of the two great servicemen's organization, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which, to my mind, are better qualified than any other organizations now existing to represent the views of the men and women now in the service.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S. 1767) to provide Federal Government aid for the readjustment in civilian life of returning World War No. 2 veterans, introduced by Mr. CLARK of Missouri (for himself and other Senators), was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### CARRYING OF UNITED STATES OBLIGATIONS OWNED BY BANKS, ETC.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce for appropriate reference a bill relating to the carrying of obligations of the United States owned by banks, and so forth, and I request that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill (S. 1769) to authorize the carrying of obligations of the United States, owned by banks, trust companies, and insurance companies, at their par value, was received, read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc., That whenever the market value of any interest-bearing bond, note, or other evidence of indebtedness, which is a direct obligation of the United States or which is fully guaranteed by the United States as to principal and interest, and which is owned by a banking institution, a trust company, or an insurance company, is less than the par value thereof, such bond,*

note, or other evidence of indebtedness shall be deemed, for the purposes of any requirement of Federal law or regulation, to have a value equal to the par value thereof plus any accrued interest thereon.

#### HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The bill (H. R. 4346) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for other purposes, was read twice by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HEARINGS BEFORE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION OF INTERNATIONAL WIRE AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. WHEELER submitted the following resolution (S. Res. 268), which was referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate:

*Resolved*, That for the purposes of Senate Resolution 187, Seventy-eighth Congress, agreed to October 19, 1943, authorizing an investigation of international communications by wire and radio, the Committee on Interstate Commerce, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings; to sit and act at such times and places, either in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Senate in the Seventy-eighth Congress; to employ such experts and clerical, stenographic, and other assistants; to require, by subpna or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the production and impounding of such books, papers, and documents; to administer such oaths; and to take such testimony and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable. The expenses of the committee for such purposes, which shall not exceed \$5,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman.

#### MERIDEN, CONN., THE NATION'S IDEAL WAR COMMUNITY

Mr. MALONEY. Mr. President, because I think the event is of great importance, I ask unanimous consent that I may have printed in the RECORD a newspaper article pointing to the fact that Meriden, Conn., the city in which I live, and the city in which my distinguished colleague was born, has just been chosen as the "Nation's ideal war community."

The newspaper article, taken from the Meriden Record, describes why Chairman Paul V. McNutt, of the War Manpower Commission, and others, selected this city as the ideal war community of the United States.

I ask further consent, Mr. President, that immediately following this article there be printed an editorial from the Meriden Record referring to the same matter.

There being no objection, the article and editorial were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Meriden (Conn.) Record]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Meriden, Conn., has been chosen the Nation's ideal war community, it was announced here today by Chairman Paul V. McNutt, of the War Manpower Commission.

"This community is a perfect example of how the main streets of America have completely mobilized every resource for war,"

the chairman declared. "The people of Meriden are making their contribution and that means management, labor, city officials, housewives, students, and returning veterans of World War No. 2. Meriden is solving its own manpower problems in the best democratic tradition of this Nation."

Tribute to the city's war record will be paid by Government, civic, and labor officials at ceremonies in Meriden on Monday, March 20, Mr. McNutt announced. The city's war plants will be inspected in the afternoon. In the evening, industrial and labor leaders of the city will sponsor a dinner for newsmen and Government officials at the opening of a new employees' cafeteria at one of the war plants. This will be followed by ceremonies and coast-to-coast broadcast from the Palace Theater to tell the story of Meriden's mobilization for war.

#### COOPERATION EXEMPLIFIED

The cooperation of Meriden's industries with the War Manpower program was exemplified during the recruiting campaign for the town's ball-bearing plant last fall. Mr. McNutt explained. At the time other employers voluntarily ceased hiring new employees for a 1-week period so that all available labor resources could be directed to the vital war industry with the most urgent manpower needs.

With a high record of men and women in the armed services, Meriden employers set an example early in the war by voluntarily hiring large numbers of women.

Thousands of Meriden women who had never worked before took full and part-time jobs in the city's war plants and now 54 percent of the city's 20,000 war workers are women.

"Meriden is a town that has closely followed the war-manpower program," the chairman said. "Through adherence to the manpower-employment stabilization plan every member of the community has cooperated and done his part under his own local leaders who comprise the War Manpower Commission management-labor committee for the area. It demonstrates how a patriotic, cooperative community can solve its own manpower problems through the utilization of all its facilities.

#### NO ABSENTEEISM PROBLEM

"The war plants of Meriden have adopted modern personnel policies and job turnover has been reduced until, in December the quit rate amounted to only 2.2 percent. Absenteeism is at a minimum.

"One child day-care center has been established in Meriden and another will shortly open. Workers from other places are welcomed to Meriden under a plan developed by the Y. M. C. A. New citizens of the town are met at the station, escorted to their new employer's plant and then taken to their new homes. Next the workers are taken on a tour of the city and shown places of interest and the location of their churches. Newcomers' social clubs have also been organized to provide recreation and prevent homesickness.

#### MET HOUSING NEEDS

"The city has worked out its housing problems through conversion of many old homes and estates into suitable living quarters, and by cooperation of citizens in making spare rooms available, through a Y. M. C. A. registry service.

"Through the War Manpower Commission's local United States Employment Service office, discharged veterans are being placed in war industries and in jobs where they can once again take their place in the life of the community.

[From Meriden (Conn.) Record]

#### MERIDEN'S STAR ON UNITED STATES MAP

"The love of praise, howe'er concealed by art, reigns more or less, and glows in every heart." There is no use concealing the fact

that Meriden is preening herself over the national recognition which has come to her through her selection as the Nation's ideal war community. Chairman McNutt's message to our city which tells us our community is a "perfect example of how the Main Streets of America have completely mobilized every resource for war" is sweet praise. When March 20 dawns for the official celebration of our citation, we will all be humming Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', no matter what the weather may be.

Reviewing the various qualifications which caused Meriden to be designated for her signal honor, we are justified in a realization that it is fully deserved. Many factors had their influence, because there are other industrial communities who have made an excellent record and who gave us a close race in the contest which none of us had entered consciously.

Cooperation of Meriden's industries in the war manpower program was exceptional when our ball-bearing plant producing a vital war necessity had need for increased staffs. The women of Meriden answered the call for more hands on the production line to the extent that 54 percent of the war workers in town are women. The campaign for raising annual funds for our community chest combined with war agencies went over the top on schedule, giving us a unique position among other industrial cities in Connecticut.

The recent War bond drive had a phenomenal response from Meriden citizens. E bonds were sold far beyond our quota, with \$1,785,000 invested when the quota was \$1,638,000. E bonds indicate the individual's recognition of patriotism in loaning to the Government for war purposes. They also indicate a knowledge of what constitutes sound investment. The sale of other class bonds in the drive was almost double the quota which had been set for Meriden. Reviewing those figures gives us a sense of security for the future when this temporary war prosperity is a part of history.

Survey of our juvenile-delinquency records shows Meriden to have an exceptionally low ratio of such problems. Health conditions and housing were also considered in making the final selection of the "ideal American war community." This means that the various social agencies have fully met the unusual conditions imposed by war, and that city agencies have been awake to changing needs. That Meriden finally tipped the balance of the scales to drop this glory into her lap is due to the cooperative efforts of representatives of industry, elected and appointed officials, untiring volunteer workers, and the citizenry as a whole.

We will get wide recognition for this citation. Already the papers throughout Connecticut are blazoning our name. An old proverb, which is unpardonably from a Japanese source but nonetheless applicable, says that if one man praises you a thousand will repeat the praise. For a time we can bask in our earned renown. But it is well to remember other proverbs about old praise dying unless you feed it and "to whom much has been given, from them much, much shall be required."

Meriden has gotten herself a shining star on the map of the United States. Our present success should be a spur to greater accomplishments. We are on the threshold of a new era in history when complex problems must be met with good judgment and competent industry. We cannot afford to let the luster of our star be dimmed by any subsequent diminution of the ideal we have reached. The honor done to us does not mean we have perfection. There are still many faults to correct. But we are on the right path and have found Meriden a good place to call our home.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, supplementing the remarks of my distin-

guished colleague the senior Senator from Connecticut, I think it appropriate to tell the Senate that Meriden, Conn., is not only the native city of my colleague, but is my native city.

Mr. MALONEY. I referred to that.

Mr. DANAHER. I did not catch that statement in the Senator's remarks, no doubt due to the noise in the Senate.

It is a source of very real pride to me to join my colleague in the notice which he gives to the city which is now his residence, and of which he was at one time mayor.

I might add that for a period of 25 years or more Connecticut was represented in the Senate by a distinguished citizen, Orville H. Platt, who also was a resident of the city of Meriden. Indeed, in 1888, my father entered Senator Platt's law offices to commence the study of law, and remained his associate until the death of Senator Platt. The Silver City is the city of Senators.

I think it might be advisable to supplement the information submitted by my colleague by an article which appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on March 10, 1944, and I ask that the article be printed in the RECORD at this point. It concerns the statement by the War Manpower Commission.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

**W. M. C. CITES MERIDEN AS IDEAL CITY—MCNUTT COMING TO HELP CELEBRATE DESIGNATION AS NATION'S MODEL WAR COMMUNITY**

MERIDEN, March 9.—The War Manpower Commission has chosen Meriden as the ideal war community in the Nation, Chairman Paul V. McNutt, of the W. M. C., announced in Washington Thursday, adding that he and other Government officials will pay the city a visit on March 20 and inspect its war plants.

Following the announcement, Mayor Francis R. Danaher called a public meeting Thursday night at which a general committee was formed to plan for a celebration on March 20 to do justice to the honor that has come to this city.

Approximately 200 persons attended the meeting and unanimously voted to promote the celebration as means, not only of noting the honor but also of raising possibly \$10,000 for the Red Cross War Fund.

The New Departure Division of General Motors is completing work on a new cafeteria for employees and it will be ready in time for the celebration. Milton L. Gearing, manager of the plant, offered use of the cafeteria for a large-scale dinner with the firm underwriting the expense. It was voted to charge \$2 for attendance at the dinner, the money to go to the Red Cross.

**BIG PROGRAM PLANNED**

At 11 p. m. on the night of the celebration, a program will be held at the Palace Theater when the world premiere of *Main Street Today*, produced by M. G. M. at the request of the Federal Government, will be presented, along with other features.

During this program Chairman McNutt will speak and his speech will be broadcast on a Nation-wide hook-up. Admission to the theater party will be \$10 for 700 of the theater's seats and \$2 for the other 1,000 seats. These proceeds will also go to the Red Cross.

Arrangements are being made to have Capt. Glenn Miller and the Four Hundred and Eighteenth Army Band and Radio Unit, stationed at Yale University, appear at the celebration. There will also be nationally known movie stars and other celebrities on the program.

The Meriden Ministers Association, with Rev. Isaac Smith as chairman, will conduct a Civic Sunday, March 19, with a massed service planned at 11 a. m. Meriden High School will hold a special assembly on the afternoon of March 20, with hopes that one of the speakers for the main program will appear there.

**EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION**

McNutt declared:

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McNutt said the cooperation of the city's industries with the war-manpower program was exemplified last fall during a recruiting campaign for a ball-bearing plant there. Other employers for 1 week voluntarily ceased hiring new workers so that all available labor could be channeled into the vital war industry.

McNutt also pointed to the large number of women hired in the city's war plants, saying 54 percent of the 20,000 war workers in the city were women.

"Meriden is a town that has closely followed the war-manpower programs," McNutt said, adding that every member of the community has done his part and this "demonstrates how a patriotic, cooperative community can solve its own manpower problems through the utilization of all its facilities."

Absenteeism is at minimum in Meriden, the manpower chairman said. The war plants have adopted modern personnel policies and job turn-over has been reduced until in December the quit rate amounted to only 2.2 percent.

He also mentioned child-care centers, the warm welcome which the city gives to new citizens, and the vigorous attack on housing problems.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that there be read from the desk the release of the War Manpower Commission on the honor which has been accorded to Meriden, because of my pride in the city and her people, and particularly because of the fact that my younger brother, Francis R. Danaher, is now serving his fourth term as mayor of the city of Meriden.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. DANAHER. I yield.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. There was so much confusion in the Chamber that we on this side did not hear the name of the city referred to.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, the Senator from Oklahoma, I am sure could not have been without cognizance of the presence of the two Senators from Connecticut, but he may not have known that we are both natives of the Silver City, Meriden, Conn. Indeed, we once lived on the same street, and my colleague became mayor of our city. I repeat, the name of the city is Meriden.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the clerk will read as requested.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

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The city has worked out its housing problems through conversion of many old homes and estates into suitable living quarters, and by cooperation of citizens in making spare rooms available through a Y. M. C. A. room-registry service.

Through the War Manpower Commission's local United States Employment Service office, discharged veterans are being placed in the war industries and in jobs where they can once again take their place in the life of the community, the W. M. C. survey of the city showed.

**ADDRESS BY BISHOP BRUCE R. BAXTER AT FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE SENATOR McNARY**

[Mr. HOLMAN asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD the address delivered by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, of the Methodist Church, at the funeral services for the late Senator McNary, in the State Capitol of Oregon, at Salem, Oreg., on March 3, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE—ADDRESS  
BY SENATOR MURRAY TO QUEENS  
COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

[Mr. MURRAY asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address delivered by him before the Queens County Medical Society, Jamaica, N. Y., February 29, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

A UNIFORM FEDERAL BALLOT—ADDRESS  
BY SENATOR LUCAS

[Mr. LUCAS asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address delivered by him at a banquet tendered him by the Havana, Ill., Chamber of Commerce, on February 17, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

USURPATION OF POWER BY THE EXECU-  
TIVE BRANCH—ADDRESS BY SENATOR  
TAFT

[Mr. WILLIS asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address entitled "How Long Shall We Submit to the Usurpation of Power by the President?" delivered by Senator TAFT before the Republican Editorial Association, Indianapolis, Ind., on March 11, 1944, which appears in the RECORD.]

THE PALESTINE RESOLUTION—ADDRESS  
BY SENATOR JACKSON

[Mr. JACKSON asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address entitled "The Palestine Resolution," delivered by him at a community mass meeting sponsored by the Indianapolis Emergency Council for Palestine, at Indianapolis, Ind., March 5, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

THE RACE PROBLEM—ADDRESS BY JOHN  
TEMPLE GRAVES

[Mr. BANKHEAD asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address on the race question, by John Temple Graves II, delivered at America's Town Meeting of the Air, in New York, February 17, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

THE PROBLEMS OF YUGOSLAVIA—  
ADDRESS BY LOUIS ADAMIC

[Mr. BONE asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address on the subject of the problems of Yugoslavia, delivered by Mr. Louis Adamic at the Book and Authors' Club luncheon given by the New York Herald Tribune, New York, March 7, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

THE SOUTH AND THE RATE SYSTEM—  
ADDRESS BY ALVIN W. VOGTLE

[Mr. STEWART asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an address entitled "The South Is a Beneficiary, Not a Victim, of Its Freight Rate System," delivered by Alvin W. Vogtle, of Birmingham, Ala., manager, traffic and sales, of the De Bardeleben Coal Corporation, before the Rotary Club of Nashville, Tenn., on November 2, 1943, together with an analysis by C. E. Childe, a member of the Board of Investigation and Research, Transportation, which appear in the Appendix.]

HEALTH INSURANCE—ARTICLES BY  
ALBERT DEUTSCH

[Mr. WAGNER asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD a series of articles on the subject of health insurance, written by Albert Deutsch and published in the newspaper PM, which appear in the Appendix.]

KANGAROOS IN THE FREIGHT RATES—  
ARTICLE BY A. J. RIBE

[Mr. MALONEY asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an article entitled "Kangaroos in the Freight Rates," by A. J. Ribe, published in Nation's Business for February, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

CONGRESS DOES GOOD JOB—ARTICLE BY  
DAVID LAWRENCE

[Mr. RADCLIFFE asked and obtained leave to have printed in the RECORD an article entitled "Congress Does Good Job," by David Lawrence, published in the Washington Star of March 6, 1944, which appears in the Appendix.]

WARTIME METHOD OF VOTING BY MEM-  
BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES—CONFER-  
ENCE REPORT

MR. CONNALLY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the conference report on Senate bill 1285, the so-called soldiers' vote bill.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House Nos. 9, 11, and 12, and the amendment of the House No. 3, and the Senate amendment thereto, to the bill (S. 1285) to amend the act of September 16, 1942, which provided a method of voting, in time of war, by members of the land and naval forces absent from the place of their residence, and for other purposes.

(For the text of the conference report, see p. 2404 of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for March 9, 1944.)

MR. CONNALLY. Mr. President, a few days ago the committee of conference on Senate bill 1285, commonly known as the soldiers' voting bill, submitted a report, and did not press for immediate consideration, because it was desired that Members of the Senate should have opportunity carefully to examine the report and the action of the conference committee.

It is rarely easy for a conference committee representing the divergent views of the two Houses to submit a report which meets the views of either extreme. In this case that is quite true. The report probably will not satisfy the extreme proponents of a universal Federal ballot; nor will it please advocates of the other extreme, who desire no Federal ballot whatever.

The conference committee was engaged intermittently for a period of approximately 3 weeks. We had many meetings and went over the measure time and time again. On the motion of members we reconsidered certain sections which we thought we had finished. The utmost tolerance and freedom prevailed in giving consideration to every view advanced by various members of the conference committee. If Senators will examine the report, they will find that much of the actual language contained in the bill as finally drafted has to do with suggestions and recommendations to the various States.

MR. PRESIDENT, so far as I am acquainted with the history of the United States, suffrage has always been regarded as a State function. Until this measure was considered, I do not know that I ever heard of what is called a Federal ballot. During the War between the States the armies in the field took part in the elections for the President and Members of Congress in 1864, but as I read history, those elections were conducted by election commissioners representing the var-

ious States, who went into the field where the armies were encamped, there opened the polls, and received the ballots.

The reason for so much of the measure being taken up with undertaking to stimulate and encourage the States to make provision by the modification or alteration of their laws is the fact that such a large element desired to secure not alone the right of soldiers to vote for Senators and Representatives but also the right to vote for Governor and other State officials in whom they might be interested. After all, that is a part of the right of suffrage.

Under the Constitution it is possible for the Congress to enact legislation relating to the times, places, and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives; but in the view of the conference committee, the authority of Congress does not extend beyond those three provisions. However, those provisions are limited by the further provision that Congress may not make or alter regulations as to the places of choosing Senators.

Every inducement is offered to States which have not already made such provision to provide a liberal absentee voting law, to extend the time, and allow a greater period between the application for ballots and the casting of ballots. Every facility that the Government can supply for aiding the States in the transmission and collection of the ballots is provided for in the report of the conference committee. It is provided that the post cards which were sent to the troops under the old law which was enacted in 1942 may be regarded, if used, as applications under the new law for either the State or Federal ballot, as the case may be.

I should like to have Senators refer to section 302 on page 6 of the report. Before we reach that, however, allow me to say that it is provided that the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Chairman of the Maritime Commission shall constitute the Commission. It is provided that the Commission shall do all the detailed work which I shall not recite here because it would be merely a recitation of certain mechanical operations. It is provided that the Commission shall do all those things to aid in transmitting State ballots, whenever possible, to the soldiers wherever they may be.

It is also provided that by going before an officer, or a noncommissioned officer of certain rank, the soldier may prepare his ballot and mail it back, or hand it to the proper Army or naval authorities who will see that it is forwarded to the secretary of state of the State of which the soldier is a citizen. It is provided that the secretary of state, under the State law, shall forward the ballot to the proper election precinct, to which I shall advert a little later when describing the power to determine the validity of the ballots when so cast.

Probably the source of more controversy than any other is section 302 on page 6 of the report. I am sure that the Senator from Vermont [Mr. AUSTIN], who is a member of the conference committee, and who worked very diligently

on this matter, will agree that this is probably the center of the measure so far as it relates to the Federal ballot. I shall read it at the risk of being tedious. Please bear in mind that this is section 302 (a). It reads as follows:

Section 302 (a). Subject to the provisions of subsection (b)—

Subsection (b) is set forth a little further down on the same page—

the provisions of this title shall apply with respect to following:

This title deals with "Use of supplementary Federal ballots." To whom shall it apply? It shall apply to the following:

(1) Members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States, outside the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, will the Senator yield at that point?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. AUSTIN. I have in my hand a composite draft of Senate bill 1285 printed on February 9, 1944. I refer to page 4 thereof in order to call attention, before the Senator leaves this point, to the improvement made by the conference report over the text represented there, which is the text agreed upon by the Senate.

Mr. CONNALLY. I shall be very glad to have the Senator read it.

Mr. AUSTIN. What I have reference to is found beginning in line 21.

Mr. CONNALLY. Of what page?

Mr. AUSTIN. Page 12. It reads as follows:

1. Members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States, outside the United States, who state in their oath that they have not received State absentee ballots which include the officers who may be voted for under the provisions of this title.

In other words, when we finally got through working on that subsection we chopped off the limitation and left it as it appears in the report, namely, "Members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States, outside the United States."

If the Senator will permit me to interrupt him as he goes along, I should like to invite attention to each one of the improvements, showing the difference between the text of the composite draft and the text of the conference report in order to show that in every case the conference expanded the category of voters.

Mr. CONNALLY. I thank the Senator from Vermont, and I shall be glad to have him interrupt me whenever he desires to do so.

"Members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States, outside the United States," is one category. I assume that most Senators are interested primarily in the persons coming within this category. They are, of course, interested in all of them, but those persons have greater difficulties than others, and consequently our anxiety to alleviate their situation is probably somewhat stimulated.

I read the second category.

2. Persons serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's

Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the United Service Organizations, outside the United States who are attached to and serving with the armed forces of the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. AUSTIN. I point out that the conference struck out the limitation appearing on page 13, beginning with line 9 of the composite text, in the following words:

Who state in their oath that they have not received State absentee ballots which include the officers who may be voted for under the provisions of this title.

In other words, the language of the conference report relative to category No. 2 is broader than the text of the Green-Lucas bill.

Mr. CONNALLY. I thank the Senator from Vermont. That explains the situation with regard to those who are outside the United States.

The third category is as follows:

3. Members of the armed forces, inside the United States.

That means that, within certain provisions thereafter contained, those inside the United States shall have the voting privilege.

Mr. AUSTIN. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. AUSTIN. I invite attention to what was struck out of the Green-Lucas text by the conference in making its report. I refer to the following language which appears on page 13, beginning in line 13 of the Green-Lucas text:

Members of the armed forces who are inside the United States who are residents of any State of which the secretary of state has not certified to the Commission prior to August 1, 1944, that the State has made provision for such members to vote by absentee ballot and that the State will accept postcard applications as provided for in title II of this act; and the Commission shall promptly advise the Secretaries of War and Navy of the names of the States which have so certified. Any such member of the armed forces who is inside the United States and who has not received his State ballot may vote under the provisions of this title, provided such member shall execute the oath hereinafter set forth.

All of that was stricken out, and there was substituted the language describing the third group, namely, "Members of the armed forces, inside the United States."

Mr. CONNALLY. And subject to such conditions as are thereafter set forth in subsection (b).

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. JOHNSON of Colorado. I should like to propound a question to the Senator from Vermont. It is very plain that certain limitations were stricken out at the point to which he refers, but were they not reinserted at some other place in the bill?

Mr. AUSTIN. No; the insertions in subsection (b) were quite different and much more liberal. The limitations in the conference report would enable every State in the Union, which is not prevented by a constitutional barrier, to

get ballots to its citizens, as I shall try to explain.

Mr. CONNALLY. I thank the Senator from Vermont and the Senator from Colorado.

I now refer to subsection (b). It carries certain modifications which must be observed. It reads as follows:

(b) The provisions of this title shall apply to, and the ballot provided for by this title may be used by—

(1) An individual referred to in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a)—

Those are the armed forces, members of the merchant marine outside the United States, members of the welfare organizations outside the United States, and members of the armed forces inside of the United States. Any one of those individuals is entitled to vote by State absentee ballot—

(a), if he is a citizen of a State whose Governor has certified, prior to July 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, (A) that such State has made no provision for procedure which will enable the citizens thereof to whom subsection (a) applies to vote by State absentee ballot, and (B) that the use of ballots provided for by this title is authorized by the laws of such State;

In other words, if the Governor of a State certifies by the 15th of July—and we put up the date as far ahead as we consistently could in order to give the servicemen as long a time as possible to enable them to vote in the general election—if the Governor should certify by the 15th of July that his State had made no provision, enacted no law, provided no procedure which would enable the citizens thereof, those in the three categories, to vote by absentee ballot, and the Governor should also certify that the Federal ballot as to its form and so on is authorized by the laws of such State, then the person can vote the Federal ballot in that State.

No constitutional question can be raised, as I see it, as to that, because if the Governor certifies that the ballot is authorized under the law of the State, then, in effect, it becomes a State ballot to that extent only; and the Federal Government, having the right to provide the "times, places, and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives," has certainly the right to provide that, if a State accepts it, such a ballot may be used—

or (2) an individual referred to in paragraph (1) or (2)—

One or two refers to soldiers and sailors outside the United States and to members of welfare organizations outside the United States. Therefore subsection (2) of subsection (b) refers to those outside the United States—

or (2) an individual referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) if he is a citizen of a State whose Governor has certified, prior to July 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, that the use of ballots provided for by this title, is authorized by the laws of such State, even though the Governor thereof does not make the certification referred to in clause (A) of paragraph (1), but only if such individual states in his oath that, prior to September 1, he made application for a State absentee ballot but, as of October 1, has not received it.

In other words, if he has made an effort to get his State absentee ballot but has failed up to the 1st of October, then he may proceed to vote the absentee Federal ballot on the certificate of the Governor as provided.

Mr. President, I do not want to take up much of the time of the Senate; most Senators are familiar with the general subject matter because of the debate heretofore on the passage of bills in relation to the matter, but I wish to say that, according to my view, this is the best possible bill that could emerge from the conference committee.

Some Senators will not like portions of the bill. In my service here, however, I do not recall any bill that ever passed this body to which I agreed in every sentence and in every paragraph and in every period and semicolon and comma. It is suggested to me by the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. THOMAS] that I did not agree unless I prepared it and introduced it, and it was not amended. That is a contingency so remote, I will say to the Senator from Oklahoma, that it is hardly worthy of the consumption of any time.

Of course we are not going to secure a bill which will be satisfactory to everyone, because our minds are not identical, our purposes are not always the same, and, if they were, the language which we should choose in expressing them would not always agree. So, I do not in presenting the conference report entertain the hope that every one is going to embrace the bill as now framed, but I do say that those who want legislation, I believe, should support this measure, because if the conference report is rejected and the bill is not enacted I do not believe there will be any other legislation at this session of the Congress, and the elections will be coming on soon. The primaries are not very distant in some States, and whatever we do we should do speedily.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield at that point?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Texas yield to the Senator from Connecticut?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. The Senator has just remarked that the primaries are coming along soon, but as I read sections 302 and 303 they will not apply to primaries. Am I not correct?

Mr. CONNALLY. I think section 303 would if the soldier could get a State ballot. It would not apply to a Federal ballot primary.

Mr. DANAHER. I am talking about section 302 and section 303. They have no application to primaries, have they?

Mr. CONNALLY. Section 302 would not apply to primaries.

Mr. DANAHER. Section 303 specifically states that it is to be used "in voting in general elections under this title."

Mr. CONNALLY. That is correct; but let me say to the Senator from Connecticut that prior provisions as to State ballots would apply to the primaries if a soldier could get his application across and obtain a primary ballot, though of course that might be impracticable in most cases.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield further?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. To those of us who have not been in on the conference the Senator is touching upon a most important point. As I look at page 2, section 201, I find that it applies to "any primary, special, or general election." I find, however, when I go to section 203 the following:

The Secretaries of War and Navy and the Administrator of the War Shipping Administration shall, wherever practicable and compatible with military operations, cause such post cards to be delivered to each person to whom this title is applicable for use for any general election at which electors for President and Vice President or Senators and Representatives in Congress are to be voted for.

So there is a distinction, is there not, between the language in section 201 and that in section 203?

Mr. CONNALLY. I invite the Senator's attention to the last two or three lines.

Mr. DANAHER. I have read them.

Mr. CONNALLY. They read: be made available to such persons at appropriate times for use in general elections other than those referred to above and for primary and special elections.

Mr. DANAHER. Let me repeat the question. Section 201 deals with a State ballot, does it not?

Mr. CONNALLY. Yes.

Mr. DANAHER. Section 202 applies to a State ballot?

Mr. CONNALLY. Yes.

Mr. DANAHER. So that section 203 merely states that the post cards are to be made available as applications for State ballots "for use for any general election at which electors for President and Vice President or Senators and Representatives in Congress are to be voted for." Is not that so?

Mr. CONNALLY. It includes primary and special elections, as the Senator will see if he will read on down to the bottom.

Mr. DANAHER. Will the Senator explain this: Is there a reason why the words "general election" appear about six lines from the bottom of section 203.

Mr. CONNALLY. I read the provision:

The Secretaries of War and Navy and the Administrator of the War Shipping Administration shall, wherever practicable and compatible with military operations, cause such post cards to be delivered to each person to whom this title is applicable for use for any general election at which electors for President and Vice President or Senators and Representatives in Congress are to be voted for.

And so on. The idea is that officials mentioned should make every endeavor to have the post cards delivered to the individual voter in every case.

Mr. OVERTON. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield, I think it would be well—

Mr. CONNALLY. I am yielding now to the Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. OVERTON. What I wished to say would be in answer to the question propounded by the Senator from Connecticut. I think it would be well if the Senator would read the concluding sen-

tence of section 203. It still applies to primaries.

Mr. CONNALLY. I called the attention of the Senator from Connecticut to that clause.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield further?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. I had read that final sentence and I noticed, I will say to the Senator from Louisiana, that the final sentence commences:

The post cards referred to shall also, whenever practicable and compatible with military operations, be made available—

And so on. Clearly, there is something that is distinguishable between those two sentences, one of which would give the post cards application for use in voting for Federal officers only, and then in the final sentence giving application to post cards for use in primary elections, as well as general elections, under certain circumstances. Surely there must have been some real differentiation in the minds of the draftsmen who put those words in there. If that were not so, why not eliminate the word "general", in the eighth line from the bottom, and insert "general, primary, and special"?

Mr. OVERTON. That could have been done. That was a mere matter of draftsmanship. There is absolutely no difference between the provisions in the two sentences. They might have all been incorporated in one sentence. Instead of that, the draftsmen elected to have a second sentence referring to primary elections as well as general elections, but the provisions are identical.

Mr. DANAHER. I thank the Senator.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, of course it would be very difficult for the Army and Navy, with the great variety of primaries and dates, to be able to select each soldier and know what particular ballot he desired; but the bill merely provides that they shall make the ballots available, and let the soldiers, in most cases, make application for the particular ballots they desire.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, there are two States in the Union which, I understand, have constitutional provisions inhibiting absentee ballots, namely, Kentucky and New Mexico, and there is some such statutory provision in South Carolina.

The whole conference report revolves around the primary idea that if the soldiers are to be permitted to vote effectively, the States must modify and amend their laws so that the soldiers may be able to cast their ballots under the law and under the constitution within the State.

Mr. TYDINGS. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. CONNALLY. I shall yield in a moment. The Army can do all that is possible to insure cooperation with the States, and what we propose in this bill is not only to make it easier for the soldier to vote, but we encourage and wish to stimulate the States to enact proper laws so that the soldiers can vote.

I now yield to the Senator from Maryland.

Mr. TYDINGS. I wish to endorse most heartily what the Senator has just said. To me that is a method of opening the widest door of opportunity to the soldier to vote. I am happy to tell the Senator that, recognizing that responsibility, the legislature in my own State of Maryland, which met and adjourned just last week, has put on the statute books, insofar as I have been able to interpret the law, a measure which will permit every serviceman coming from Maryland ample time to get the State ballot and to vote it from top to bottom, for all the officers whose names will be on it. If other States will do likewise, the discussion and debate we have had over this matter will have been largely to no avail, because all the servicemen will have a right to vote. If the States will do what they should do, the controversy will have been a tempest in a teapot.

Mr. CONNALLY. I thank the Senator from Maryland, and I congratulate his State for rising to its responsibility, as well as claiming its privilege and its right. How much better it is for a citizen soldier of Maryland to vote the entire ticket than to prevent him from voting for any officers except Representatives and Senators.

Mr. President, I am hopeful that many of the other States, all that can do so, will call their legislatures and amend their absentee voting laws, if it is necessary, so that additional time may be afforded and all necessary provisions may be made whereby the men in the armed services can vote, and can do so with as wide a latitude of choice as possible.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. CONNALLY. In a moment, State rights carry with them State responsibilities and State obligations. It is not possible to pass to the Federal Government the sole obligation and the sole responsibility with regard to suffrage and voting, which has always been, under our system, a State function. If the States want to claim their privileges and their rights, they must also assume their obligations and their responsibilities. The people of the States should see to it that those within the States who are invested with authority and power perform their duty in this situation.

I now yield to the Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. DANAHER. I wish to ask the Senator from Texas if he will consider a possible interpretation of the difference in language to which we earlier adverted. Further reading of it on page 2, section 203, would indicate that there is this difference in the sentence which commences "The Secretaries of War and Navy." We find that they shall "cause such post cards to be delivered to each person to whom this title is applicable for use for any general election" at which Federal officers shall be voted for.

As I interpret that language upon further reading, it imposes the positive duty upon the Secretaries of War and Navy to cause the post cards to be delivered to each person when Federal officers are to be voted upon, but the final sentence merely states that they shall cause the post cards to be "made available" to vari-

ous persons for use in general and primary elections. So that in one case, where the Federal officers are to be voted upon, post cards must be made available; in the other case, where State as well as Federal officers are to be voted upon, a supply of post cards shall be at hand. Is not that so?

Mr. CONNALLY. The Senator from Connecticut is probably correct in the technical interpretation of the language, but in the case of the Federal ballot the respective Secretaries are directed "wherever practicable and compatible with military operations." We must all realize that there are many things which may prevent the smooth working of this operation.

Mr. DANAHER. I understand, and that runs all through the measure. We know that to be so.

Mr. CONNALLY. If a reason is found for changing the language, it is a fact that the Federal ballot is more nearly standardized. Everyone knows the date of the election at which the Federal ballot is to be cast; it is the date of the Presidential election. But in the case of the primaries in 48 States, many of them have different dates, and it was felt that it was impracticable to require that the Army hunt up each man and deliver a ballot to him, but it was thought that, so far as practicable, the ballot should be made available. The soldier may call for it, he may request it, and upon request may secure it. That is the reason for the divergence if there is one.

Mr. DANAHER. I think undoubtedly that is so. I think the sentence commencing "The Secretaries of War and Navy" is intended explicitly to impose a positive duty on those Secretaries only with reference to general elections.

Mr. CONNALLY. That is true.

Mr. DANAHER. And that, therefore, so far as primaries are concerned, in those States where the primaries in fact determine the result, and the general election in November merely confirms what has already been done, the last sentence would apply to the primaries.

Mr. CONNALLY. In answer to the Senator's suggestion that the first part of the provision was the only place where requirement was made, while the requirement there is a little more comprehensive, there is a requirement in the last sentence, that the ballot must be made available, if any soldier makes inquiry about it.

Mr. DANAHER. Will the Senator yield further?

Mr. CONNALLY. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. I notice that in section 201 the language is intended to apply not only to members of the armed forces, Society of Friends, and the like, but there is no limitation in any respect that they be outside the United States. Yet all individuals to whom section 302 (a) on page 6 applies must be outside the United States, except those described in clause (3).

Mr. CONNALLY. The reason for that is that section 201 applies to the State ballots, and there is no reason for making any distinction between those inside the State and those outside.

Mr. DANAHER. I thank the Senator.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, other Senators desire to discuss the conference report. Let me say in conclusion that the report, if adopted, will do much to stimulate and to place upon the States the obligation and the duty of amending their laws so that the soldiers and sailors and others covered by this measure may have an opportunity to vote.

The measure goes as far as it is believed Congress can go under the Constitution in dealing with this subject. From a practical standpoint it goes as far, I believe, as the Congress can go, in view of the divergence of views of some Senators and Members of the House; but, on the whole, I commend it to the Senate as a wholesome measure, one which exerts to the fullest, subject to conditions or circumstances, the power of Congress to permit the members of our armed services, both at home and abroad, to exercise their privilege of suffrage, one of the highest privileges of citizenship.

Mr. President, I hope the Senate will promptly accept the conference report.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. President, the right to vote is basic to American democracy. It is the essential guaranty of representative government—of a form of government under which the wishes of the majority of the people can be made effective. It is that which distinguishes our form of government from the totalitarian form against which we are fighting. For the maintenance of representative government millions of American citizens have entered the armed forces and are fighting throughout the world.

The Congress of the United States under its constitutional authority declared the state of war which has brought these men and women into the armed forces. It is the duty of Congress under its constitutional authority to provide that they will not be disfranchised by reason of their military service. The Federal Government by the draft, or by accepting their voluntary enlistment, prevented their exercising this fundamental right of voting. It was the duty of the Federal Government so far as possible to restore the exercise of this right. Recognition of this duty prompted the Seventy-seventh Congress to pass Public Law 712, the existing servicemen's voting law, in September of 1942. At that time almost all the States had enacted absentee-ballotting legislation. Nevertheless, the Congress determined that a Federal law was necessary because State legislation did not guarantee the maximum opportunity to vote for members of our armed forces.

Public Law No. 712 provided that during time of war, first, no member of the armed forces need register in order to vote; second, no member of the armed forces need pay any poll tax as a condition of voting; and, third, every member of the armed forces otherwise qualified to vote under the laws of the State of his residence, should be given the opportunity to vote in elections for Federal officials.

This law was based on certain principles. It recognized the qualifications for voting in the respective States and left

them unchanged. It changed only the two conditions of voting which generally could not be met because of military service. Its application was limited to Federal officials because under our Constitution the election of State officials is a matter for States alone. I believe these principles are sound and should be the basis of any legislation.

Parenthetically may I comment on the recent soldiers' vote message of Governor Dewey, of New York, in which he contemptuously refers to the proposed Federal ballot as "a blank piece of paper called a soldier's ballot limited to the election of Federal officials and without provision for the election of State and local officials." These implications are unfounded because, first, under the Federal Constitution the Federal ballot must be limited to Federal offices; and, second, under the existing soldiers' vote law provision is not limited to the election of Federal officials; and, third, under the Green-Lucas bill the Federal ballot is supplementary to the State ballot and only to be used in cases where the latter fails.

This is a conspicuous illustration of widespread misunderstanding on the part of some commentators, columnists, editorial writers, public speakers, and even high State officials of what the Green-Lucas bill really provides. In consequence many people believe that it provides a Federal ballot instead of a State ballot whereas it actually provides a Federal ballot supplementary to a State ballot.

A congressional election was held in 1942, and that experience showed that there were a number of defects in Public Law 712. One major defect was in the machinery which it established for voting. Under that machinery, the serviceman had to fill out and mail a post-card application for a ballot to the secretary of state of the State of his residence. The secretary of state was required to return a ballot to the serviceman. The latter then filled it out and returned it to the secretary of state for forwarding to the appropriate election officials of the voter's residence.

Experience showed that these three steps necessary for voting were too cumbersome and time consuming. The rapid and unpredictable movement of troops, the delay and other inescapable hindrances in time of war, in addition to the time element involved, made it difficult, and in some cases impossible, for members of the armed forces to use the procedure.

For this reason, the Senator from Illinois [Mr. LUCAS] and I introduced the bill now under discussion, S. 1285. This sought to overcome the communication difficulties involved in voting by servicemen during time of war by providing a simpler and more expeditious method of balloting. The so-called Green-Lucas bill reduced the three steps involved in voting under Public Law 712 to one step. The necessity of the serviceman's applying for an absentee ballot and of transmitting that ballot to the voter were eliminated. Instead, a blank ballot distributed well in advance of the election would be executed by the voter in suffi-

cient time to be returned to the appropriate election officials for counting.

The Green-Lucas bill was first introduced on June 29, 1943. After a summer of study by its authors, by the War and Navy Departments, by the secretaries of state of the several States and by many others, an amended form of the bill was introduced on last October 12. Hearings were held, the bill was further studied by members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections and by all interested parties and on November 15 it was, by a vote of 12 to 2, reported back to the Senate. Thereafter on the floor of the Senate weeks of debate ensued. During the debate the Senator from Illinois and I accepted amendment after amendment in order to meet objections that were raised to details, in the hope that we could arrive at a generally acceptable bill.

This Green-Lucas bill finally passed the Senate and was sent to conference. Although it contained some provisions I thought were unnecessary and one or two I would have preferred not to see in the bill, and although it did not contain some provisions which I considered desirable, nevertheless, I think it was an improvement on the existing law. It was a bill to give a greater opportunity for more servicemen to vote than is now possible.

The conference was prolonged, and the bill which has now been reported out bears only a superficial resemblance to the bill sent to conference by the Senate. It contains much of the language of the bill that passed the Senate, but its provisions to make it possible for more of those in the armed services to vote, and to make the voting procedure simpler, have been so changed by whittling down here and there and adding hampering conditions that I was finally forced to the conclusion that it was inadvisable to enact it into law, because under it not more, but fewer, in the armed services could vote.

The argument is made that this bill is "the best possible under the circumstances," and that "it is this bill or nothing," and so we should enact it. I do not know just what the phrase "under the circumstances" means. I suppose it means that the majority of the House managers would not agree to anything better. All the Senate managers and one-half the House managers voting, voted in favor of a compromise proposal I made, which, while it would not have been as good as the original bill, would have been an improvement on the existing law. In other words, one man stood in the way of a far better law to provide the ten or eleven million men and women in our armed services with the opportunity to vote. Perhaps under this circumstance the bill reported is the best possible.

What is meant by the phrase "this bill or nothing"? It must mean "enact this bill or leave the present law 712 unamended." Well, if the change proposed is not an improvement on the present law, why should we be urged to adopt it? If more men and women in camp, on the high seas, and at the front do not have restored to them the opportunity to vote which the Congress has taken from them, then why pass any bill?

We started out in an endeavor to help more soldiers vote. Now we find ourselves fighting to prevent the vote being taken away from those who have it under the present law.

Let me make perfectly clear to the Senate what Senate bill 1285, the so-called Green-Lucas bill, in its present form does:

First. Under section 302 (b) of the bill no member of the armed forces may use a Federal ballot unless the Governor of the State of his residence has certified prior to July 15 that the use of a Federal ballot is authorized by the law of such State.

Second. Even if the Governor of the State makes such a certification, no member of the armed forces may use a Federal ballot unless he makes oath that he applied for a State ballot prior to September 1 and as of October 1 had not received it.

Third. Even if the above conditions are complied with, no member of the armed forces within the United States may use a Federal ballot.

Title III of the proposed bill relates to the use of the Federal absentee ballot supplementary to the State absentee ballot. Essentially the three provisions I have mentioned mean that no member of the armed forces may use the Federal absentee balloting procedure provided for in title III unless the Governor certifies that the use of a ballot provided for under the Federal procedure is authorized by the laws of his home State. I believe that the laws of only three States—California, Minnesota, and North Carolina—contain a general provision permitting the use of a Federal absentee ballot. In every one of the other States there would have to be positive action by the State legislatures to enable members of the armed forces to use these ballots. This is because there are many sources of conflict between the provisions of title III and the provisions of the absentee voting laws of the various States. In every case where there is a conflict a serviceman cannot vote under the provisions of title III unless the State affirmatively acts to eliminate the conflict.

Let us consider some sources of such conflict: Title III retains the provision of Public Law 712 which makes it unnecessary for members of the armed forces to register in order to vote during time of war. The laws of many States require registration by servicemen, and some require it in person. Therefore, no Federal ballot cast by an unregistered serviceman under title III would be a ballot authorized by the laws of a State which requires registration. In some cases the State registration requirements are to be found in the constitutions of the States. In such a case it would be impossible for the State legislature to authorize the use of a ballot provided for under Senate bill 1285, because such an authorization would be inconsistent with the constitution of the State unless the constitution itself were amended.

Title III also retains the provision of Public Law 712 which makes it unnecessary for members of the armed forces

to pay a tax as a condition of voting during time of war. The laws of some States require a payment of taxes as a condition of voting. Therefore no Federal ballot cast under title III by a serviceman who does not pay such a tax would be authorized by the laws of the State which requires payment of the tax as a condition of voting. Ordinarily these State requirements are to be found in the constitutions of the States. Thus, here also, it would be impossible for the State legislature to authorize the use of this ballot, because such an authorization would be inconsistent with the constitution of the State.

The laws of almost all the States prescribe the form and contents of State absentee ballots in great detail. Frequently, the ballot is actually set out in the statute. These State ballots differ substantially from the ballot provided for in title III. Thus, no ballot cast under it would in fact be authorized by the laws of a State, unless the legislature of that State were to amend its laws so as to ratify expressly the use of such ballots.

It is needless to mention specifically any further examples of conflict between title III and the absentee balloting laws of the various States. Anyone familiar with those laws knows that they are complicated and that they contain very specific provisions as to procedure and form. I cannot emphasize too strongly the point that every specific provision as to procedure and form which does not appear in title III of Senate bill 1285, makes a ballot cast thereunder a ballot unauthorized under the laws of the State, and hence a ballot which it is impossible for a member of the armed forces to use, or at least have counted.

Therefore, it is clear that if the Congress passes S. 1285 in its present form very few members of the armed forces will be able to use the Federal ballot therein provided. Those who have been consistently opposed to any kind of a Federal absentee balloting bill know that the Federal absentee provisions of S. 1285 are meaningless, and that is why they are at last willing to vote for S. 1285 in its present form.

But in its earlier form the Federal balloting provisions of S. 1285 were not meaningless, because they were not subject to ratification by the States. Under the original Green-Lucas bill, in the event of a conflict between State law and Federal law, the Federal law was supreme—a supremacy which is derived directly from the Constitution of the United States. It seems to me unnecessary to present here in the Senate again a reply to the claim some have made that this is unconstitutional. Others as well as I have refuted this claim repeatedly, giving both an explanation of the reasons and the citation of supporting authorities. Anyone interested may find some of these in the debates reported in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of last January 27 and March 7. Although such legislation might be justified even in peacetime, it is unnecessary now to go beyond the war powers of Congress because the law is expressly limited to time of war. Under its war powers the Congress has complete con-

trol over the rights as well as the duties of the servicemen, and has exercised it in this war. For example, the statute of limitations is superseded for them. Their civil rights are protected by suspending litigation in both Federal and State courts. Many other illustrations might be given. Yet similar laws were upheld by the courts in the first World War; and in this war no contention has been made that these laws are unconstitutional in wartime, or violate the doctrine of States' rights. They are no more and no less constitutional than a law to protect the servicemen in their right to vote. Yet in the compromise bill now under consideration it is provided that in the case of any conflict between Federal and State law, the State law is supreme by the terms of the conference bill itself.

Thus the Federal Congress is asked to abdicate its undoubted right as set forth in Public Law 712, and hand over to the States exclusive jurisdiction in this matter. Instead of Congress doing all it now can do to aid the servicemen, the proposal is that it abandon even that which it already has done. The Federal Congress in effect says to the States, "In this matter whatever law we pass will be subject to your approval or veto." It must be remembered that it was because of the failure of the States to act effectively that the Federal Congress legislated 2 years ago, and that it was to perfect that legislation that the Green-Lucas bill was introduced.

The statement is made that the States are at last aroused and will pass new legislation. That may be true. I believe that is one good result of the agitation arising from the prolonged discussion of this bill. It must be borne in mind, however, that this State legislation will be enacted whether or not this proposed amendment to Public Law 712 passes. Whether the States keep their present absentee ballot laws, or enact new and better laws, it will still be desirable to provide this supplementary Federal ballot for many cases in which for one reason or another, the State ballot cannot be used.

Mr. BONE. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LaFOLLETTE in the chair). Does the Senator from Rhode Island yield to the Senator from Washington?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. BONE. Is it the view of the Senator from Rhode Island that the adoption of the conference report would not only fail to simplify the matter of voting, but would complicate it?

Mr. GREEN. That is my opinion.

Mr. BONE. I am frank to say that I am unable to understand why, in view of the unending barrage of criticism over the complications of the income-tax schedules, Congress itself should now, by its own conscience, act in the passage of legislation, seek to complicate the process of voting.

Many men are getting "unshirted hell" for formulating income-tax return forms which are so complicated that they defy the understanding of many; but Congress cannot walk away from the per-

sonal responsibility for complicating the voting issue. The young men who are carrying rifles in our Army are interposing their bodies between the bayonets of the enemy and the Constitution itself. If they fail in their efforts to defend this country, there will be no constitution over which Congress can worry itself. That bulks larger in my mind, I will say to the Senator from Rhode Island, than any other consideration. If a boy is willing to die to preserve the Constitution, certainly such sacrifice calls upon us to make it possible for him to exercise the highest privilege in a republic, which is the right to vote. So far as I am concerned, I want to sweep away all obstacles to giving the boys who are dying or will die in this war an opportunity, perhaps for the last time, to exercise the privilege which has been bought with the blood of millions of men who have died to establish free governments.

Mr. GREEN. As to the suggestion that this bill is very complicated, I may say that outsiders who have not been familiar with the development of its provisions have commented to me that it is almost as difficult to understand as the income-tax law.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. LUCAS. In line with what the able Senator from Washington has just said, I should like to make an observation in the time of the Senator from Rhode Island.

With respect to the income-tax blanks which are so complicated, when the President sent his veto message to Congress, the Congress specifically pointed out to the country that the income-tax blanks, complicated as they are, were compiled by the Treasury Department. At that time Congress did not take any responsibility for the type or form of the income-tax blanks which are now being filled out by millions of taxpayers. But so far as the compromise soldiers' vote bill is concerned—this hodge podge of red tape and meaningless nothing—the Congress must assume responsibility for all the barriers which are placed in front of the soldier as a result of this compromise. We cannot shift the responsibility at this hour, so far as red tape, contingencies, confusion, and all the other barriers which have been placed in the bill are concerned, making it practically impossible for the soldier to vote.

Mr. GREEN. I thank the Senator.

Mr. President, let us consider for a moment in how many States the legislatures will enact positive legislation expressly authorizing members of the armed forces to use the Federal absentee ballot. It is, of course, impossible to answer this question categorically, but after studying the conference proposal and reading the comments of some of our Governors, it seems to me that such would not be the case in many States.

In some States it is clearly impossible for the State legislatures to authorize the use of the Federal absentee ballot. Absentee-balloting statutes enacted by the

legislatures of the States of New Mexico and Kentucky have been declared to violate their State constitutions by the supreme courts of both of those States. There is language in section 302 of S. 1285 which purports to give servicemen from States like Kentucky and New Mexico, stationed both inside and outside the United States, the right to use the Federal ballot. This language is completely meaningless, because servicemen from those States cannot use a Federal ballot unless their Governors certify that such ballots are authorized by State laws. Since no absentee ballots are authorized by the laws of those States, it is obvious that Federal absentee ballots are not authorized by the laws of those States. Hence it would be impossible for the Governors of those States to make any such certification.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. HATCH. In connection with what the Senator is now discussing, I wish to point out that under Public Law 712, which is the positive assertion of Federal power under the Federal Constitution to give the soldiers a vote, it is entirely possible that under that law soldiers from New Mexico and Kentucky could vote.

Mr. GREEN. Exactly.

Mr. HATCH. However, by the language which has been inserted in the bill, that right has now been taken away from them because the Governor is prohibited from certifying that under Federal authority the soldiers might vote. He is restricted to the narrow confines of the State law, which gives no right whatever.

Mr. GREEN. In other words, the pending proposed law would take away from the soldiers and sailors and others in the armed forces from Kentucky and New Mexico, for example, the right given them by the existing law.

Mr. HATCH. The Senator is absolutely correct. There is no question about it at all in my mind.

Mr. GREEN. It is impossible for these Governors to make such certification for another reason. According to the wording of this compromise bill, any Governor would have to certify to two entirely contradictory statements (1) that his State has made no provision enabling the servicemen to vote by absentee ballot and; (2) that the laws of his State authorize the servicemen to use the Federal ballot provided in S. 1285. I will leave it to others to explain how any Governor can make such a certificate, and if he cannot, how any serviceman can vote in that State.

There are constitutional provisions in other States, also, which prevent the acceptance of such ballots. As I have said before, the constitutions of some States require voters to register or to pay taxes before they can vote. Governor Dewey said in his message that the kind of ballot provided for in title III of S. 1285 violates the Constitution of the State of New York. A study of the constitutions of the 48 States will show that these are not isolated instances.

As to the States which do not have constitutional provisions which would

prevent their legislatures from authorizing the use of Federal absentee ballots by members of the armed forces, I am doubtful that very many will actually pass statutes which would make it possible for our soldiers, sailors, and marines to use these ballots. I can draw no other conclusion from statements made by the Governors of several States than that they have no intention of requesting their legislatures to authorize the use of Federal ballots.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. AUSTIN. Does the Senator remember how many such there are?

Mr. GREEN. I have a list of them. I can find it a little later.

Mr. AUSTIN. I do not wish to put the Senator to that trouble. I thought that perhaps he carried in his memory the number of them. My recollection is that there are some 27 of those States. That is my recollection, but I will check it myself.

Mr. GREEN. Furthermore, 11 States will not be holding special sessions of their legislatures this year, and the legislatures of 10 other States have already met and adjourned.

Thus, my conclusion is that very few States are going to authorize the use of ballots provided under title III of S. 1285.

But even in those few cases where States expressly permit the use of Federal ballots there are other serious difficulties. Section 302 provides that no member of the armed forces may use a Federal ballot unless he swears that he applied for a State ballot prior to September 1 but had not received one as of October 1. This seems to me to be a most unfortunate provision, because it makes it impossible for a soldier from a State which is willing to accept Federal ballots cast under S. 1285 to vote a Federal ballot unless he has met a very rigid and arbitrary time limitation. I cannot understand why the Congress should make it as difficult as possible instead of as easy as possible for servicemen to vote. There may be wartime conditions preventing a member of the armed forces from applying for a State absentee ballot before September 1. What if he were inducted into military service after September 1? Is it not possible that a sailor on the high seas would have to transmit his ballot in September to make sure that it will be returned in time to be counted? But under this provision he would have to wait until October 1 to execute a Federal ballot, even though by waiting until then he thereby disfranchises himself.

I should like to point out also that a Federal ballot under S. 1285 may be used only by members of the armed forces and merchant marine who are outside the United States. Once more I must confess that I cannot understand what prompts a provision such as this. It seems to me that where for any reason a member of the armed forces stationed anywhere in this country has not voted under State law, he should be given an opportunity to vote under Federal law. There is no justice in this discrimination, especially as a serviceman cannot know in advance whether he will be at home or abroad.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Rhode Island yield to the Senator from New Mexico?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. HATCH. The reason I rose, Mr. President, is because the Senator had just made a statement which I think is somewhat confusing, although I admit that everything about this bill is confusing. The Senator had just stated that he sees no good reason why the soldiers within the United States should not be permitted to vote under Federal law.

Mr. GREEN. That is correct.

Mr. HATCH. Is the Senator referring to Public Law 712, or to title III of the conference report?

Mr. GREEN. I am merely enunciating a general principle as applying to any law.

Mr. HATCH. Very well. I thought the Senator was making reference to some particular language.

Mr. GREEN. No; I believe the members of the armed services should all be treated alike, because there are a great many circumstances which would prevent a man in the armed services in this country from using his right to vote a State ballot, just as there are difficulties in his voting a State ballot abroad. Many men change their position, their location, from one place to another so frequently that the ballot will never catch up with them. I think they should vote a State ballot and be given a State ballot, but in a great many cases the State ballot would not reach them in time to be used, and in such cases I think they should not be deprived of the right to vote. They should have a right to vote under the Federal ballot.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Rhode Island yield to the Senator from Texas?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. CONNALLY. The Senator from Rhode Island and other Senators continually talk about the soldiers being deprived of the right to vote. We are not depriving the soldier of the right to vote. We are not only according to him all the rights he now has, but are giving him additional rights. I rather resent the statement continually being made that we are depriving the soldiers of anything. We are not depriving them of anything at all. If they can vote without any action being taken by the Congress, let them go ahead and vote, but they cannot all vote under the present circumstances.

I should like to ask the Senator one other question.

Mr. GREEN. I should like to answer the first question. Perhaps the Senator thought it was unanswerable. In my opinion the answer is very clear.

Mr. CONNALLY. No; I know that in the case of the Senator from Rhode Island nothing is unanswerable.

Mr. GREEN. The Congress has taken away from the men who have been drafted, or who have accepted service voluntarily, the opportunity to vote. Of course, they have the right to vote but

by drafting them we have taken away from them the opportunity to vote. We have taken them from their homes and sent them overseas, or to different sections of this country. We have deprived them of the privilege of registering, paying a tax, or complying with the conditions of voting, or even from getting a ballot so that they can vote. In other words, because of the action of Congress these men have been deprived of the opportunity to vote. I do not believe that that statement can be questioned. Since Congress has deprived them of the opportunity to vote it should, so far as possible, restore to them that opportunity.

Mr. CONNALLY. The Senator from Texas thinks that that is what we are doing by this bill. The Senator said awhile ago that he thought every soldier or citizen of the United States should have the right to vote a Federal ballot.

Mr. GREEN. Yes; if he cannot get a State ballot.

Mr. CONNALLY. That is provided in this bill.

Mr. GREEN. I beg the Senator's pardon. It is expressly stated and the Senator read it himself. It is limited to men outside of the United States.

Mr. CONNALLY. If the Senator read it himself, it is so.

Mr. GREEN. I said the Senator from Texas read it.

Mr. CONNALLY. I understand. If the Senator from Texas read it, it is so. But would the Senator favor that sort of a system in peacetime?

Mr. GREEN. No.

Mr. CONNALLY. Would he favor a Federal ballot for everyone?

Mr. GREEN. No; but this is wartime, and the proposed law itself is limited to wartime.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator from Rhode Island yield to me?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. HATCH. I was about to make that suggestion, and then I was going to emphasize again the fact the Senator from Vermont just stated, which the Senator from Texas evidently ignores, that under Public Law 712—and I am not arguing its constitutionality—every individual in the armed forces of the United States, wherever he may be, is entitled to vote that ballot. That is correct, is it not?

Mr. GREEN. That is correct.

Mr. HATCH. But the pending conference report absolutely deprives every soldier who is within the United States of a chance to cast that ballot, with the intended exception of the three States mentioned, and, to my mind, it also deprives them of it if the servicemen happen to be within the United States.

Mr. GREEN. That is correct.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield to me, and then I shall not bother him further?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. CONNALLY. The Senator from New Mexico points out that there are three States in the Union whose citizens cannot vote an absentee ballot. Is that correct?

Mr. HATCH. Yes; under this proposed law.

Mr. CONNALLY. Under any law?

Mr. HATCH. No; I just explained that a moment ago when the Senator was not on the floor.

Mr. CONNALLY. I am sorry; I always regret not hearing the Senator from New Mexico. But in reference to preventing the soldiers from New Mexico from voting, if they are prevented from voting, it is because New Mexico prevents them from voting and because New Mexico has no law under which they can vote. The fact that New Mexico will not perform its duty is no reason why the Federal Government should come along and perform the duty for that State.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator from Rhode Island yield to me further?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. HATCH. I must make reply to the suggestion of the Senator from Texas. It is unfortunate, I am sure, that New Mexico does not have an adequate absentee-voting law.

Mr. CONNALLY. Neither does my State, I will say to the Senator.

Mr. HATCH. I wish to say to the Senator that, assuming it to be constitutional, the Congress of the United States provided nearly 2 years ago an absentee ballot for every member of the armed forces from the State of New Mexico. Even though New Mexico had been deficient in her duty, Congress tried to correct that deficiency. But this bill reaches out and takes away what a former Congress tried to give, and with that the State of New Mexico has had nothing to do.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, will the Senator from Rhode Island yield to me to say a word in response to the suggestion of the Senator from New Mexico?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. AUSTIN. I do not know whether the Senator from New Mexico thought of this, but suppose that the Congress should pass the pending measure and that it were to be followed by an act of the Legislature of New Mexico providing in very simple language for procedure by the officers of the State of New Mexico which would permit the use of the Federal ballot described in this bill. What I desire to know is whether the Senator from New Mexico would consider the possibility that the act of Congress was constitutional, and that if the Congress had seen fit not to consider the wishes or public policy of New Mexico in the matter, still it would have been constitutional to have imposed such a ballot on the citizens of New Mexico.

If that is the opinion of the Senator from New Mexico, as it is that of the Senator from Vermont—we do not disagree even today about that fundamental question—in the opinion of the Senator from New Mexico would not the act of the Legislature of New Mexico in ratifying the use of this procedure be strictly within this distribution of authority that he and I recognize, namely, that New Mexico would then be operating under the supreme law of the land, that is a statute of Congress, passed in pursuance of the Federal Constitution? Does the Senator understand my question or have I made it too involved?

Mr. HATCH. I understand the Senator's question, and if I may answer, Mr. President—

Mr. GREEN. I yield to the Senator.

Mr. HATCH. I will say to the Senator from Vermont that he is now calling back into play the powers of the Federal Congress to enact legislation for the soldiers under the Federal Constitution. If that be correct, under that theory, if the language of this bill were so worded, I would say that there would be a possibility that the soldiers from New Mexico could vote; but in the bill we now find more restrictive provisions, so that, frankly, I do not think anybody can tell whether this bill calls for the exercise of Federal authority or for the exercise of State authority. That is one of the reasons I cannot support it, for, in addition to the procedures which the Senator from Vermont has mentioned, the Governor of New Mexico must still certify that this bill is authorized by State law.

Mr. AUSTIN. No, not that; that was not in my question.

Mr. HATCH. I know it was not in the Senator's question, but is still in the bill.

Mr. AUSTIN. No; the bill only provides with reference to the use of procedure; it does not provide an acceptance by the States of the Federal statute. The only condition to voting by a citizen of New Mexico would be that the certificate cover the use of the ballot provided for by this title. That is all. All the Governor would have to certify would be that "the use of the ballots provided for by this title is authorized by the laws of such State." He would not have to certify that the legislature had taken the whole act and ratified it. He would merely attempt to do the thing I asked the Senator from New Mexico about; namely, hold it fast to the war power of the Congress to enact legislation to govern the armed forces and to provide for the support of the Army and the maintenance of the Navy and to enact all laws that are necessary to carry on these powers, including the making of war; and he would be merely certifying that his legislature had recognized the validity of an act of Congress passed under the war powers of the Constitution when he certified to a brief resolution to the effect that the Federal statute providing a Federal war ballot and procedures affecting voting by absent war voters, "are authorized in this State." I think a few lines such as those would cover the whole situation for New Mexico.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator from Rhode Island once more yield to me?

Mr. GREEN. I yield.

Mr. HATCH. I wish to say to the Senator from Vermont that all during the conference and since then I have studiously tried to avoid considering this proposed law expressly in the light of what might happen in my own State, because I have never thought that Congress ought to legislate merely for one State. But necessarily, and naturally I think, I have been interested and have given thought to what would happen in New Mexico, and I say to the Senator from Vermont the very argument he makes in explanation makes the matter more confusing to me than it was before.

I do not mean to say that is so by reason of anything the Senator has said, except that I do know that there was the absolute intent in the conference to abandon the theory of Federal power under the Federal Constitution and confine this bill to a State ballot proposition. I thought the conferees had practically done that thing, although I am not certain about that, and I do not believe we can determine whether we have a State ballot law or a Federal ballot law under this conference report, and, as I have stated, that is one of the reasons for my position.

Mr. AUSTIN. I think we have both of them.

Mr. HATCH. I doubt it very much.

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. President—

Mr. GREEN. I yield to the Senator from Michigan.

Mr. FERGUSON. Will the Senator from Vermont permit me to ask him a question?

Mr. AUSTIN. Certainly.

Mr. FERGUSON. What is troubling me in connection with section 302 is the power of the Governor of a State to interpret the law and certify his interpretation of the law to the Federal commission which the bill would create. I have found no provision, either in the constitutions of the various States or in the statutes of the States, which would permit or allow the Governor to interpret the law and certify his interpretation of the law.

If that is sound, then this section is absolutely useless, and no one can vote under it, because, taking the Governor of the State of New Mexico, for instance, he could not certify an interpretation of New Mexico law. Does the Senator understand that this requires him to interpret the law, and certify what the law provides?

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, that is straining pretty hard to arrive at an interpretation that was not intended. What is referred to is a mere ministerial function. It might just as well have been the secretary of state. It is quite customary for the secretary of state to certify that here are on the statute books such and such laws. In this case that function is given to the Governor. What he really certifies is a fact rather than an interpretation.

Mr. CONNALLY. Will the Senator permit me?

Mr. AUSTIN. I have not as yet finished my answer.

Mr. CONNALLY. I beg pardon.

Mr. AUSTIN. So far as concerns soldiers from Vermont in the Orient, which is the most remote spot in point of getting the ballots there and back, if the law of Vermont is so restricted in its time table that that could not be done, and it is not a feasible procedure, and that is all there is to it, then the Vermont soldier will get his chance to vote by the Federal ballot.

Mr. FERGUSON. Provided the Governor of the Senator's State does something.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. FERGUSON. And that something is that he shall certify, prior to the 15th of July of this year, that "the use of ballots provided for by this title is

authorized by the laws of such State." Suppose there are two sets of factors, one that the Governor will not certify, even though the law of his State permits him to certify. He can then, by his failure to certify, keep the man from Vermont from voting a Federal ballot.

Mr. AUSTIN. No; that would qualify the man from Vermont to have the Federal ballot. That is one reason why this provision is inserted. It is not within the power of the Governor of any State to deprive the citizens of his State of the ballot.

Mr. FERGUSON. Let me ask another question, if the Senator will yield. Let us consider subsection (2). I am not reading from the bill, and therefore cannot give the line. I am reading from the report, but I refer to subsection (2). It says:

An individual referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a)—

Which means the soldiers outside the United States as well as the other persons provided for outside the United States—that is, members of the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, and so on—can vote provided two things happen: First, the Governor certifies that they may use this war ballot as a legal ballot in the State; second, that they will themselves certify or swear that they have, prior to the 1st day of September, made application for a ballot and by the 1st of October have not received it. Two things must be done before the soldier outside the United States can vote. First, the Governor must certify and, second, the man himself must certify that he has sent for a ballot and that he has not received it by the 1st of October.

Mr. AUSTIN. If the Senator will permit me to answer, what is this terrible thing called certifying? From what is said one would suppose it was something the doing of which would be obnoxious to a Governor. If that is an impediment to affording the soldiers opportunity to vote let us throw up our hands. I cannot conceive of the Governor of a single State in the Union who would be unwilling to certify to the laws of his State. That takes care of question No. 1.

In the second place, what State is there which has the opportunity to pass a statute which would not pass a simple statute of four lines to this effect:

*Resolved*, That provision contained in any Federal statute for a Federal war ballot and procedures affecting voting by absentee war voters, are authorized in this State.

What State would not pass it, if it had a chance to do so? If it did, then it would be directly in line with what is proposed. A State which has never passed such a statute of course has never qualified its citizens to use a Federal ballot. That is where the distinction came in the conference. There was one body, the Senate, which favored a ballot which did not require State ratification, a Federal ballot which rested upon the war powers of the Constitution, and for which I voted, and in which I thoroughly believe at this minute. There was another House which said, "That is unconstitutional.

The war powers do not extend to the matter of elections and qualifications of voters and voting procedures, and therefore it is unconstitutional, and we will have none of it. We will have nothing to do with the controlling of State elections, and Federal elections, too."

Very well; that is how we stood in the conference, plumb against each other. It is not possible to compromise on a principle. One is either for it or against it. That is the way we were; we could not compromise on that. One side or the other had to give in before we could take a single step forward in composing the differences with respect to the details of transportation, and all the devices for aiding and spurring up the States to do what they should do to expand their timetables. All other questions were held up until one side or the other would yield on that proposition. The Senate conferees yielded, not on principle, for I adhere to my original belief in this matter; but we yielded in practice. Here is a matter on which we can agree without surrendering our theory. We can provide that what we have written into the Federal statute shall not be operative in the State of Vermont unless the Governor of the State of Vermont can certify, because it is true, that the legislature of that State has said that provisions of the Federal statute providing a Federal war ballot and procedures affecting voting by absent war voters are authorized in his State. That removes the whole question of constitutionality.

This conference report differs from Public Law No. 712 in that very respect, that no question of constitutionality could be raised about this bill, whereas it is possible to raise such a question as to Public Law 712. I am not saying anything about the constitutionality of Public Law 712. I do not have to say it. We are now confronted with another proposition, that is, can we go along and have two ballots instead of one, a State ballot and a Federal ballot, give the soldier two opportunities instead of one, practically assure the voters of any State in the Union, except those which are inhibited by constitutional provision, a chance to have their voice registered at the polls? That is the point we have reached. I think we have accomplished that. I am not so very proud of this work, but it represents tremendous study. We were 21 days altogether in conference, we held 13 joint meetings, and there were two special meetings of the Senate conferees, and the problem was as I have stated it.

Senators know what it is to agree by composing opposing views toward the text of any measure. A text which is not very lucid will be obtained, and I admit that that is the case in this instance. We are dealing with the result of this attempt to compose the differences between the House and the Senate, and it will never be entirely satisfactory to either side.

Mr. LUCAS and Mr. LANGER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Rhode Island yield; and if so, to whom?

Mr. GREEN. Mr. President, I have found by experience that if I yield for a question, it will mean yielding for a long discussion and practically yielding the floor. That seriously interrupts the current of my argument, and I prefer—it will not take me much longer—to complete my argument before I yield again.

The only standard by which Senate bill 1285 can be judged is whether it provides a greater opportunity to vote for more members of the armed forces than does Public Law 712, the existing law. Two questions must be asked. First, would more soldiers vote under this bill than under existing law? Second, would it be easier for soldiers to vote under this bill than under existing law? When I analyze the conference bill in terms of these two questions I am forced to conclude that Public Law 712, inadequate though it is, is a better law than Senate bill 1285.

Public Law 712 provides a method of voting for members of the armed forces from all of the 48 States whether they are stationed inside or outside the United States. Senate bill 1285 does not.

Public Law 712 contains none of the restrictive limitations as to time of application for ballot, transmittal of ballot, and return of ballot which are to be found in many of the State absentee balloting laws which will govern under S. 1285.

Public Law 712 does not, it is true, provide an adequate method of voting for members of the armed forces. But if the Congress is unable to agree upon a more effective method of voting than that provided in Public Law 712 it ought at least refrain from passing S. 1285 and thereby deprive our soldiers, sailors, and marines of whatever opportunity to vote does exist now under Federal law.

The Green-Lucas bill was introduced with the purpose of amending the present law so as to improve the facilities for voting and to increase the number of those who could vote by absentee ballot. It would be better to pass no amended law at all than one which would not eliminate the present handicaps to voting, and which would not increase, but would decrease the number of those who under it would be eligible to vote. Therefore, it is my opinion that the Congress will do the members of the armed forces a greater service by taking no action at all than by passing S. 1285.

In conclusion, there are two further thoughts I would leave with the Senate. In the first place, the story of this legislation does not redound to the credit of the Congress. I refer not only to the interminable delays in consideration of the amendment, and not only to the futility of the result achieved by decreasing instead of increasing the number of those in the armed forces who will be able to vote, and in making more instead of less complicated the procedure of voting. I refer more especially to the fact that Congress, at times critical of the exercise of its authority by others, and at times claiming more authority for itself, yet in this instance seems incap-

ble of using the authority it has, and abandons to the States a matter over which it has both the right and the duty to legislate itself. The people want action, and in vain look to the Congress for it.

In the second place, if our American soldiers and sailors are deprived of their right to vote, what answer will they give when the men fighting by their side from Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, ask our men, "Why will not your Government give you the opportunity to vote? We have it." Furthermore, what answer will they give to their German and Japanese prisoners of war who say to them, "We thought you were fighting for democracy and that is the right to vote. Yet your Government takes that right away from you when are fighting for it. Is there after all any fundamental difference between your Government and ours?" I ask you, Senators, what answers you would have our servicemen make to these pointed questions?

Mr. LANGER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield to me for a question?

Mr. GREEN. Yes; I yield.

Mr. LANGER. Can the Senator give us any estimate of how many more soldiers could vote under Public Law 712 than under the provisions of the conference report?

Mr. GREEN. No; I cannot. I can only estimate them by classes of individuals, and I tried to summarize, as the Senator will remember, if he was listening, the reasons why I concluded that far more individuals would be able to vote under existing law than would be able to vote under the proposed amendment to that law.

Mr. LANGER. Does the Senator think it would be as many as two or three million individuals?

Mr. GREEN. I think so.

Mr. LANGER. The Senator thinks that two or three million more individuals could vote under the present law than under the conference-report measure?

Mr. GREEN. I would rather not deal in figures, but a very large number who can vote will have the opportunity to vote under the present law, but would never have such opportunity under the proposed law.

Mr. LANGER. In other words, if the conference report is adopted, then, in the Senator's opinion, two or three million individuals will not be able to vote who otherwise would be able to vote?

Mr. GREEN. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. AUSTIN obtained the floor.

Mr. DANAHER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Vermont yield for that purpose?

Mr. AUSTIN. I do.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

The Chief Clerk called the roll, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Aiken	Gillette	Radcliffe
Andrews	Green	Revercomb
Austin	Guffey	Reynolds
Bailey	Gurney	Robertson
Bankhead	Hatch	Russell
Barkley	Hawkes	Scrumah
Billings	Hayden	Shipstead
Bone	Hill	Smith
Brewster	Holman	Stewart
Bridges	Jackson	Taft
Brooks	Johnson, Colo.	Thomas, Idaho
Buck	Kilgore	Thomas, Okla.
Burton	La Follette	Thomas, Utah
Bushfield	Langer	Truman
Capper	Lucas	Tunnell
Clark, Idaho	McCarran	Tydings
Clark, Mo.	McClellan	Vandenberg
Connally	McFarland	Wagner
Cordon	McKellar	Walsh, Mass.
Danaher	Maloney	Walsh, N. J.
Davis	Millikin	Weeks
Downey	Moore	Wheeler
Eastland	Murray	Wherry
Ellender	Nye	White
Ferguson	O'Mahoney	Willis
George	Overton	
Gerry	Pepper	

Mr. HILL. I announce that the Senator from Virginia [Mr. GLASS] is absent from the Senate because of illness.

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. BYRN] is absent attending the funeral of the late State Senator Weaver, of Virginia.

The Senator from Washington [Mr. WALLGREN] is absent on official business.

The Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. CARAWAY] is detained on public business.

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. CHANDLER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. CHAVEZ], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. MAYBANK], the Senator from New York [Mr. MEAD], the Senator from Utah [Mr. MURDOCK], and the Senator from Texas [Mr. O'DANIEL] are necessarily absent.

Mr. WHERRY. The Senator from Minnesota [Mr. BALL], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. BUTLER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. REED], and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. WILEY] are necessarily absent.

The Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. TOBEY] is absent on public matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Seventy-nine Senators having answered to their names, a quorum is present.

The question is on agreeing to the conference report.

The Senator from Vermont has the floor.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, I desire to reply briefly to the query of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. LANGER] regarding whether more or fewer soldiers would be able to vote under the conference report than under existing law. I shall not undertake to be categorical about it, and to say "yes" or "no"; but I shall furnish the Senator with proof, and he can make the answer "yes" or "no," himself.

Under Public Law 712 the great category of members of the merchant marine or the War Shipping Administration is not included. It is a category which I was informed Saturday night now contains 132,000 men. At the hearings the number was stated as being 125,000 men, but that unit has been constantly augmented. Of the whole number, not all are absent at the same time. Some of the members of that group are on shore. The best estimate given to me of the number who will be offshore or outside the United States at any given time on

a conservative basis is 87,000. Very well; compare the number of men who will be affected by the operation of Public Law 712 with that number. According to the proof, the operation of Public Law 712 produced only 28,000 votes. That number is approximately only one-third of the number which constitute this additional category which will be given the privilege of voting if the bill which is the subject of the conference report shall become law. In addition to the members of the merchant marine, there are the members of the American Red Cross, the members of the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the members of the United Service Organizations. Those are the services which my distinguished colleague caused to be added under the provisions of the bill on which the conference report has been filed. I cannot give the exact figures, but I can give approximate figures. They are not large, but they are sufficient to affect the result of the vote: Members of the American Red Cross overseas or now outside the United States, 5,000; members of the Society of Friends and United Service Organizations, estimated at 5,000. Those are cold figures, and are stated on a conservative basis.

In connection with the question of additional votes which will probably be cast by virtue of the bill which is the subject of the pending conference report, instead of under presently existing law, I desire to call attention to the following: The conference report, beginning at page 2, and extending through pages 2, 3, and 4, down to section 207 (a), covers additional machinery for getting the State ballots to the soldiers. That is all brand new, and it is important. It tends to facilitate voting by State ballots. It was not in Public Law 712, and is not in it now. There is no such machinery at all in that law. Not only that, but we have had the experience of the last election, when the members of the armed services who are the transporters of mail offshore in time of war found it utterly impossible to comply with the requisitions of a great State such as the State of New York, whose information book contained 900 pages.

In the conference report we have a provision relating to facilities and machinery for State ballots alone which is really bound to augment the number of persons who will be able to vote, but for whom no provision for help is contained in Public Law 712.

I could go on with other matters, but I wonder if what I have stated answers the Senator's question.

Mr. LANGER. Yes; the Senator has answered my question. However, I wish he would continue; I should like to hear the remainder of the answer.

Mr. AUSTIN. I shall further answer the question of the Senator from North Dakota in this way: Under the conference report the provisions of section 302 (a) and (b) are such as to extend the privilege of voting to all three categories; that is, the armed forces outside the United States, the services which are connected with the armed forces outside the United States, and the armed forces inside the United States.

I refer to a report by the Bureau of the Census regarding the soldier vote of 1942, which report is found on page 86 of the hearings held on October 29 and November 5, 1943. If experience is the lamp to guide our feet, it is probably the best resort to which we can turn in order to judge the probable effect of the passage of the conference report bill as compared with the existing law of 1942. From the report to which I have referred it appears that in 27 States the maximum time available for the absentee voting transactions in 1942, as shown in table III, was 30 days or less.

I digress long enough to point out that the evidence shows that the minimum time required for the transportation of mail which would take the ballots, postal cards, and returns across the Pacific to the most remote stations and theaters of operation in the Orient, is greater than 30 days. As I recall, it is 42 days. I will call attention to the exact time later, but I assure the Senate that it is greater than 30 days. Therefore certainly in the case of 27 States, if those States have not held sessions of their legislatures, or do not do so in the future, to extend the time beyond 30 days, voters from the 27 States would be without ballots unless a Federal ballot was provided. If we rely on the States, they cannot get their ballots started until 30 days before the election, and there is not sufficient time to enable the ballots to be returned to the polls in the States. That is the situation in 27 States.

If it is a hardship for a State to hold a session of its legislature for the purpose of extending the time, then what? Under the terms of the conference report, every one of those States would be qualified, provided there were authority in the State which would allow the Governor of the State to say, "This State has made provision for procedure which will enable the citizens thereof to whom subsection (a) applies to vote by State absentee ballot", or the contrary. If we enact the proposed law, and the 27 States fail to take action to enable the Federal ballot to be recognized at the polls, what happens? On October 1, which is more than 30 days before the election, the soldier receives a ballot with certainty. He receives the short form of ballot, under one or the other of those provisions.

In other words, by the existing law, Public Law 712, the soldier has only one opportunity of voting, and that is by a ballot which is either the short form or the long form. If the State exercises its option to add to it the State ticket, it is a long form of ballot, but there are not two separate ballots.

Under the terms of the conference report the soldier would have two opportunities to vote. If by October 1st he had made his request for a State ballot and had not received the State ballot, he would get out of storage the short form of ballot and cast it. Let us assume that on October 2nd his State ballot comes along. He wants to vote for his own State officers, so he votes the State ballot. There is nothing in this proposal to prevent it. So he sends two ballots across the ocean, and in all probability

they will both reach their destination. But when they arrive, only one of them can be counted, and that is his State ballot.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. First, let me compliment the Senator from Vermont on his extraordinarily lucid and cogent discussion of the conference report. I thank him for it.

Mr. AUSTIN. I thank the Senator.

Mr. DANAHER. It seems to me that the Senator from Vermont in the last few minutes of discussion, is according to section 302 (b), subclause 2, a little greater weight than that to which its language would seem to entitle it. I am wondering whether the Senator, through inadvertence, has made a statement perhaps too sweeping, or if in fact he believes that it goes as far as his answer to the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. LANGER] would seem to indicate. It is important that this point be most definitely established. It is utterly essential to our final conclusion with reference to this bill.

Let me say further to the Senator from Vermont that while we went into the question only briefly today in the earlier discussion, I fear we have not done justice to the language which the conferees bring us. Let me point out to the Senator the fact that in subsection (b) of section 302, subclause 1 is said to apply to all the individuals mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of subsection (a).

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct.

Mr. DANAHER. But subclause 2 of subsection (b) does not apply at all to paragraph 3 of section 302 (a), and consequently does not apply to any members of the armed forces who are inside the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct; and I will tell the Senator why. Subclause 2 deals only with the cases in which there has been failure to get the ballot. Is not that true?

Mr. DANAHER. That is my understanding; and it applies to the 27 States which, for one reason or another, mechanically cannot comply in the sense that they cannot get the ballots into the hands of the soldiers.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct. Subclause 1 relates to the States which have not adopted State statutes or balloting procedures which can be executed within the time table. In other words, subclause 1 is the case of no law. Subclause 2 is the case of no ballot. That is the difference between the two. In the one case there must be an application, and in the other there does not have to be an application. It is not necessary to send a post card to get the Federal ballot. The Federal ballots are all sent over now. The post cards are used only to ask for State ballots. Under subclause 2, the soldier says, "I have used a post card and asked for a State ballot. I did it on September 1. It is now October 1, and it ought to be here, but I have not received it; therefore, give me one of the Federal ballots." So he mails a Federal ballot. That may be the only ballot he will ever cast; but if he should

receive a State ballot after that, he would have a right to vote it; and if it were received at the polling place it would be counted, and would be superior to the Federal ballot. The conference report makes the State ballot superior to the Federal ballot.

Mr. DANAHER. However, if the absentee is within the United States, then subclause 2 of subsection (b) will not apply.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct. And the assumption is that he is near enough to his home, and the mail service is subject to so many less hazards at home than overseas, that the probability is that he will get his State ballot.

Mr. DANAHER. But in that respect he is no worse off than he is under State law, he is no worse off than he is under Public Law 712, and insofar as his brother overseas is concerned, subsection (2) is an expansion of all existing remedies for the absentee voter.

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator has made a beautiful explanation. He has clarified the situation enormously. His statement has unfolded the procedure so that it is clear and understandable. I wish to thank the Senator from Connecticut. His statement has been of very great help and, in my opinion, it will have a tendency—I did not make any promise that I would not say this, did I?—it will very largely increase the number of men who will get a chance to vote over the number who would have such opportunity under Public Law No. 712, which provides no such procedure, no such facility.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. BARKLEY. What effect will this new law, if enacted, and which repeals specifically all the present law excepting sections 1 and 2, which relate only to registration and the poll tax—

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. LUCAS. By implication.

Mr. BARKLEY. Waiving the question of whether it repeals them by implication, it does repeal all the remainder of the text and substitutes for it the new matter.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. BARKLEY. The new law would apply only to service men and women overseas and not in the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. No; the Senator is mistaken.

Mr. BARKLEY. I mean, in effect it would do so.

Mr. AUSTIN. No; not in effect either. I have the language before me. Here is what it states:

Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the provisions of this title—

That is, the title relating to the Federal voting—

shall apply with respect to the following:

1. Members of the armed forces and the merchant marine of the United States, outside the United States.

2. Persons serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the United Service Organizations, outside the United States who are attached to and serving with the armed forces of the United States.

8. Members of the armed forces, inside the United States.

That is a narrow category. It does not include the services that are attached, the supposition being that the members of the armed services here on this continent will very easily be able to use title II instead of title III.

Mr. BARKLEY. It is all summed up in the provision of the bill which requires the Governor to certify that by some act the legislature has validated this act of Congress.

Mr. AUSTIN. At some time in its history. It does not have to be by a future act.

Mr. BARKLEY. Well, that raises the question of whether the legislature can validate an act of Congress which is not in existence.

Mr. AUSTIN. I will show the Senator how it can do so, that is, how it can do so in my opinion.

Mr. BARKLEY. That is not really what I was coming to. Under the laws of my State and under the laws of New Mexico, or under constitutional provisions there is some doubt whether the legislature can pass an absentee voting law at all, and whether it can validate an absentee balloting law passed by Congress. A considerable number of soldiers voted under Public Law 712, there were not a great many, but even soldiers from my State cast votes. It seems to me that under the new provision here presented, unless the Governor certifies that the legislature has enacted a law validating this proposed law, and inasmuch as the proposed law repeals all the present law except sections 1 and 2, and to which I have referred, the soldiers, sailors, marines, and all others in the armed forces from my State would not be permitted to vote at all under this law, because the Governor could not make any such certification.

Mr. AUSTIN. If there is any State which has no absentee voting law at all, or which has a constitutional provision prohibiting it anyway, I cannot see how that State has any vote to lose.

Mr. BARKLEY. The present law was enacted under the theory that Congress had the right to provide a means by which the men in the armed services could vote, and, as I recall, the Senator from Vermont took that position.

Mr. AUSTIN. I did; and I stand on it now.

Mr. BARKLEY. It was thought that Congress, having taken the men away from the place where they could vote, had a right to make provision to enable them to vote for President, Vice President, and Members of Congress. It was under that theory that we passed the law, and it was under that theory that they voted, although there was no absentee voting law in the State itself. But this bill would repeal all of that and base it all on the contingency of the Governor being able to certify that the legislature had passed a law giving the members of the armed services the right to vote, or had validated this particular statute. While under the present law some votes were cast in 1942 by servicemen from my State, I do not see how any of them could be permitted to

vote under the proposed statute, because it is not based on the right of Congress to say whether the men shall have a right to vote, but it is based on the right of Congress to say that if the Governor does certain things which the legislature must have provided for in advance of his certification, then the men may vote.

Mr. AUSTIN. It is not an important job for any officer to certify that a State has passed such a statute.

Mr. BARKLEY. It is so important that he must know that there is such a statute.

Mr. AUSTIN. Certainly. What is all this hullabaloo about casting some doubt on the problem of a soldier getting his ballot? That seems to me the most absurd thing I ever heard of. Can the Senator conceive of a Governor refusing to certify that there exists a law on the statute books of his State that will enable a citizen of his State to cast his ballot?

Mr. BARKLEY. Oh, no.

Mr. AUSTIN. I cannot conceive of it.

Mr. BARKLEY. He does not certify simply that the legislature of the State has passed a law, which it could do independently of the Congress, giving the men the right to vote by absentee ballot, but he must still certify, as I read the proposed new act, that the legislature has enacted a law that specifically validates this act of Congress.

Mr. AUSTIN. I think the Senator has correctly interpreted the situation. That is just the point of difference between the Senate and the House positions.

Mr. BARKLEY. In States which have not done this, and cannot do it unless the Governor calls an extra session of the legislature, no Governor would be able to certify in such a way as to give the service men and women a right to vote.

Mr. AUSTIN. Oh, that is quite true. It is absolutely the difference between the position taken by the Senate and the position taken by the House. There was an irreconcilable difference. It was necessary for one side to yield, or there would not have been any bill.

Mr. BARKLEY. I appreciate all that, and I am willing to concede that the Senate conferees did the very best they could, and got the best they could obtain in view of the situation and the position taken by the House conferees. But I am required now to exercise my own judgment about what they did get, which is admittedly the best they could get.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes. The Senator will find difficulty in discovering anything in Public Law 712, the existing law, that is not in the conference report.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. What is more, if the Senator will take the subject of facilities under consideration, or aids to the soldiers, he will find in the conference report that that is one of the most important factors upon which we agreed, namely, aid in getting the ballot over and back, doing away with the post-card application for the Federal ballot, which exists under Public Law 712 and is defective, and enabling the soldier to have the benefit of free transportation by air

when it is not in conflict with military operations, and so on. All those things which are to be found in the conference report do not exist in the present law, and they will mark the difference, in my judgment, in successful operation as between the two laws. To say nothing about categories of voters, the facilities set up under the conference report are so superior to the lack of facilities in Public Law 712 that it will make the difference of a great number of votes that otherwise would not be cast at all.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President—

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield to the Senator from Illinois.

Mr. LUCAS. I cannot agree with the Senator's last conclusion. That, however, is not what I was going to ask him about. I desire to ask the Senator if it is not true that under paragraph (b) of section 302, if the Governor of a State determines that the State has a State absentee-voting law sufficient to enable a soldier to obtain a reasonable chance to vote, it is not necessary for him to make any certification whatsoever?

Mr. AUSTIN. If I have understood the question.

Mr. LUCAS. I shall repeat it. If the Governor of the State concludes that the absentee-voting law of his own State is sufficient to afford a reasonable opportunity for a man overseas or in another State to get a ballot, the Governor does not have to make any certification at all?

Mr. AUSTIN. Oh, no; nothing like that. The trick in that question is the conclusion. The Governor does not have any right to make any such conclusion. He certifies to the law; it is a fact to which he certifies, and nothing but a fact, and his conclusion does not mean a thing.

Mr. LUCAS. Then, what does paragraph 1 of subsection (b) of section 302 mean?

Mr. AUSTIN. Paragraph 1 of that section means that in the State of Illinois, for instance—I shall give an illustration instead of a covering answer.

Mr. LUCAS. Very well. Illinois is a very good State to make an example of.

Mr. AUSTIN. If the State of Illinois has a timetable too narrow to transmit the application and have the vote returned and the vote cast, then that State is in the category described in paragraph (1) of subsection (b).

Mr. LUCAS. Who is going to determine that?

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator will; every citizen will; the facts will make it plain. We know that the timetable for mail from the Pacific is some 42 days in which all these transactions may be completed.

Mr. LUCAS. Was the Senator in the Chamber a few days ago when I put in the record a letter from a boy from New Jersey who got his ballot 2 months after the gubernatorial election in New Jersey a few weeks ago?

Mr. AUSTIN. Certainly, that illustrates the case of a man who does not get his ballot. That comes under another section. The two sections in question take care of every case except that of a citizen of a State whose constitution bars voting by absentee ballot.

Mr. LUCAS. If I may make further inquiry of the able Senator, in the final analysis does it not mean whether paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) be followed, that the Governor of the State before he can certify either with respect to what is contained in (1) or (2) must call a special session of the legislature to validate what the conference report is attempting to do with respect to this proposed legislation?

Mr. AUSTIN. Absolutely no.

Mr. LUCAS. Can the Governor of a State, without a special session of the legislature validating this Federal action certify that his State has complied?

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator is involving in his question much more than this proposal contains. All that the Governor would have to certify to is as follows:

(B) That the use of ballots provided for by this title is authorized by the laws of such State.

That is all he would have to certify to; he would not have to certify that his legislature had come together and had re-enacted Senate bill 1285. All he would have to deal with is what this deals with, namely, that the use of the ballots provided for in this title is authorized by the laws of such State. It happens that some of the States have already done that.

Mr. LUCAS. Only one, and that is California.

Mr. AUSTIN. Is that all?

Mr. LUCAS. Yes.

Mr. AUSTIN. Several States have already held sessions of their legislature. I am not familiar with their laws, but I have the impression that several of them already have recognized the use of the short form of ballot. In any event, if these States are as earnest as we are—and I assume that they are—they will hold sessions of their legislatures, and, if they do nothing else, they will pass a brief statute of four lines reading, for example:

That any Federal statute providing a Federal war ballot and procedure affecting voting for absent war voters is authorized in this State.

They can do that without hanging around very long. They can come into town, pass such a brief resolution, and go out, if they want to.

Mr. BARKLEY. But they have to come into town, and pass it, and go out.

Mr. AUSTIN. Is not that too bad?

Mr. BARKLEY. It is if a special session of the legislature is not called.

Mr. AUSTIN. As I contemplate the war and what others are doing, the little act of coming to town to pass a resolution of this kind is exceedingly small.

Mr. BARKLEY. The members of the legislature cannot come to town unless the Governor calls them.

Mr. AUSTIN. What Governor will refuse to do so if his people are behind him?

Mr. BARKLEY. I shall not mention any names. I do not know.

Mr. AUSTIN. I should like to see what would be left of a Governor if he should refuse so to act.

Mr. BARKLEY. I would be willing to venture that there are some Governors who would not call the legislature into session. One or two have already announced that they would not call their legislatures for such a purpose.

Mr. AUSTIN. How far will they get with their ballot, unless we fail to act? They will get about as far as they did in 1942, when the record shows some of these very States groaned and complained seriously because our Army and our Navy did not give up everything else in order to transport great books of instructions and heavy weights of ballots and papers. They complained bitterly.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. Mr. President, there are two elements about section 302, subsection (b), which it seems to me the Senator might very properly point out in answer to the question put by the Senator from Kentucky. The first is, as I read it anyway, that, whether proceeding under subparagraph (1) or subparagraph (2), the Governor can make some certification in either case.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct.

Mr. DANAHER. Then, we come to a second phase, and that is that under the bill which left the Senate, whether the State of New Mexico or the State of Kentucky did or did not through their Governor make certification to a war-ballot commission, we were going to put a Federal war ballot into those States, under the language of the bill.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. DANAHER. But under the language of the conference report we put no ballot into either of those States unless there be a certification by the Governor. Is not that a correct statement?

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator is talking about voters inside the United States?

Mr. DANAHER. I am talking about those inside the United States and at any other place so far as those two States are concerned. I will repeat the question for fear I may not have made its purport clear; perhaps I was a bit verbose.

Mr. AUSTIN. Let me start out as I understand it, and, if I do not follow it properly, then the Senator can repeat it. This matter is a little complex and somewhat difficult to deal with.

Mr. DANAHER. I agree with the Senator.

Mr. AUSTIN. Now let us take a State which has not passed laws that will make it possible for the ballot to reach Florida, we will say, where the troops of the State of Vermont are being trained, and to be returned. In that event the citizen of Vermont would come under section (1); he would get a short form; he would get the Federal ballot because he could not get his State ballot. That is because of the failure of the State of Vermont to pass a statute that changed its timetable from 12 days to a sufficient number of days to send the applications out and have them returned under the State law. That is the reason why that is so. If the Vermonter is abroad, if he is overseas, or outside the United States, and if he wants to vote his State ballot, he applies for it.

He is accustomed to that. Indeed, the post cards have been sent out already; 12,000,000 of them have been sent out already, and the soldier can use a post card. If we enact this amendment to the present law those post cards will be adaptable to primaries, so that they can be used in Vermont and other States where the primary decides the result. They cannot be used unless this measure is passed for that purpose, because under Public Law 712 the only thing for which those post cards can be used is the general election.

Under Public Law 712, the existing law, the voter gets no ballot unless he asks for it by a post card that is prescribed in the law. Under the new proposal, the pending proposal, he gets two ballots. He gets a Federal ballot anyway, without a post card, and he gets his State ballot by using a post card. He can get a State ballot for a primary, and under the bill we afford the facilities, which do not exist under Public Law 712, for informing the voter that there is to be a primary in his State to nominate a candidate for the United States Senate on a certain day, and that he can have a ballot.

So, under these two subsections of section 302 I say that, except in those States where the Constitution of the State bars the man voting unless he presents himself in person at the polls, there is not a citizen soldier who cannot have his opportunity, and there is not a citizen soldier outside the United States who cannot have two opportunities. Does that answer the question?

Mr. DANAHER. I think the Senator has offered a splendid explanation of section 302, subsection (b). I think he does not meet the point the Senator from Kentucky raised, as I understood it, and I was trying to ascertain whether or not my apparent understanding of the point of the Senator from Kentucky coincided with the view of the Senator from Kentucky or with the view of the Senator from Vermont. I am trying to say, by way of restatement, that the whole question of the principle is turned about in this conference report as compared with the version of the bill which left the Senate, in that we said in the bill that left the Senate, we will permit the use of an absentee ballot for Federal officers in the State of New Mexico whether the State of New Mexico has a constitutional provision or not, whether or not the Governor certifies. And we said likewise with reference to Kentucky. But in each of those States there can be no certification by the Governor that an absentee ballot such as here proposed is acceptable, because the constitutions of those States forbid it. Consequently, when we cause the validity of the ballot here referred to to depend upon a certification by the Governor that the ballot here proposed is acceptable under the laws of the State of Kentucky or the State of New Mexico, we are just exactly reversing ourselves in that we now say that we no longer insist that Congress may put a Federal ballot into those States where they like it or not. We are going to let them be the deciding factor as to whether they do or do not accept

the ballot we here propose. Do I state the situation in accordance with the Senator's view?

Mr. AUSTIN. That is certainly what occurred in the conference in the yielding of the Senate's position on this point and the adopting of the position of the House on the point. What had to happen was that either one or the other had to yield on that particular issue, or we could not carry on any further. There would have been an impasse and we would have had to decide what the Senator is now apparently considering, whether we would take Public Law 712 in lieu of trying to work out something which would give the men and women in the service the facilities of the Green-Lucas bill.

Mr. President, what I am about to say is not a reflection on my very warm friends, with whom I worked so long for the Green-Lucas bill, but it is surprising to me that it appears to them that the facilities provided in their bill are not worth enough to make them stand up and see them put through here, even though it calls for yielding on the point of the constitutionalism of the Federal statute.

Mr. LUCAS. Will the Senator from Vermont yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I think the Senator from New Mexico first asked me to yield.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I desire to comment on what the Senator from Connecticut said. He left the impression that it was apparently left to the States to decide for themselves whether they would have the Federal ballot or not. That is exactly what I think the report does not do, for the reason I shall state.

As I have explained before, the theory on which the Federal ballot was extended to the State of New Mexico and the State of Kentucky was that it was an exercise of Federal power under the Federal Constitution, and that the Congress had the right to give that ballot to voters in the other States. That is the theory of the ballot.

Mr. DANAHER. Yes.

Mr. HATCH. That theory is reversed when it is said the Governor must certify that the use of the ballot is authorized by the laws of the State. To my mind, it is taken out of the category of a Federal ballot, and its validity is made to rest upon whether it is authorized by the State, and the Governor so certifies.

When the ballot in this form is extended to New Mexico and Kentucky, there is no question of the Federal power being valid because it is not exercised. It must be valid according to the laws of the State. The Legislature of New Mexico may meet and the Governor may certify that it is authorized by the State, but that still will not change the constitutional provisions of the State. In other words, if it is not recognized by the State, there is no power upon which it can rest.

Mr. DANAHER. Will the Senator from Vermont yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. DANAHER. In my opinion, the statement of the Senator from New

Mexico is not greatly in disparity with my understanding of the situation, but I go further and point out, particularly as to his concluding sentence, that he would not have us now, under the conference report, do more nor less than would have been done with any ballot under the bill as it left the Senate, for the question of the validity of the exercise of that ballot in New Mexico would have been decided by the State of New Mexico anyway. Is not that so?

Mr. HATCH. Under the original bill the validity of the ballot would have been determined by the local officials, and that decision would have been final. As I recall, that was the language of the bill as it left the Senate. But under that bill the officials could have had the privilege of determining the ballot to be valid under the exercise of constitutional power, under the Federal Constitution. That is denied them now.

Mr. AUSTIN. That issue is out, is it not?

Mr. HATCH. I say that is wiped out, but now the Governor of my State is being asked to certify that a ballot is authorized by the State, limiting him to a State law under which he could not possibly make the certification. That is why I say you would extend it with one hand and jerk it back with the other.

Mr. DANAHER. Will the Senator from Vermont permit me a word further?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. DANAHER. I think that while we have used a great many words to say so, we are all in complete understanding of the legal effect both of the bill as it left the Senate and the effect of the bill the conferees have brought back, and I wish to thank the Senator from Vermont for his assistance.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, I appreciate the real help the Senator from Connecticut has given to this cause. I observed when I first came to this distinguished body, some 13 years ago, that my colleagues here were all individualists, all of them highly trained specialists in something, many of them very versatile, but certainly all of them with such mature character that I said to myself, "I cannot see how 96 men holding the opinions that these men do and having the character and strength that they have ever get together on anything." I sat in amazement at the operation of the United States Senate, and I learned something, I hope, and that is that the process of legislation actually necessitates some yielding, and that the reason why the men who arrived here only after struggling against great obstacles and overcoming difficulties and thus hardening their sinews can get together is that they recognize the necessity to yield something.

I am prompted to repeat the old story of Ben Franklin, who was visiting his neighbor, Cotton Mather. Ben and Cotton were not great friends—in fact, they were bitter enemies—but they were engaged in the same kind of business, and they visited back and forth. After Cotton died, Ben wrote his son, and said, "I have omitted something. I omitted to

thank your father for a great gift to me." Franklin said, "You know, your father and I were not very good friends, but he has passed on now, and I want to thank you on his behalf. I was going through a passageway in his printing house and received a bad crack on the head. I bumped my head on a beam. Your father turned to me and said, 'Ben, stoop a little going through life. It will save you many a bump.'"

Mr. President, I think no man could have gone into a conference with more firm conviction than I that the war powers, the express grant of responsibility to the Congress of the United States, not merely authorized the Federal ballot but also all the machinery that would facilitate its casting, having in view the morale of our troops by their participation in the very thing for which they are fighting. No man could have been more devoted to that principle than I. Yet when I confronted the absolutely fixed stand by the House members of the conference committee, whose distinguished members are here to listen to me, I saw that the question of legislation depended upon our yielding, and we were the only ones who could yield on that proposition so there could be further progress with this legislation. I did not yield in principle; in fact, I cannot change my judgment about it now.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield to me for a question?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes; I yield.

Mr. LUCAS. I should like to ask the Senator one question. I want to understand subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b) of section 302. Am I correct in my understanding that before the ballot of a soldier overseas would be counted in the State of Illinois the Governor would be compelled to certify in line with what subparagraphs (1) and (2) provide?

Mr. AUSTIN. No. I think the question is too broad.

Mr. LUCAS. What I am trying to ascertain is how a Federal ballot which is cast overseas is going to be counted in the State of Illinois.

Mr. AUSTIN. I have the idea that no Federal ballot can be counted in the State of Illinois if the State of Illinois has not done this much, that is, by law authorized the use of a Federal ballot in that State.

Mr. LUCAS. That is number one. If I may further interrogate the Senator; in other words someone in authority in the State of Illinois, which is the State legislature, must provide by law the authority to use that ballot?

Mr. AUSTIN. That is exactly correct. That is the point of yielding in the conference. If we have not crossed that bar, we will never cross it. That is right where the division stood, and I think we have closed that incident by our report.

Mr. LUCAS. Very well. I appreciate that. Now if the Governor of the State of Illinois—and I do not know what he will do in connection with this matter should the pending legislation become the law—but if the Governor of the State of Illinois or the Governor of Vermont should refuse to call the legislature into

special session to agree upon what this conference report is recommending, then there will be—

Mr. AUSTIN. Now that is the trouble. The Senator will excuse me for interrupting him?

Mr. LUCAS. Very well.

Mr. AUSTIN. That takes it too far.

Mr. LUCAS. I do not want to go too far.

Mr. AUSTIN. The Governor does not have to do that. All in the world the legislature has to do in order to put this provision into effect is to pass a law of four words.

Mr. LUCAS. Very well. I do not care what the language is, but the point I am making is—

Mr. AUSTIN. The Governor does not have to approve this whole thing.

Mr. LUCAS. No; I appreciate that. I am not quarreling with the Senator from Vermont upon that point. What I am trying to find out definitely is—and perhaps the Senator has answered it—whether before a man serving in the armed forces overseas is permitted to vote either in Illinois or Vermont, the State legislature must pass a law of 4 lines or 40 lines adopting in substance what we are doing here today.

Mr. AUSTIN. I answer that question, "No." The legislature does not have the obligation to adopt what we are doing here. It does not have to say even that this title applies in the State of Vermont. All the legislature has to say is that it accepts this ballot in the State of Vermont, or in the State of Illinois, as the case may be.

Mr. LUCAS. Very well; but that requires an act by the legislature composed of the four words, "We accept this ballot."

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. LUCAS. That is No. 1. Will a soldier, sailor or marine serving inside the United States ever have an opportunity to vote a Federal ballot under either one of these provisions?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. LUCAS. Will the Senator again tell me how that can be done? I do not want to take up too much of his time.

Mr. AUSTIN. Let me call attention to the matter briefly. I think perhaps I can make it clear.

Mr. LUCAS. I wish the Senator would, because it is very important. It is something that I had not realized previously. If a soldier serving within the continental limits of the United States can vote a Federal ballot, then I want to know how it can be done.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes. I read from page 6 of the report.

#### APPLICATION OF THIS TITLE

Sec. 302 (a). Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the provisions of this title—

That means the whole of title III—shall apply with respect to the following.

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(3) Members of the armed forces, inside the United States.

Very well. Now we have the scope of title III, have we not?

Mr. LUCAS. That is correct. But I want to know how it applies.

Mr. AUSTIN. This refers to those inside the United States. The language is:

(3) Members of the armed forces, inside the United States.

Let us now read subsection (b):

The provisions of this title shall apply to—

I want Senators to note that this is in the affirmative, whereas most of the other drafts of this provision were in the negative form, and quite confusing—

The provisions of this title shall apply to, and the ballot provided for by this title may be used by—

(1) An individual referred to in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3)—

That includes the soldier inside the United States—

if he is a citizen of a State whose Governor has certified, prior to July 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, (A) that such State has made no provision for procedure which will enable the citizens thereof to whom subsection (a) applies to vote by State absentee ballot, and (B) that the use of ballots provided for by this title—

Is acceptable or has been authorized by the State. There is the answer. I cannot conceive of plainer language. If it needs any interpretation at all it is upon the point that that does not mean a State which has no absent voters' law. It would include such a State, but it also includes the other States which have absentee voters' laws where their timetables or other matters are not adapted to enabling the citizens thereof to vote.

Mr. LUCAS. What does the language in the latter part of subsection (b) mean when it says:

No individual who is not included under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection shall be entitled to use, or be furnished, a ballot under this title.

Mr. AUSTIN. Suppose that the soldier inside the United States—that is what the Senator is inquiring about?

Mr. LUCAS. Yes.

Mr. AUSTIN. Suppose he has ample time within which to mail his post card and request his State ballot, receive his State ballot, and return his State ballot. He does not need the provision which is made here. Therefore, we say he shall not have it; we say he shall not even finger that short ballot. That is the place where we gave priority to the State ballot. If the member of the armed forces is inside the United States and can obtain his State ballot within the limits of his timetable, that is the only ballot he will receive.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Vermont yield; and, if so, to whom?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield first to the Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. HATCH. If the Senator from Illinois has not concluded, I shall wait.

Mr. LUCAS. No, Mr. President; that is perfectly all right. I suppose it is because of my limitation of comprehension and my poor power to understand that I am becoming more muddled all

the time as I try to find out something about the conference report.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, I apologize for muddling the Senator. I did not try to do much more than read the statute.

Mr. LUCAS. No; it is not the Senator who has muddled me. It is the conference report itself.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield to me, I wish to explain to the Senate the first paragraph to which the Senator has referred. That is paragraph (A) of subdivision (1), on page 6:

That such State has made no provision for procedure which will enable the citizens thereof to whom subsection (a) applies to vote by State absentee ballot.

That language has always given me trouble in my endeavor to know what it means, and to know whether a Governor of a State will have discretion to exercise. Are we vesting in him the right to review the laws of his State, and to say, "According to my judgment, and my opinion, the laws of my State do not enable it"?

I am asking the Senator to explain what that language means, because I think it is important language.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, I observe that this point is the very one on which the distinguished Senator from New Mexico and I did not agree. As to the interpretation of this language, I asked that very question before the conference was concluded. I asked, "Can you understand this the way I do, namely, that this is the equivalent of saying that if a State does not have laws that are adequate to enable its citizens to vote, then they can vote the Federal ballot?" That is what this language means to me. It is simply a question of fact. It is not anything that is mysterious.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator yield at that point?

Mr. AUSTIN. I ask the Senator to permit me to finish stating my thought. If I had known that we would have presented to us the questions which have arisen on the floor, giving weight to the certificate of the Governor as if it were an independent act, an act different from merely certifying the law, I certainly would have endeavored to change that language, and would have endeavored to take it out of the report at that point, and would have said in a separate paragraph, "The facts above referred to shall be evidenced by the certificate of the secretary of state." Then we would not have this great question, as if there were some wonderful decisions to be made by the Governor, something under the control of the Governor. The Governor does not control this at all. He is nothing but a certifying officer.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator yield there?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. HATCH. I am not being captious in my questions about the certificate of the Governor.

Mr. AUSTIN. I understand.

Mr. HATCH. I simply wish to determine what the language means. The Senator has answered, I think, that in

his opinion if any Governor certifies—and I repeat that I am not being captious about that—that the laws of his State are not sufficient to enable the State absentee ballot to be cast, then the Federal ballot may be used by the soldiers from that State who are serving inside the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes, indeed; I believe that is the purpose.

Mr. HATCH. Does not that provision vest considerable power in the Governors of the several States, when it gives them the right to have that power and to exercise that judgment?

Mr. AUSTIN. No; we do it constantly. We make provision with respect to certification by the secretaries of state of the various States regarding Federal statutes. That is all that provision means.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. LUCAS. Under the conditions stated by the Senator from New Mexico it would not be necessary to call a special session of the State legislature if the Governor or the secretary of state were to make the certification; is that correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct. If the Governor would turn to his old State statute, passed after Public Law 712 was enacted—the State statute which relates to Public Law 712—and would say, "Section so and so of the public laws of my State provides for balloting procedures such as this"—and he could do that, of course—he would not have to call a special session of the legislature for that purpose, if it has already been done. I expect that in years to come, if this law persists as a part of the war legislation of this country, other Governors may have to make a certificate founded upon State statutes passed at this time. I hope we shall not have such emergencies in the future, but they might arise.

Mr. LUCAS. Let me give the Senator an illustration. As he well knows, there are approximately 12 or 15 States which provide less than 15 days' time for absentee voting under the absentee voting statutes of their respective States. Assuming that the 15 States did act with respect to changing their absentee voting laws—

Mr. AUSTIN. It is an absolute certainty that they would come under section 1.

Mr. LUCAS. Would they come under section 1 regardless of whether the Governor made the certification? In other words, if the ballot commission had before it a list of the 15 States providing not more than 15 days' time, and if it reached a definite conclusion that the men serving within the United States could not receive the State ballots in time, would it be necessary for it to rely upon the certificate of the secretary of state or the certificate of the Governor?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes; as we have written the provision. That is just what I referred to a moment ago. If I had realized that these questions were to be raised as if this were a separate function of judgment or decision by the Governor of a State, I would have endeavored to

have taken out that provision, and to have made it perfectly clear that it was nothing but a piece of evidence to consider as to whether the law of a given State was adequate in its procedures to enable its citizens in the far Pacific to vote the State ballot.

Mr. LUCAS. Of course, as I see the legislation which is bound up in this conference report, the Federal Government definitely keeps control over the States which cannot or which will not ultimately give their citizens who are serving in the armed forces a real opportunity to vote, even when they are serving inside the continental limits of the United States. I cannot reach any other conclusion, in view of the colloquy I have had with my good friend the Senator from Vermont [Mr. AUSTIN]; because if those States do not call their legislatures into session, and if the legislatures do not change their absentee-voting laws to the end that the men serving within the continental limits of the United States have a real opportunity to vote, then under this measure the Federal Government will still retain the power to count the Federal ballots if servicemen receive Federal ballots when they are within the United States.

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. President, will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes; certainly.

Mr. FERGUSON. If the section which provides that the Governor shall certify provides that he may send the law to the commission, instead of sending his interpretation of the law—namely, that, in his opinion, the soldiers from his State serving within the United States cannot vote—then am I to understand that the certificate referred to can be interpreted by the commission, so that the commission can determine whether the State law is such as to permit them to vote?

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, the commission has no authority to make any decision of that kind at all, and the conference report does not contemplate any such thing as certifying to the commission with respect to the issue whether the State has made provision for procedures which will enable the citizens thereof to vote by their State ballots. All the conference report does is to enable those citizens to vote whose States have not established procedures which enable them to use their State ballots. That is all there is to it. Is it not an easy thing for a Governor—the distinguished Senator from Michigan has been a Governor—to certify that there are no provisions in the statutes of his State which would enable votes to be cast by the citizens of his State who are in a place which requires 42 days to transmit the mail?

Mr. FERGUSON. Let me correct the Senator. I have never been a Governor.

Mr. AUSTIN. I beg the Senator's pardon.

Mr. FERGUSON. This provision applies only within the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. No; it applies anywhere.

Mr. FERGUSON. I am speaking of the first section. It applies to those within the United States.

Mr. AUSTIN. The first section applies within the United States.

Mr. FERGUSON. Reading the last lines on page 6:

No individual who is not included under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection shall be entitled to use, or be furnished, a ballot under this title.

Under that section is it not true that someone must determine whether or not the individual may use or be furnished a ballot?

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator is not reading that accurately. It is not "this section." It is "this subsection." That makes all the difference in the world in the meaning.

Mr. FERGUSON. The word "subsection" applies to subsection (b).

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes. There are two subparagraphs under subsection (b). This sentence must be read just as it is printed.

Mr. FERGUSON. I thought I was reading the word "subsection." Someone must determine, first, whether or not a soldier may use, and second, whether he may be furnished, a ballot. Then, reading the next line—

Certifications referred to in this subsection shall be made to the commission.

Why does that section provide that the certification shall go to the commission, if the commission has no right to determine, first, whether or not the ballot shall be used by the soldier within the United States, and second, whether or not it shall be furnished to the soldier in the United States?

Mr. AUSTIN. I will answer that question. It is to enable any citizen, including any of us who may be interested in the question of the validity of an election, to have a place to which to go which is the legal repository of the certificates. It is the place that is provided by the Federal Congress as the repository of the certificates, so that we may know whether the Governor did make such a certificate or not, and may judge of the quality of the certificate, or any other question we may wish to raise about it.

This measure deals with the right of the ballot. It is up to those who administer the law, of course, to try to follow the law. The commission is the head of the organization, and the commission happens to be the same secretaries of departments and administrators who will have the duty of transporting the mails, which is the essential part of this machinery. Therefore, the machinery is freed from all the confusions which might arise from an additional bureaucracy. It is kept together in a cohesive plan which is admirable if it is looked at from the right point of view.

I feel pretty good about this bill. I think we did pretty well in view of the great conflict of opinion about it. We all know that it is difficult for a person to yield ground when he has a firm conviction. The House yielded upon many points.

This whole discussion relates to section 302 (a). That section went through the mill several times before it reached its

present form. In order to arrive at its present form, there had to be yielding on both sides. The first example of that was in connection with a proposal by the House dated February 26. If Senators could read that, they would see how much work had to be done on this section to get it into final form. At one time we wiped out the Danaher amendment, and then we brought it back, in effect.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. CONNALLY. Is it not true that the Senate conferees voted unanimously for the amendment advanced by Representatives LECOMpte and BONNER?

Mr. AUSTIN. Oh, yes. That is one of the incidents of experience.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. Mr. President, will the Senator further yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. This bill has to do with voting. The only effect of the bill is with respect to certain groups; that is, the armed forces, which means the Army and Navy and their component parts—the merchant marine, the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the United Service Organizations.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. So far as voting is concerned, no one else is affected by this bill. Is that correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. Not quite. There are included in the term "armed forces" the Army Nurse Corps, the Navy Nurse Corps, the Women's Naval Reserve, and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. They are all affected by it, and will have the benefit of these facilities if this bill becomes a law. My recollection is that they are included in Public Law 712.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. I am glad the Senator made that point clear.

There is one other point which I think is clear on the face of the report. Take my State as an example. There must be 50,000 men and women from Oklahoma who are not now in our State, but are in other States, in defense industries of one class or another. I am advised that in the State of Oregon, in the neighborhood of Portland, there are at least 150,000 men and women who are there as transients, working in the great defense industries. What provision, if any, in this bill affects their voting? My understanding is that there is none. Am I correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. No, Mr. President. If the Senator will be patient for a moment, I shall try to answer that question.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. I should like to have that point cleared up.

Mr. AUSTIN. The evidence tends to show—

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. I am not referring to members of the armed forces. I am referring to citizens of my State who are working in defense plants.

Mr. AUSTIN. I did not catch that.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. I should like to have that point cleared up in the RECORD.

Mr. AUSTIN. There is no attempt whatever to reach those voters by this bill.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. That is exactly the point.

Mr. AUSTIN. The supposition is that Oklahoma will take care of that question.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. That point has not yet been taken care of in my State, and I wanted the RECORD to show that this bill has nothing whatever to do with that class of voters.

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator is correct.

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma. In my State, and in other States, if provisions are made for the men and women from any given State to vote, that matter, as well as the right of members of the armed forces to vote, must be taken care of by the State.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct.

Mr. TYDINGS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. TYDINGS. I have listened with profit to the very able presentation of this matter by the Senator from Vermont. I can see how he has tried to apply the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the various States to the difficult problem at hand. However, as I listen to the debate, it seems to me that the only fair way by which the soldier can be given an absolutely square deal is to set aside the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the various States, for this obvious reason: Take a small State such as Delaware as an illustration. Delaware has 3 electoral votes in the electoral college. Of course, the electoral-college vote is the vote which elects the President. Delaware has a population of 266,505. Illinois has a population of 7,897,241, the population of Illinois being 26 times that of Delaware. Yet Delaware has 3 votes in the electoral college and Illinois has 28, as I recall. So while the population of Illinois is 26 times that of Delaware, Illinois has only 9 times as many votes in the electoral college as has Delaware. Therefore, a soldier from Delaware would have 2½ votes for President of the United States as against 1 vote for a soldier from Illinois.

To make one more illustration in order to draw my conclusion, while Delaware has a population of 266,000, New York has a population of 13,000,000, New York having 43 times the number of persons of Delaware. Delaware has 3 votes in the electoral college, and, as I remember, New York has 45 votes in the electoral college. So New York, which is 43 times as populous as Delaware, has only 15 times as many votes as Delaware in the electoral college. Therefore, a soldier coming from Delaware would cast 4 or 5 votes for President to every vote cast from New York State by a soldier coming from New York. Why is that—and I think the point gives cogency to the Senator's argument? The reason is that when this Republic was formed, the 13 original States would not come into it unless each was guaranteed 2 United States Senators, and only 2, the idea being that the large States should not coerce the little States. So the one thing in the Constitution which cannot be changed except by the approval of every

State in the Union is the provision that 2 Senators shall come from each State.

At the same time it was insisted that there be put into the Constitution a provision that each State should have control of the qualification of the voters within the State. The States would not come into the Union until section 2 of Article I was inserted in the Constitution, for the very same reason that they would not do so until there had been inserted in the Constitution that provision that each State should have two United States Senators.

Many men have said, "We drafted the soldiers; did we not? Why should we not give them the right to vote?" With the abstract and crystal-clear justice of that remark no man on God's earth can argue. That is true. That is abstract justice. But, on the other hand, we might carry the argument further, and might say, "Why should a soldier coming from New York State have only one-fifth of the vote, in voting for President of the United States, that a man coming from Delaware has? Why should a soldier coming from Delaware have 5 votes for President, whereas a man coming from New York State has only 1 vote for President?" If we are going to consider this matter on the principle of abstract justice, the very first thing we should do is give every soldier an equal vote for President, regardless of the Constitution of the United States. But, Mr. President, I thought we were fighting to uphold the Constitution of the United States. I simply throw that thought into the hopper, to show Senators that even if we pass the Green-Lucas bill, one soldier from Delaware will outvote five soldiers from New York State, or three soldiers from Illinois.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, what the Senator has stated may be an interesting theory; but, really, I cannot very well apply it to the conference report.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. Does the Senator desire to ask a question?

Mr. LUCAS. I wish to ask one further question.

Mr. AUSTIN. Very well; I yield for that purpose.

Mr. LUCAS. My question relates to the following language in paragraph (1) of subsection (b):

Whose Governor has certified, prior to July 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, (A) that such State has made no provision for procedure which will enable the citizens thereof to whom subsection (a) applies—

And so forth. Assuming that the Governor calls a special session of the legislature, and that the legislature will not go along with him on what he thinks should be done in order to make this possible, assuming that he is not able to make into the law the four words which the Senator suggested a while ago, I ask, Would the Governor then have the power to certify to the end that the soldiers from the State of Illinois, for instance, could vote a Federal ballot within the United States?

Mr. AUSTIN. No.

Mr. LUCAS. In other words, if the legislature failed to pass the law, that

would be the end of it; is that correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. That would be the end of the right of the soldier from Illinois to the use of a Federal ballot.

Mr. LUCAS. Very well. Let us consider by way of example a State which still has, let us say, a 12- or 15-day absentee-voting law, and in which no change at all has been made. Let us assume that the Governor calls a special session of the legislature for the purpose of making the change, but that he fails to have the change made. He would then certify to the commission, I presume, that the laws of his State are not adequate for the purpose of giving the soldier an opportunity to vote. Would the soldier from his State have an opportunity to vote a Federal ballot?

Mr. AUSTIN. He would provide, of course, that the brief acceptance of the ballot form which I have suggested were made.

Mr. LUCAS. Oh, yes.

Mr. AUSTIN. Of course, that goes with all of this. Why not settle once and for all that there will not be a Federal ballot for the citizen of any State which does not accept the short form of ballot.

Mr. LUCAS. I misunderstood the Senator a moment ago. A moment ago I went away practically satisfied that there would be two types of ballots.

Mr. AUSTIN. There will be. I am talking about the short form of ballot. I assumed that was the basis of the Senator's question.

Mr. LUCAS. That is correct. I am talking about the ballot that will go overseas to the members of the armed forces.

Mr. AUSTIN. Both ballots will go overseas. If this conference report is accepted, I feel confident that the mechanism set up under it, which does not exist under Public Law 712, will take a vast number of State ballots overseas in time to be brought back and be counted.

Mr. LUCAS. I am not arguing that point with the Senator. That depends primarily and solely upon what the Governors do with respect to removing the barriers, conditions, and restrictions which now surround absentee voting in every State.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct. If they do not care enough to give the soldiers two chances, and if they do not attempt to remove the barriers affecting the provision for recognition of the Federal ballot, then the result may be ascribed to them.

Mr. LUCAS. I misunderstood the Senator a moment ago when he said that in each of the States to which I referred, if the Governor merely certified that in his opinion, without any—

Mr. AUSTIN. Oh, no. I have repeatedly denied that the Governor is given any jurisdiction to exercise opinion, judgment, or discretion, or to do anything else but a ministerial act which will certify a fact. That is all there is to my claim.

Mr. LUCAS. I am sorry I misunderstood the Senator a moment ago. If the Senator will look at his remarks, as they will appear in the RECORD tomorrow, I think he will find that his answers to my question were that certain soldiers within the United States, under certain condi-

tions, could get a Federal ballot, without the necessity for a special session of the legislature.

Mr. AUSTIN. Oh, yes; I repeat that. That may be true, if the States have existing on their books, as we have in Vermont, a statute which recognizes the Federal ballot.

Mr. LUCAS. That is the point, whether the State passes a law before the Federal law is enacted; or afterward.

Mr. AUSTIN. Of course. If the conference report becomes law, the law will require action by the State legislature, either in the past, the present, or the future.

Mr. WEEKS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. WEEKS. Assuming that today there is no law on the books which the Governor may certify, does the Senator know of any time factor which would prevent the enactment of such a law in time to be of use insofar as the approaching election is concerned?

Mr. AUSTIN. I know of one time factor, and that is October 1. There is now ample time for any State in the Union to pass a simple statute which would make the Federal ballot usable by its citizens. October 1 is the deadline. If the soldier swears in his oath to the ballot which he obtains, the oath being on the envelope, that he applied for his State ballot before September 1, that he has not received it by October 1, and that he wants a Federal ballot, he gets it on October 1. He is entitled to it at that time only if his State has passed a resolution merely saying that provisions under any Federal statute by which a Federal war ballot and procedures affecting voting by absent war voters are authorized in this text, are acceptable; and the State will have until the day when the soldier asks for a new ballot, namely, until October 1; the State will have all that time in which to do that simple thing.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield to the Senator from Indiana.

Mr. JACKSON. I wish to say to the distinguished Senator from Vermont that I think he has masterfully and against some opposition elucidated the particular sections and subsections of the conference report.

Mr. AUSTIN. I thank the Senator.

Mr. JACKSON. I am not the only Senator confronted with the question which is better, Public Law 712 or the conference report. The Senator has pointed out many things, and once in his remarks he said that Public Law 712 lacked many facilities which the conference report provides, and also he put it the other way and said that the conference report provides many facilities lacking in Public Law 712, which, I think, is the same thing. I have listened with great interest to the Senator. Does he intend in his planned remarks to go further and point out what if anything else is provided in the conference report from the standpoint of facilities which Public Law 712 does not provide? If the Senator does, I shall sit and listen, for I should like to have him point them out.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes, I will, and, first I refer to section 203. This one factor would make me choose the conference report as against existing law. Existing law, Public, 712, provides for the distribution of post cards, and it states, "Upon one side of such post card the following shall be printed"—it is mandatory, as will be seen—but that post card makes no provision for a primary ballot.

Of course, in a State such as my own, where the primary constitutes the election and we have practically a closed primary, our law says one cannot have any other ballot except the one that belongs in the primary and therefore he must ask for the party ballot that he wishes to vote. Under the existing law the most important election in the State of Vermont would not have a single absentee soldier's vote, but under the conference report every soldier, either inside the United States or outside the United States, could have a State ballot for the primary. Why? Because of the provision which I read from the bottom paragraph of page 3 of the conference report.

In lieu of—

Mind you, this is all new, and it is not a recommendation to a State but a Federal law, if passed.

In lieu of and interchangeably with the post cards referred to—

That means the post card which has a line in it reading:

My choice of party primary ballot is-----

And in the blank the voter writes Republican, if he votes in his primary for a Republican candidate, and he has a choice between Republican candidates in the primary.

Mr. JACKSON. May I ask the Senator when the primary is held in Vermont—on what date?

Mr. AUSTIN. I do not recall at the moment, but we will have to change it; we are bound to change it, in order to get in under the pending legislation. We are going to change it and let no one forget that. We think enough of this proposed law to hold a session of the legislature to do this thing.

Mr. JACKSON. I will say to the Senator so does the State of Indiana, but our primary election occurs on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Is that the date in the State of Vermont? If it is, I am wondering whether the Senator thinks the machinery would be available in time?

Mr. AUSTIN. I do not know, but we will certainly make necessary provision in ample time, and will make such a change that everything will be all right. I again read the provision:

In lieu of and interchangeably with the post cards referred to, the Secretaries of War and Navy may continue to deliver and make available, and the persons to whom this title is applicable may continue to use, post cards provided under section 3 of this act prior to its amendment until the existing supply thereof is exhausted.

That means that the 12,000,000 post cards which have been circulated throughout the different theaters of combat, the 6,000,000 others which are in storage if they are necessary to be used,

and the approximately 8,000,000 more which the Navy is circulating, all of them defective because they conform to the provisions of Public Law 712, may continue to be used, but here is what is said about them:

In the event of any such delivery or making available to members of the armed forces of post cards provided under section 3 of this act prior to its amendment, the Secretaries of War and Navy shall authorize changes in the text thereof to provide that the applicant shall print thereon his name and the serial number, in addition to normal signature, and shall designate his party affiliation in the case of application for primary ballot.

That one provision alone which is brand new, facilitating the voting by Vermonters in their type of election which really counts, would make me favor the pending proposal as against existing law, because that cannot be done under the existing law; the absent soldier voter could not get into a primary under existing law, that is, into a closed primary. There was a rather peculiar provision inserted in the existing law which might have been intended to reach such a thing, but it does not reach it. I refer to section 13 of the existing law and I read from page 5 of the pamphlet:

SEC. 13. All provisions of this act shall be administered, mutatis mutandis, in behalf of any individual to whom this act applies when, under the law of the State of his residence, any such individual is entitled to vote in primary elections in choosing candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senators, and Representatives in Congress.

If, mutatis mutandis, the provisions of the act were altered and the dates changed so that it was administered so as to apply to the primary, still the serviceman could not get a ballot because he could not ask for one. He would have to follow the prescribed form of post card, which does not signify what party ballot is applicable. That is only one page; do not think that there are not others.

Mr. JACKSON. I trust the Senator will touch upon the others.

Mr. AUSTIN. There are pages upon pages of facilities provided in the pending measure, after very careful study of the capacity of the Army and the Navy and the Marine Corps to do the job, which are not provided in Public Law 712.

Mr. JACKSON. That is what I am interested in more than in the primaries.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President—

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield to the Senator from Texas.

Mr. CONNALLY. I do not care to interrogate the Senator on this particular point, but before he concludes—I do not press it now—I hope he will point out to the Senate how the general use of State ballots, which is encouraged and facilitated and made easier, can be brought about and the real importance of the so-called Federal ballot be greatly minimized. Much of the discussion we have had here today would probably almost vanish if the States would cooperate, as we think they will, under the provisions of this bill, to get the State ballots to the soldiers everywhere in the

United States and outside the United States.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. President, for the sake of the record let me comment in response to the distinguished Senator from Texas that, so far as the State of Indiana is concerned, the leaders of both houses of our legislature are at work upon and have practically completed a bill to provide for a ballot for soldiers, and the Governor at the proper time will issue the formal call, so we are very much interested in it. To repeat, I am interested in the other provisions which the conference report makes but which Public Law 712 does not make. I do not say that argumentatively; I am only here for enlightenment and to say, insofar as concerns the primary situation in Indiana, that we have not been thinking in terms of our primary election in relation to the soldiers' ballot.

Mr. AUSTIN. There are other States besides Vermont that make their decisions in the primaries.

Now, to answer the question of the distinguished Senator from Texas, Public Law 712 provides no separate facilities for balloting according to State laws for the offices named in the State statutes. What it does is to set up an official war ballot and booklets, which is a "must" feature of Public Law 712, which then provides an option in these words:

And may—

That is, the secretary of state may—

And may, in case the State legislature of his State shall have authorized it, also provide for voting for candidates for State, county, and other local offices, and with respect to any proposed amendment to the State constitution or any other proposition or question which is to be submitted to a vote in the State.

It will be seen that the "and may" clause follows a comma, and if the State operated under this option and by State law authorized this kind of a ballot, the Federal ballot and State ballot would all be on one sheet of paper. In other words, the existing law provides for one ballot. It is either exclusively a Federal ballot or it is a combined State and Federal ballot. Then it provides that such ballot shall be uniform in size and style of type, describing it, and shall contain the title of each office, and so forth and so on.

By contrast to that, title II of the conference report deals wholly and exclusively with the subject of the State ballot, and it makes most prominent the State ballot by the section in the beginning of the report:

Nothing in this act shall be deemed to restrict the right of any member of the armed forces of the United States or of any other person to vote in accordance with the law of the State of his residence.

Then comes title II, which sets up the changes in the State statutes which are recommended in order to straighten out the time table of events. Then come pages of facilities afforded to the State by the conference report bill, which they have not under the existing law, which they cannot compel under the State law. Pages 2, 3, and 4, down to section 207 (a), all relate exclusively to help to the

States to transmit their State ballot to the service men and women.

I might call attention to a few of the provisions. I have already called attention to the use of the post-card application, but I read now the last sentence on page 2:

The post cards referred to shall also, wherever practicable and compatible with military operations, be made available to such persons at appropriate times for use in general elections other than those referred to above and for primary and special elections.

There is not now a provision of that kind applicable to a single State of the Union for getting post-card applications for the State ballots to the right person at the right time by a commission. In fact, there is not any commission under existing law.

Mr. JACKSON. That is, the States would not be able to do that under Public Law 712?

Mr. AUSTIN. They would not be able to do it if we failed to adopt this report. There would be no ballot commission and no obligation to facilitate the obtaining of the post cards.

Then here is a function given to a post card which does not exist under the present law.

Mr. JACKSON. So far as my questions are concerned, the Senator need not go through the conference report by pages.

Mr. AUSTIN. It would save a good deal of time not to do so. Very much of title III, which relates to the Federal ballot, adds quite a good deal of insurance toward getting the material to the servicemen; that is, it carries within it information about elections that will reach the soldiers. These short-form ballots will go over in bulk by ship, instead of through the air, instead of occupying space on airplanes which should be carrying V-mail, in the proportion of something like 1,000 V-mail letters to 1 of the ballots. Instead of taking that space, the ballots can be shipped in bulk all over the globe, and can be delivered where they are needed months ahead of time. The only important point is that they arrive by October 1. That would be the deadline, if the report should become effective.

Mr. JACKSON. If the conference report should fail, does the Senator think the same object might be accomplished by some kind of an Executive order to carry the ballots back and forth?

Mr. AUSTIN. No; I do not.

Mr. JACKSON. I thank the Senator very much.

Mr. MILLIKIN. Mr. President—  
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. McFARLAND in the chair). Does the Senator from Vermont yield to the Senator from Colorado?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. MILLIKIN. First, I should like to say that I would oppose the suggestion I am about to make if anything came of it, but for the benefit of those who desire to get the largest number of votes from the soldiers, and who are not overly touchy about how far they are willing to intrude upon the States, the simple device of postponing the national election, which constitutionally we have the right to do,

by 1 day, would, as a practical matter, compel every State in the Union—except those which we might exempt, such, for example, as Kentucky and New Mexico, and those States which already have adequate absentee balloting laws—to call a special session of its legislature and during such special session adequate absentee ballot legislation could be adopted. I should oppose that, but it is a very mild intervention in the affairs of the States compared with what has been attempted here.

Mr. AUSTIN. I see the point. Now, Mr. President, I wish to refer to a letter of great importance to me from Macon Reed, a boy very much loved by many people, who was in our Gallery here as the representative of the Transradio Press, and who is now overseas. I wrote him and asked him some questions about the matter we are considering. As Senators know, he is a very shrewd observer.

This is what he replied to me:

As to the soldier vote, the idea is only slowly penetrating that we are being—indeed, by now I think have been—euchered out of it.

That was February 8, a month ago.

We didn't catch on at all the first time, but I think it is now coming clear and will be very clear, indeed, by election time. But I seriously doubt if there will be any great feeling of grievance among us or any specific resentment against those responsible. We have a tendency to take it easy on the political front and trust our people and leaders at home.

I asked my friend Gene Glenn, a level-headed lad from Centralia, Kans., how he felt about voting. With apologies (mine, not his) for his French, he said:

"Sure, I'd like to vote if they'd fix it so's a fellow could just go and vote. But if it is a lot of trouble and red tape, the hell with it. I figure the folks at home can take care of the election in good shape, all right."

Personally, I think it would be one of the most magnificent gestures of all history for an army of 10,000,000 men to cast its ballots in a democratic election right square in the middle of a war. But what a living tribute to the workability of our way of government and our sure faith in it. And what an object lesson to the peoples among whom we sojourn.

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It will be a miserable shame, I think, if we can't follow through with a genuine mass performance of the rite of voting.

He spells the word "r-i-t-e" with malice aforethought, I think. I continue to read:

Not that we want to get all riled up with political controversy, or are anxious to get in our 2 cents' worth. We overseas watch with interest, but with a certain detachment. I think, by and large, it is the wholesome attitude you would expect of a wholesome army—but I do think we could use more political news and views.

I have omitted a part of the letter.

I have taken specimen letters from the different theaters of operations so as to try and present a small graphic impression of how the soldier looks at this matter.

I have before me a letter from a Vermont boy, Donald M. Manley. He is a private first class in a Signal Corps outfit across the Atlantic. He wrote to me:

I would like to add that I was also very much impressed with what Congress has, and

is, doing with regard to soldiers voting. It strikes me that most of the politicians back home are trying to make it as difficult as possible for us to vote. Are they afraid of the outcome if we did voice our opinions by ballots instead of by writing them a letter? Letters can be thrown into a wastepaper basket and forgotten, but not a ballot. That must be the answer.

This is the first year that I will have the opportunity to vote, and I am going to go out of my way to exercise my right as a citizen of the United States, mainly to give myself the satisfaction that a few people in Washington couldn't stop this Vermonter from voting, no matter how tough they made it.

That, Mr. President, is interesting to me as bearing upon one feature of the conference report, and that is the provision for the use of post cards. We find on top of page 4:

Such post cards may be used, if State law permits, as applications for ballots under State absentee-balloting laws, as applications for registration under State absentee-balloting laws, or as the sources of information to implement State absentee-balloting laws.

That, Mr. President, is a very precious right. It enables boys who have never registered to become registered, and this man says:

I am going to go out of my way to exercise my right as a citizen of the United States—

He says he has never before cast a vote, but he is going out of his way to cast his vote. He will not have to go far. We will be making it easy for him, provided we adopt the conference report.

Here is an interesting letter from across the Pacific. In the letter came something which proves how well those boys are informed concerning what is going on here in Congress. It is a cartoon which shows the jungle filled with wild beasts, serpents, and so forth, and two of our boys wading through the water, their guns on their shoulders, and they come to a sign in the jungle which says:

If you have moved since you last voted do not forget to register.

It came in this letter, written by Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson. I omit the personal part:

I speak strictly in my status as a citizen of Vermont. Reference attached cartoon, which hits the spot out here, will you kindly show it to Senator AIKEN and Representative PLUMLEY? The question will always be remembered as this: Was States' rights employed to hamper and/or destroy ballots for Federal offices? Or are we wards needing guardians, as in the time of the first prohibition law?

Sincerely,

DANIEL WILSON.

Then here is another letter from still another corner of this war-torn world. This letter is from a chaplain:

As I understand it, you are a member of the joint conference committee to consider the problem of a Federal ballot for servicemen. As a serviceman I should like to express to you my personal opinion on this subject.

By the time of the Federal elections next fall I fully expect to be overseas. The passage of a Federal ballot bill would ease my mind from the anxiety of waiting for an ordinary absentee ballot to catch up with me. It would also relieve me from the anxiety of

not knowing whether it will be returned to my home State in time to be counted.

Beyond this personal reason, I am concerned for the honor of my country in this question. As a chaplain I am in a position to know the opinions and sentiments of a great number of enlisted men. And I honestly feel that the excitement created over this issue has aroused in the minds of thousands of soldiers and sailors a distinct expectation of receiving a Federal ballot. Army and Navy publications have given concrete evidence of this fact. Secretaries Stimson and Knox have spoken in favor of it. And I can testify that my cross-section view of the men in the ranks reveals the same desire for a uniform Federal ballot. They will feel dishonored and betrayed if their own Congress fails to give them what they regard as preeminently their privilege and their right.

You do not need to be told that the life of a soldier or a sailor is mainly a life of sacrifice, including perhaps the supreme sacrifice. For this reason he clings tenaciously to the few individual rights left to him—the right to worship, to receive mail from home, to be judged according to a strict and fair code of justice, and finally, to vote. All opinions to the contrary, I am sure that few servicemen would fail to vote in the coming Presidential elections if given a chance. They will scorn most bitterly a Congress which does not do everything in its power to facilitate this right. They will fight most valiantly for a Congress that honors not only their ability as warriors but also their dignity as citizens.

Mr. President, the point of all this is that we will respond to that noble sentiment if we show by our affirmative act here that we are willing to give the soldiers a separate Federal ballot as an assurance of their right and privilege to vote. They cannot obtain it under existing law. Let me modify that statement and say that they can obtain it if a State permitted the ballot to go out without having any State candidates on it.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. JACKSON. I wish to commend the distinguished Senator for reading into the Record the letters he has received dealing with the subject before the Senate. I join in the sentiments expressed therein. The letters sound to me like the speeches I heard made on the floor of the Senate a few weeks ago, shortly after I came to the Senate, speeches made by those working for the passage of the Green-Lucas bill, such as the Senator from Vermont. In view of the fact that the Senator has read several letters, I wish to say that I have just received the first letter from my eldest son since he left the port of embarkation, and he is now in the Pacific somewhere. His name is James Woodrow Jackson, and those of my friends who are of the political faith of the distinguished senior Senator from my State and the distinguished senior Senator from Illinois who sits here now, have said that he was named James for James Madison, and Woodrow for Woodrow Wilson, and they could guess about the remainder of his name. I want for him only the same ease of voting that I want for every other soldier. What I wish to know from the Senator from Vermont, or from any other source, is whether the adoption of

the conference report will accomplish that objective rather than to hamper its accomplishment.

Mr. AUSTIN. I spent 2 or 3 hours trying to determine that. In my judgment, when the Senator reads the provisions relating to machinery and Federal aid for getting the ballots to the members of the armed forces overseas, and when he realized the difficulties which interrupt the movement of the State ballots, he will feel certain that in the separate Federal ballot which is provided for by the conference report rests the sole assurance that his boy and other boys in similar situations will get a chance to vote. That is the sole assurance there is. I would not weary the Senate by reading the testimony relative to the difficulties, but I can tell the Senator that there are tremendous difficulties in respect to getting the State ballots to the men overseas.

Mr. TYDINGS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. AUSTIN. I yield.

Mr. TYDINGS. I was called out of the Chamber a moment ago when the Senator from Vermont was discussing, as I recall, the question whether a soldier in the United States proper could vote the Federal ballot, if by any chance he had applied for a State ballot and had failed to receive it. I was advised upon returning to the Chamber that the Senator from Vermont had stated that such a soldier in the United States could receive the Federal ballot because of the failure of the State to supply him with a State ballot.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. TYDINGS. I ask the Senator to permit me to finish stating my thought on this matter. As I read the language at the bottom of page 6 of the report, on which page title III commences, the last paragraph reads as follows:

No individual who is not included under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection shall be entitled to use, or be furnished, a ballot under this title.

Then I looked at the language farther up on the page in order to determine who would be the individuals not included under paragraphs (1) or (2). I find that they are members of the armed forces—

Mr. AUSTIN. Oh, no, Mr. President; let me interrupt the Senator at once. He went too many rungs up the ladder. This is the same trouble I have had with other Senators. The Senator did not read that word correctly. The word is "subsection", not "section."

Mr. TYDINGS. The language is "of this subsection"; is that correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. TYDINGS. It means subsection (b); does it?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes.

Mr. TYDINGS. I am merely requesting information. In other words, according to the way the bill is now drawn, it means that a soldier within or without the United States who has applied for a State ballot, but who has failed to receive it, can vote a Federal ballot, inso-

far as the Federal law is concerned. Am I correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes; the Senator is exactly correct. Let October 1 come along, and the soldier who has applied for a State ballot by September 1, but has not received it by October 1, can request a Federal ballot—and it will be there for him—without any doubt at all. He then can vote the Federal ballot. However, the use of the Federal ballot would not bar him from subsequently using a State ballot if it reached him. I want the Senator to note that there is nothing about the conference report which would bar such a soldier from voting a State ballot on the morrow. If a State ballot showed up after October 1 and if the soldier wanted to take a chance on having it get through in time, he could vote the State ballot; and if it reaches the polling place in time it will take precedence.

Mr. TYDINGS. It will?

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes; it will.

Mr. TYDINGS. I should like to ask the Senator another question at this point. I do not want to read along in the report and later have to ask the Senator another question. I ask the Senator where in paragraphs (1) or (2) it is specified that a soldier in the United States can vote.

Mr. AUSTIN. The Senator will notice that category (3) in section 302 (a) says "Members of the armed forces, inside the United States."

Mr. TYDINGS. Yes.

Mr. AUSTIN. They are persons to whom this title applies.

Mr. TYDINGS. Yes.

Mr. AUSTIN. Category (3) is a subsection of section 302 (a).

Mr. TYDINGS. Yes.

Mr. AUSTIN. Therefore, when we see it again, down in subsection (2)—

Mr. TYDINGS. Yes, Mr. President, that language reads:

(2) an individual referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a)—

Mr. AUSTIN. That is it.

Mr. TYDINGS. I continue to read: if he is a citizen of a State whose Governor has certified, prior to July 15 of the year in which the election is to be held, that the use of ballots provided for by this title is authorized by the laws of such State, even though the Governor thereof does not make the certification referred to in clause (A) of paragraph (1), but only if such individual states in his oath that, prior to September 1, he made application for a State absentee ballot but, as of October 1, has not received it.

That is the language the Senator relies upon to bring the soldier serving in America in proper possession of a Federal ballot; is that correct?

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct. He does not have to take any oath that he has not received a State ballot, at all. All he has to do is to take it.

Mr. TYDINGS. Yes; but even then, as I interpret the conference report, the soldier would not be permitted to receive that ballot if he were stationed in the United States, unless the State law authorized voting by Federal ballot.

Mr. AUSTIN. No; let me stop the Senator there?

Mr. TYDINGS. He would get it, all right; but the point is that it would not be counted or would not be legal unless the State had validated that type of balloting for voting.

Mr. AUSTIN. That is correct. The point I make right here is that the use of the Federal ballot must be authorized by the State, in order to have the ballot counted.

Mr. TYDINGS. Mr. President, the Senator from Vermont and I are in complete agreement about that.

Let me say further that it all boils down to this—and I make this statement in order that I may understand the philosophy of the conference report—that the State law as to the qualification of the absentee servicemen determines whether, regardless of what ballot the serviceman gets or votes, the ballot is valid and will be counted when it gets back to the ballot box.

Mr. AUSTIN. Yes; and no one except the State official shall judge that.

Mr. CONNALLY. That is specifically provided.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, I wish to be excused from stating further points about this matter at this time. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD, in connection with my remarks, a memorandum relative to the present soldier-vote law and the provisions agreed upon in the conference report.

There being no objection, the memorandum was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MEMORANDUM RE PRESENT SOLDIER VOTE LAW  
AND PROVISIONS AGREED UPON IN CONFERENCE  
REPORT

THE PRESENT LAW

1. Does not take a State ballot to the voter through any Federal Commission. Section 7.
2. Does not require the War and Navy Departments to expedite a State ballot.
3. Does not permit merchant marine to have either State or Federal ballot.
4. Does not authorize postal card for State ballot.
5. Does not provide for a separate official State war ballot.
6. Does not facilitate soldier voting at any election except for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress (secs. 1 and 3).
7. It does extend the primaries (sec. 13) in choosing candidates for Federal offices, but to no others, but this is futile because the post card is defective.
8. It does give an option to a secretary of state to provide for voting for candidates for State offices if State legislatures have authorized it.
9. This is not a separate ballot and lacks the advantage of a separate ballot for Federal offices which is light, short, and capable of being shipped in bulk.
10. There is no backstop in the existing law against failure. The soldier gets but one chance at voting.

THE CONFERENCE REPORT PROVIDES

1. Each soldier has two chances to vote, namely: By State ballot if it arrives in time; the Federal ballot if the State ballot does not arrive by October 1.
2. Only one application is required, and 12,000,000 post cards have already been distributed (sec. 203, pp. 3 and 5).

3. It extends the privilege of voting to a new category, namely, to those coming of age (sec. 204, p. 6).

(NOTE.—The existing law is limited to the election of Federal officers in this regard (sec. 1 and sec. 3, par. 712).)

4. It extends the privilege of voting to another new category, namely, voters in special elections and in primaries (sec. 201, par. 2, line 13; *supra*, (6) and (7)).

5. It provides Federal machinery for both Federal war ballots and State war ballots (sec. 303 (a) (Federal), secs. 203, 206 (State)).

6. It avoids the challenge of unconstitutionality by limiting operation of the act to voters of States that by law have authorized the use of Federal ballots (sec. 202).

(NOTE.—No such limitation is contained in par. 712.)

7. It extends the facilities of air mail to both Federal and State ballots (which was not granted by par. 712) (secs. 309 (a), 206 (a)).

8. It extends the frank to cover post cards, ballots, and envelopes including air mail.

9. It recommends to the several States reduction in weight and bulk (sec. 207 (e), par. 10).

Since the foregoing was drafted, a new category of voters has been added, namely:

10. Members of the armed forces inside the United States who reside in States that have no absent-voter laws enabling categories 1, 2, and 3 to vote, and will be entitled to the Federal ballot. This category is not required to make an oath that it has applied for a State ballot and has not received it. Such oath is not necessary because such an application would be fruitless.

Mr. GUFFEY obtained the floor.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. President, will the Senator yield to me?

Mr. GUFFEY. I yield to the Senator from Rhode Island, inasmuch as I understand he wishes to have a letter placed in the RECORD.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. President, I have received from Mayor LaGuardia, the brilliant mayor of the city of New York, a very interesting and illuminating letter about the soldier absentee-voting bill. I ask unanimous consent that the letter be read by the clerk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the clerk will read, as requested.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,  
New York, N. Y., March 11, 1944.

Hon. THEODORE F. GREEN,

United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: Knowing of your sincere interest to devise simplified machinery to permit men and women in the armed forces to vote, and also of the opposition with which you are confronted, it occurred to me that it would be interesting to you and your conferees on the committee to get an actual illustration of how the whole purpose may be defeated by resorting to so-called State ballot.

I would say that our State is practically 100 percent in favor of doing everything possible to give men and women in the armed forces an opportunity to vote in the coming election. There are some who believe in a State ballot. They are absolutely sincere but I believe they have not thought out the problem fully. Our Governor has made a very careful and complete study of this matter and I am sure that, in keeping with his usual care and thoroughness, he has put to work on this problem the very best minds and authority on election law and procedure. The result is a recommendation made by the

Governor to the State legislature asking for legislation to effectuate the voting of men and women in the armed forces through the medium of a State ballot. Here we have as simple a form as is possible to carry out a State ballot system of voting, the result of careful thought and study by the best minds and submitted in absolute sincerity. Yet it is a mess.

A study of this plan will show that any State ballot system is hopelessly impractical and impossible. It would require tons and tons of paper, thousands of men to carry out and supervise the voting, an enormous amount of time and result in such confusion that would delay the final count not for weeks but for months. Here are the requirements and, I repeat, this is a plan conceived in absolute good faith and in all sincerity by master minds:

1. Every member of the armed services desiring to vote would simply send to the secretary of state of New York his name, home address, and service address. Semiaddressed post cards may be distributed to the members of the armed services for this purpose or the soldier may send the simple information required in a letter, on a post card or a scrap of paper.

2. The war ballot commission would forward the post cards to the local election boards.

3. The election boards would then mail directly to the soldier voter a ballot and self-addressed return envelope, all of a size and weight complying with the wishes of the Army and Navy.

4. The soldier or sailor upon receiving his ballot would mark it for any or every office and mail it to the war ballot commission, which would forward all the ballots to the proper local election boards to be counted.

Let us examine this procedure. Take the State of New York.

There are 9,329 election districts in our State. There are about 1,225,000 men and women residents of the State of New York in the armed services. So we start off with 1,225,000 post cards to these men and women all over the world and await 1,225,000 replies. This adds up now to 2,450,000 pieces of mail. Then these must be sorted and distributed to 9,329 election districts, now making your total number of handlings 3,675,000. Then the 9,329 election districts must send out 1,225,000 ballots. We are now up to a total of 4,900,000 pieces of mail. The soldier mails it to the war ballot commission thus increasing the total number of handlings to 6,125,000 and they, in turn, will assort it and mail it to the 9,329 election districts. By now the total pieces of mail are up to 7,350,000. It is then finally counted and the vote added to the election returns. Just how the time can be synchronized with election day and the returns from each election district within the period before officials are to take office, considering the distances and the remote and numerous places the men and women are stationed has not and cannot possibly be worked out.

As I stated, the total number in our State is approximately 1,225,000 men and women. This represents slightly under 10 percent of the total number of men and women in the armed forces, and our voting population is slightly under 10 percent of the Nation's. Multiply and add the remaining 90 percent and you will get an inkling of what State ballots will mean or rather what it will not mean in voting results if a State ballot system is ultimately adopted.

Inasmuch as Presidential electors are elected by State, there necessarily must be 48 different ballots and must be counted by each State. Therefore the only means of really giving the soldiers and sailors an opportunity to vote and to have their vote counted, which, after all, is important, is to have one

form of ballot for each State with only Presidential and State-wide elected officials on such ballot. Beyond that, it is humanly and practically impossible to go if the votes are to be counted. Ballots should be shipped out at one time, and distributed as they arrive in each location at one time and then shipped from each location to a central point in the United States, to be distributed to each of the 48 States. In this way, we will have but 48 distributions instead of 150,000. There must be at least 150,000 units counting, tabulating and certifying to votes cast in an election. Now multiply the pieces of mail going to and fro, in accordance with the State plan, and the absurdity of such a plan will be realized. The soldiers may be given a vote in this way but that vote will never be counted. Let us not humbug the soldier.

I thought you might be interested:

Sincerely yours,

F. H. LAGUARDIA, Mayor.

Mr. GUFFEY. Mr. President, regardless of what men may say in or outside of this Chamber, the bald fact remains true and cannot successfully be disputed, that regardless of the section from which they come, there is a grave fear on the part of some that colored citizens or poor white citizens may, by reason of this bill and its provisions, obtain the right to vote which otherwise would be denied to them.

Equally it is true, and equally indisputable, that there are those who are thinking more of how, and for whom, the soldier will vote, than they are of whether he obtains the right to vote.

It was made very clear on the floor of the Senate in the course of debate in recent weeks that if Mr. Roosevelt would announce that he was not a candidate the provision for a Federal ballot could be passed within 30 minutes.

In short, two fears stand out. They are:

First, that if the simple ballot is provided some of the soldiers may cast a vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Second, that if the payment of the poll tax and registration are waived, the colored troops and poor whites may thereby obtain the right to cast a vote, which they cannot do under the so-called States' rights provision.

It is my firm conviction that if these two forces of fear prevail, few, if any, soldiers inside, and none outside, the United States will be able to vote for a Government which countless thousands of them are fighting and dying at this very moment to preserve.

Between those who are afraid to let our colored citizens and poor white citizens vote at all, and those who are afraid to let the soldiers vote for fear they will vote for Roosevelt, the Congress, if this bill becomes a law, will be perpetrating the greatest organized election steal since 1876, when the Republican Party were the beneficiaries of the Presidential election which was stolen from Samuel J. Tilden.

Can anyone believe that the verdict of the coming elections will be accepted as binding by those who have been deprived of the ballot or that those who have been deprived of the ballot will not feel entitled strongly to resent and to combat the policies which may be adopted as a result of this outrageous fraud and de-

liberate betrayal of democracy in the house of its friends?

Before acting on this bill, I should like to remind Senators of a certain hot summer day some 12 years ago, in 1932, when the previous occupant of the White House, President Hoover, issued orders to the Chief of Staff of the United States Army to send soldiers with fire and sword against the veterans of World War No. 1 who had peaceably assembled here in the city of Washington for the redress of their grievances.

I think it is well to recall that incident, because when this war is over there will be other veterans and they, too, may come to Washington and demand an accounting from a Congress which refused to allow them to exercise the right to vote and denied them a voice in the selection of Federal officers who will adopt policies which will govern the veterans of this war on their return to civil life.

This measure is not a service voting bill. It is a bill to disenfranchise 12,000,000 American citizens in the armed forces of the United States.

I warn the Senate and the country that Congress is playing with TNT when it attempts to put behind barbed wire, in a concentration camp, as it were, the men who are fighting and dying for America in Italy, in China, in the southwest Pacific, and in the skies over Germany—the men and women on whom we depend for the successful invasion of Europe.

Senators, do not hide behind outworn and false arguments. Stand up and be counted either for or against permitting all these young patriots to cast a simple ballot for the candidates of their choice, no matter what party label they wear.

#### INCREASES IN COMPENSATION TO SUBSTITUTE POSTAL EMPLOYEES—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. MCKELLAR submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 2836) to grant increases in compensation to substitute employees in the Post Office Department, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 2 and 3.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1; and agree to the same.

KENNETH MCKELLAR,  
CARL HAYDEN,  
WILLIAM M. LANGER,  
C. D. BUCK,

Managers on the part of the Senate.

T. G. BURCH,  
B. FRANK WHEELCHER,  
D. J. WARD,  
FRED A. HARTLEY, Jr.,  
N. M. MASON,

Managers on the part of the House.

Mr. MCKELLAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the conference report, with the understanding that the unfinished business will not be displaced.

There being no objection, the report was considered and agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. BARKLEY. I move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. McFARLAND in the chair) laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(For nominations this day received, see the end of Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following favorable reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance:

Lipe Henslee, of Dickson, Tenn., to be collector of internal revenue for the district of Tennessee, in place of Joe F. Hale; and

James P. Finnegan, of St. Louis, Mo., to be collector of internal revenue for the first district of Missouri, in place of Robert E. Hannegan, resigned.

By Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

John B. Tansil, of Montana, to be United States attorney for the district of Montana. (Mr. Tansil is now serving in this office under an appointment which expired February 12, 1944);

Theron Lamar Caudle, of North Carolina, to be United States attorney for the western district of North Carolina. (Mr. Caudle is now serving in this office under an appointment which expired February 9, 1944);

Timothy T. Cronin, of Wisconsin, to be United States attorney for the eastern district of Wisconsin, vice Berthold J. Husting, term expired;

Paul B. Messick, of Delaware, to be United States marshal for the district of Delaware, vice J. Leslie Ford, term expired; and

Charles H. Cox, of Georgia, to be United States marshal for the northern district of Georgia. (Mr. Cox is now serving in this office under an appointment which expired February 12, 1944).

By Mr. REYNOLDS, from the Committee on Military Affairs:

Several officers for appointment, by transfer, in the Regular Army.

By Mr. WALSH of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Naval Affairs:

Rear Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, United States Navy, to be a rear admiral in the Navy, for temporary service, to rank from the 16th day of May 1942;

Capt. Forrest B. Royal, United States Navy, to be a rear admiral in the Navy, for temporary service, to rank from the 27th day of October 1942;

Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith to be a lieutenant general in the Marine Corps for temporary service from the 28th day of February 1944;

Col. Walter G. Farrell to be a brigadier general in the Marine Corps for temporary service from the 25th day of November 1943; and

Sundry citizens and several meritorious noncommissioned officers to be second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

By Mr. MCKELLAR, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads:

Sundry postmasters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no further reports of committees, the clerk will state the nominations on the calendar.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The legislative clerk read the nomination of William A. M. Burden to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

Mr. BARKLEY. I ask that the President be immediately notified of the confirmation of this nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the President will be notified forthwith.

## POSTMASTERS

The legislative clerk proceeded to read sundry nominations of postmasters.

Mr. MCKELLAR. I ask unanimous consent that the nominations of postmasters be confirmed en bloc and that the President be immediately notified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the nominations of postmasters are confirmed en bloc; and, without objection, the President will be notified forthwith.

That completes the calendar.

## RECESS

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, in the hope that we may finish the conference report tomorrow, as in legislative session I now move that the Senate take a recess until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 54 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 14, 1944, at 11 o'clock a. m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 13 (legislative day of February 7), 1944:

## DIPLOMATIC AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Rudolf E. Schoenfeld, of the District of Columbia, now a Foreign Service officer of class 1, to act as chargé d'affaires of the United States of America near the Government of Luxembourg now established in London.

## TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

## To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. James Harold Doolittle (major, Air Reserve), Army of the United States.

## To be major general

Brig. Gen. Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg (major, Air Corps; temporary lieutenant colonel, Air Corps), Army of the United States.

## APPOINTMENTS, BY TRANSFER, IN THE REGULAR ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

## TO SIGNAL CORPS

First Lt. Burnis Mayo Kelly, Infantry (temporary lieutenant colonel), with rank from June 12, 1938.

## TO INFANTRY

First Lt. Vernon Price Mock, Cavalry (temporary lieutenant colonel), with rank from June 12, 1938.

First Lt. Thomas Henry Muller, Coast Artillery Corps (temporary major), with rank from June 11, 1943.

Second Lt. Benjamin Willis Mills, Jr., Coast Artillery Corps (temporary first lieutenant), with rank from January 19, 1943.

## TO AIR CORPS

First Lt. William Bailey Crum, Infantry (temporary captain), with rank from July 1, 1943.

First Lt. Newton Elder James, Infantry (temporary captain), with rank from June 12, 1942.

First Lt. Robert Belden Kuhn, Infantry (temporary major), with rank from June 14, 1941.

First Lt. Robert Morris, Coast Artillery Corps (temporary lieutenant colonel), with rank from June 12, 1938.

First Lt. Arthur Tilman Williams 3d, Cavalry (temporary major), with rank from June 12, 1942.

Second Lt. Jerald Morris Davies, Corps of Engineers (temporary captain), with rank from February 20, 1942.

Second Lt. James Edwin Foley, Corps of Engineers (temporary captain), with rank from February 20, 1942.

Second Lt. Thomas Terrell Jackson, Infantry (temporary first lieutenant), with rank from June 1, 1943.

Second Lt. Martin Cadenhead McWilliams, Infantry (temporary major), with rank from July 1, 1942.

Second Lt. Irving Richard Perkin, Infantry (temporary captain), with rank from June 11, 1941.

Second Lt. Boone Seegers, Infantry (temporary first lieutenant), with rank from January 19, 1943.

Second Lt. James McIndoe Winterbottom, Infantry (temporary captain), with rank from July 1, 1942.

## IN THE NAVY

The following-named chief warrant officers to be lieutenants in the Navy, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

Del L. Young	Theodore R. Cooley
Lee J. Delworth	Elmo D. Runyan
Jesse L. Holloway	Clyde B. Lee
Elof W. Hermanson	David R. Sword
Homer K. Davidson	Hubert W. Fisher
Percy D. Genereus	James Dyer

The following-named warrant officers to be lieutenants in the Navy, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

Grant E. Horsley	John D. Fuller, Jr.
Thomas E. Russell	Westley L. Larson
Richard K. Margetts	Marion C. Kelly
Wilfred E. Fleshman	William F. Gadberry
Salem D. Frey	Kenneth F. Shiffer
Walter W. Jones, Jr.	William W. Gribble
John E. King	Forrest A. Lees
Clyde C. Sapp	Milford C. Kendall
Elmer L. Prescott	Orville L. Beck

The following-named chief warrant officers to be lieutenants (junior grade) in the Navy, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

John W. Perdue
John H. Newcomb

The following-named warrant officers to be lieutenants (junior grade) in the Navy, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

Bernard M. Kassell	Laurence F. Seaman
Joseph B. Simpson	Joseph C. Lawrence

The following-named warrant officers to be ensigns in the Navy, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

Floyd X. Passmore
Raymond E. Dillon

The following-named chief pay clerks to be passed assistant paymasters in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

William C. Humphrey
Edgar M. Brown
Goff E. Manuel

The following-named pay clerks to be passed assistant paymasters in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant, to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

Arthur W. Shawkey
Adam P. Mastio
Creo Baldwin

Chief Pay Clerk Edward J. Hagen to be an assistant paymaster in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade), to rank from the 14th day of January 1944.

The following-named pay clerks to be assistant paymasters in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade), to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

James E. Corcoran	Henry C. Krueger
Francesco H. Barbero	Michael J. Knapp
Walter Barsz	John L. Warden
Joseph R. Shirley	John A. Keefer
Frank S. Bird	

The following-named acting pay clerks to be assistant paymasters in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade), to rank from the 14th day of January 1944:

Donald F. Kent
Lester F. Debil
John T. Barham

The following-named officers of the Naval Reserve to be ensigns in the Navy, to rank from the date stated opposite their names:

Harold R. Keller, Jr.	June 3, 1941.
Francis H. McClanan	June 21, 1941.
Forest H. McClanan	June 21, 1941.
Robert J. Beaudine	October 10, 1941.
William B. Troendle	October 16, 1941.

Assistant Surgeon Delphos O. Coffman to be an assistant surgeon in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade), to rank from the 8th day of September 1939, to correct the date of rank as previously nominated and confirmed.

The following-named officers of the Naval Reserve to be assistant paymasters in the Navy, with the rank of ensign, to rank from the date stated opposite their names:

George T. McCoy, Jr.	March 17, 1941.
Clark O. Martin	March 19, 1941.
Francis I. Lundquist	June 16, 1941.
Bryant W. Russell	September 24, 1941.
Edgar R. Bryant	September 24, 1941.
Robert O. Dodd, Jr.	February 13, 1943.
Calvin A. Vobroucek	March 15, 1944.

## PROMOTIONS, FOR TEMPORARY SERVICE

Capt. Allan E. Smith, United States Navy, to be a rear admiral in the Navy, for temporary service, to rank from the 5th day of November 1942.

Capt. Robert W. Hayler, United States Navy, to be a rear admiral in the Navy, for temporary service, to rank from the 16th day of January 1943.

## POSTMASTERS

The following-named persons to be postmasters:

## DELAWARE

Howard R. Elliott, Laurel, Del., in place of R. F. Quillin, deceased.

Albert I. Stafford, Middletown, Del., in place of E. E. Shallcross, resigned.

## FLORIDA

Edward L. Toof, Fern Park, Fla., in place of M. J. Barnett, resigned.

## IDAHO

Madge D. Becker, Hayden Lake, Idaho. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## ILLINOIS

Ralph Lavere Douglass, Adair, Ill. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

William G. Richardson, Astoria, Ill., in place of S. J. Schuman, resigned.

## KANSAS

Bessie M. Stafford, Easton, Kans. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Rosa E. Collier, Randall, Kans. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Philip Louthan, Simpson, Kans. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

La Vera Wheeler, Towanda, Kans. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## MAINE

Henry L. Holden, Jackman, Maine, in place of H. L. Holden. Incumbent's commission expired December 1, 1941.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Joshua T. Wilkinson, Charlton City, Mass. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## MICHIGAN

Charles C. Malosh, Lake, Mich. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Harry J. Skinner, McMillan, Mich. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Sister M. Margaret Rose Dushane, Nazareth, Mich. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Homer B. Fouts, Omena, Mich. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

James C. Bedell, Wakefield, Mich., in place of Arthur Cavender. Incumbent's commission expired June 23, 1942.

Mac Dust, Wellston, Mich. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Howard S. McCormick, Whitmore Lake, Mich. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## MINNESOTA

Ida S. Knauff, Glyndon, Minn. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Myrtle T. Ellingboe, Sunburg, Minn. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Theresa M. Reichensperger, Waite Park, Minn. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

George J. Klosterman, Woodstock, Minn. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Albert H. Sugg, Zumbro Falls, Minn. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## MONTANA

Bernard R. Carey, Crow Agency, Mont. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Orville C. Hanson, Gildford, Mont. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

John C. Abramson, Roberts, Mont. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Gertrude M. Neese, Savage, Mont. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## NEBRASKA

Mildred I. Onstot, Riverton, Nebr. Office became Presidential July 1, 1942.

J. Wilbur Brawner, Wilcox, Nebr. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## NEW JERSEY

Gerald J. Buchanan, Parlin, N. J., in place of J. F. Creamer. Incumbent's commission expired February 18, 1939.

## NEW YORK

Henrietta Fairbanks, Bainbridge, N. Y., in place of Henrietta Fairbanks. Incumbent's commission expired June 18, 1940.

Maria A. Goodwin, Blue Point, N. Y., in place of Josephine Adams, removed.

## NORTH CAROLINA

William Lewis Joyner, Rocky Mount, N. C., in place of W. G. Cherry, retired.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Horace T. Storm, New Leipzig, N. Dak., in place of W. E. Harke, transferred.

## OHIO

Muza R. Grove, Curtice, Ohio. Office became Presidential October 1, 1942.

Alice Salzman, Excello, Ohio, in place of John Roth, resigned.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Stanley V. Reppy, Plymouth, Pa., in place of T. V. Brennan, deceased.

Ernest F. Haeussler, Shillington, Pa., in place of R. D. Fister, removed.

Myrtus P. Spangenberg, Waymart, Pa., in place of M. L. McMahon, appointee declined.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Anna C. Liggett, New Underwood, S. Dak., in place of Kathleen McClaskey, resigned.

## TENNESSEE

Marvin M. McKnight, Bemis, Tenn., in place of Marvin McKnight. Incumbent's commission expired January 31, 1938.

## TEXAS

Mollie S. McHaney, Sylvester, Tex. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## VIRGINIA

Ruth O. Griffin, Newsoms, Va. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Alice L. Paxton, Oceana, Va. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Robert M. Bradshaw, Rice, Va. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## WASHINGTON

Amelia K. Stalding, Grayland, Wash. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Robert L. Van Arsdall, Lakeview, Wash. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Bertha M. Simmons, Milton, Wash. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Londa E. Green, Beaver, W. Va. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Edna E. Arnold, Bownmont, W. Va. Office became Presidential July 1, 1943.

Kittie C. Kirk, Kermit, W. Va., in place of J. L. Dunn, removed.

John J. Mathison, Wheeling, W. Va., in place of W. L. Brice, removed.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 13 (legislative day of February 7), 1944:

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

William A. M. Burden to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

## POSTMASTERS

## HAWAII

Alfred Fernandes, Waimea.

## IOWA

Ambrose J. Leinshauser, Agency.

Ruth Longenecker, Aurora.

Earl T. Van Metre, Clemons.

Lena Berg, Lockridge.

Velma Olson, McCallsburg.

Donald F. Sturtz, Montour.

William H. Lamoureux, Salix.

Anton Balik, Spillville.

Hannah Nelson, Stratford.

## LOUISIANA

Linus A. Sims, Hammond.

Irma Hawsey Chandler, Pineville.

## OKLAHOMA

Elijah E. Meggs, Fort Towson.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1944

The House met at 12 o'clock noon, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Thou God of all grace and Father of all goodness, wilt Thou sanctify our affections that our ways may be directed into the great undiscovered realm of the soul. Help us to begin this day, scorning every brand of littleness and lift our heads as men who have a great expectation, pledging to keep our minds on pure and unselfish thoughts and our ambitions on worthy objects.

Thou who art the power not of ourselves, let us fold away all fears and strive for that which dignifies society and life and for that which makes a man among men, and all that links him to the attainment of the best type of citizenship. O grant to this great people a deeper sense of divine dependence and self-assertion, a more ardent desire to love Thy law with obedience. May all

selfish power be curbed and intemperate speech restrained that the light of knowledge may rise upon a thorough understanding. We pray that every power and faculty we possess be consecrated to the work of promoting the kingdom of justice and peace among men. In a world which has lost its way, may our presence in this memorable Chamber be an omen of good, a sign of might, and a token that we are pledged to humanity and our Government. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Friday, March 10, 1944, was read and approved.

## EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include a radio address made by myself in New York on Friday before the Citizens for Victory.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WRIGHT]?

There was no objection.

(Mr. LEMKE and Mr. BOYKIN asked and were given permission to extend their own remarks in the RECORD.)

## PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that at the conclusion of the legislative business for the day and after any special orders heretofore entered I may be permitted to address the House for 30 minutes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SCOTT]?

There was no objection.

## EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. McGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the Appendix of the RECORD and to include therein a Mount Vernon, Ohio, news article entitled "Unjustly Accused."

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. McGREGOR]?

There was no objection.

Mr. KEARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the Appendix of the RECORD and to include therein an editorial on the death of a former Member of this House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York [Mr. KEARNEY]?

There was no objection.

Mr. O'BRIEN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include therein a speech I made yesterday at Manhattan Center in New York.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York [Mr. O'BRIEN]?

There was no objection.

Mr. MASON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include therein an article by David Lawrence on the subject Do We Deserve Peace?

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MASON]?

There was no objection.

(Mr. BENNETT of Michigan asked and was given permission to extend his own remarks in the Appendix of the RECORD.)

Mr. GAVIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the Appendix of the RECORD and to include therein an article from the St. Mary's Press.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GAVIN]?

There was no objection.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the Appendix of the RECORD and to include therein a resolution adopted by the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese of the Polish National Church.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York [Mr. ANDREWS]?

There was no objection.

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include therein an article appearing in the February 21 edition of Broadcasting.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. WIGGLESWORTH]?

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include therein an address by the Honorable Dwight Griswold, Governor of Nebraska.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. MILLER]?

There was no objection.

Mr. MICHENER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include therein an editorial.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. MICHENER]?

There was no objection.

#### QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege, and wish to follow it by a unanimous-consent request. I wish to raise the question now and then follow it by the request.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman withhold his point of order?

Mr. RANKIN. No. I think the Members of the House ought to be here.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Then I am not going to raise my question of personal privilege now.

Mr. RANKIN. I am going to insist on my point of order. I think the Members of the House ought to be here.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I withdraw my request, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

#### CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following Members failed to answer to their names:

[Roll No. 42]

Allen, Ill.	Gibson	Morrison, La.
Andersen	Gifford	Mruk
H. Carl	Gilchrist	Murray, Wis.
Baldwin, Md.	Gillette	Myers
Baldwin, N. Y.	Gorski	Newsome
Barry	Gossett	Norman
Beall	Hall,	O'Leary
Bell	Leonard W.	O'Toole
Bender	Harless, Ariz.	Pfeifer
Buckley	Harness, Ind.	Philbin
Burch, Va.	Harris, Va.	Phillips
Burdick	Hart	Plumley
Butler	Hays	Ramey
Camp	Heffernan	Ramspack
Cannon, Fla.	Hendricks	Randolph
Capozzoli	Hertler	Reece, Tenn.
Celler	Hobbs	Rivers
Chapman	Hoch	Robertson
Chenoweth	Holifield	Rodgers, Pa.
Cooley	Jarman	Rogers, Calif.
Costello	Jennings	Satterfield
Cox	Johnson	Scanlon
Dawson	J. Leroy	Short
Delaney	Jonkman	Smith, Va.
Dickstein	Kee	Smith, W. Va.
Dies	Kelley	Somers, N. Y.
Dirksen	Kennedy	Stearns, N. H.
Domengeaux	Keogh	Stockman
Douglas	Klein	Thomas, N. J.
Drewry	Knutson	Tibbott
Eaton	Lamberton	Torrens
Ellison, Md.	Lane	Vorys, Ohio
Elmer	LeFevre	Ward
Fay	Luce	Wasielewski
Feighan	McGhee	Welchel, Ohio
Flanagan	McMurray	Weiss
Fogarty	Maas	Wene
Fuller	Madden	West
Fulmer	Magnuson	White
Furlong	Manasco	Wilson
Gale	Marcantonio	Winter
Gamble	Miller, Mo.	Monrone
Gerlach		

The SPEAKER. Three hundred and three Members have answered to their names. A quorum is present.

By unanimous consent, further proceedings, under the call, were dispensed with.

#### QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Michigan rise?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, in the Detroit News of February 3, 1944, there was printed the following:

C. P. Quinn, president of the C. I. O. council, disclosed that a resolution condemning Hoffman for "seditious statements and activities" was passed by the council Tuesday night.

The resolution declares: "This Fascist-minded Congressman has thus climaxed a long record of pro-Fascist activities and by such seditious implications has laid himself open to immediate Federal action under the Espionage Act which places such utterances as this in wartime as treason and aid to the enemy."

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks the gentleman has stated a matter of privilege.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may take this matter up and discuss it upon the conclusion of the discussion and action on the so-called Indian bill.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks and to include a letter from Randolph Paul, of the Treasury Department, on tax simplification.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. EBERHARTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks and insert in the Appendix of the RECORD copies of remarks made by me in New York City on Saturday, March 11, memorializing the invasion of Austria by Germany.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. HÉBERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

#### INVESTIGATORIAL SERVICE OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. CANNON of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. CANNON of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, supplementing my remarks of December 1, 1943, and March 9, 1944, on the efficient and economical system of investigation employed with such success by the Committee on Appropriations, I submit for the RECORD a letter from Chairman Donald M. Nelson, of the War Production Board, as follows:

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD,

March 11, 1944.

DEAR MR. CANNON: Messrs. Francis X. A. Eble and Bernard Connor, who are special employees of the staff designated by your committee to conduct special studies, have presented their credentials and are currently engaged in examining the administrative structure and the operations of the War Production Board. These gentlemen have impressed my staff with their practical knowledge of Federal administration and their sympathetic understanding of the many problems confronting an agency of this size and complexity. I want you to be assured that every courtesy is being extended to them.

I have been concerned for some time over the manner of conveying to your committee a full understanding of our problems and operations in the time allowed for budget hearings each year. Reviews of the type now being conducted by Messrs. Eble and Connor will establish closer working relationships between your committee and the Board. A precedent has now been established which should prove mutually helpful. I welcome the opportunity to furnish any information your committee may require in its deliberations.

Sincerely,

DONALD M. NELSON,  
Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, this letter is typical of many expressions received by the committee and is indicative of the helpful cooperation received by the committee from the departments. The service is of

mutual benefit to the executive and legislative branches of the Government and not only results in a more complete understanding of the problems to be dealt with but materially lessens the burden of work of both the departments and the committee.

The SPEAKER. The time of the gentleman has expired.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

MR. PITTINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks in the RECORD and include an article written by former Congressman Oscar J. Larson from the Eighth Minnesota District, which appeared in the Virginia (Minn.) Daily Enterprise of Monday, February 14, 1944.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

MR. PITTINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks and include an editorial from the Virginia Daily Enterprise, of Virginia, Minn., under date of March 7, 1944.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

MR. IZAC. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and include therein a letter.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

#### SHOTGUNS AND AMMUNITION FOR FARMERS

MR. STEVENSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

[Mr. STEVENSON addressed the House. His remarks appear in the Appendix.]

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

MR. EDWIN ARTHUR HALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks and include a recent radio address.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

#### THE HALL FURLough BILL

MR. EDWIN ARTHUR HALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute, and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

MR. EDWIN ARTHUR HALL. Mr. Speaker, the report which has come to me from my district of soldiers and sailors of the American armed forces bumming their way home through snowstorms, through sleet and through rain, without any opportunity of having a way to get home after they have been given a 10-day furlough, and after exhausting practically all of their furlough en route, leaving only a day for them to see their loved ones at home, is a sad commentary upon the treatment which Uncle Sam is giving the boys in the armed forces.

I sincerely hope that the Hall furlough bill which has been proposed a number of times before the House will be given immediate consideration, especially when one considers that the coming invasion of Europe is not far off. There will be millions of men leaving the country and as many as possible should be given a chance to go home before they go. My bill will provide each one of these men and women with a travel certificate so everybody who is entitled to a furlough will be able to take advantage of it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

MRS. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that after the other special orders today I may address the House for 10 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

#### INVESTIGATION OF CONDITIONS OF INDIANS

MR. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I call up the resolution, House Resolution 166, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas a concurrent resolution of the South Dakota State Legislature memorializes the Congress of the United States to institute an investigation and study to determine the necessity and advisability of revising the Federal laws and regulations relating to Indian affairs pointing out that—

(a) Most of the said existing laws and regulations were formulated at a time when all the Indians were considered as wards and dependents of the Federal Government and incapable of assuming the duties, obligations, and station of citizenship; and

(2) Most of the Indian inhabitants of the Nation have now been accorded the legal status of citizenship and have advanced in education and progress along the lines of racial development to a point where they should be treated as full citizens, and most of the restrictions and regulations limiting their rights and freedom of action should be removed; and

(3) Many of the Indian inhabitants of the Nation are now graduates of high schools and colleges, and all of them are capable of receiving full high school and college education; and

(4) Many of our Indian citizens have entered loyally into the present war and assumed the risks and duties of active warfare on the same basis as other citizens of the Nation, and their efforts should be recognized and rewarded accordingly; and

Whereas members of the Indian affairs committee of the South Dakota State Legislature made a personal inspection of living conditions on a typical Indian reservation in South Dakota and there found many of our American Indians living in deplorable conditions, lacking adequate protection against winter weather and suffering from inadequate nourishment, and inadequate sanitary and health provisions; and

Whereas it is believed that many American Indians living on reservations in other States of the Union are similarly lacking in the minimum essentials of living conditions which provide for healthful development and for their eventual assimilation into the general population of the United States: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs, or a duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized and directed to conduct an investigation to determine whether the changed status of the Indian and the

conditions under which he now lives require a revision of the laws and regulations affecting the American Indian and to prepare recommendations to Congress for the enactment of any needed legislation to improve the status and advance the opportunity of the American Indian.

The committee shall report to the House as soon as practicable during the present Congress the results of its investigations, together with such recommendations for legislation and changes of policy and program as it deems desirable.

For the purposes of this resolution the committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act during the present Congress at such times and places within the United States, whether or not the House is sitting, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, and to take such testimony as it deems necessary. Subpoenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any member designated by him, and may be served by any person designated by such chairman or member.

With the following committee amendment:

Page 1, strikes out the whereases.

MR. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, this is the so-called Mundt resolution, giving the Committee on Indian Affairs authority to make investigation for the purpose of effecting economy and saving through a gradual liquidation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and putting the Indians on their own, as the gentlemen who appeared before the Rules Committee stated. At present the operation of the Indian Office costs \$33,000,000 a year; and we have an Indian population of about 350,000. It is estimated that savings in administration of Indian affairs would amount to ten or fifteen million dollars a year after this proposed investigation.

I had been informed and I informed the gentlemen when they appeared before the Rules Committee that the other legislative body has been making an investigation for a "short" period of about 18 years; that it has about 40 volumes of evidence and reports and has made some recommendations; but aside from publishing a report in June 1943, nothing has been done, no legislation has been enacted to remedy some of the evils or reduce costs. The Indian Committee feels that something should be done in behalf of the Indians, and at the same time in behalf of our Government to save unnecessary expenditures.

Personally, of course, I do not have very many of these Indians in my district to whom this would apply. I have some very friendly Indians to whom this legislation would not apply. They would not cost the Government anything. Nevertheless, I am interested that something should be done to effect a release of the real Indian from Government wardship, because many of these Indians today possess as thorough intelligence and knowledge of their own affairs as have white men, and they do not need to be any longer under the wardship of Uncle Sam. The proponent of the resolution, the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. MUNDT], and members of the Committee on Indian Affairs, I am sure, will explain the need more fully than I can.

I am informed that the gentleman from Missouri, my beloved friend [Mr. COCHRAN], desires 10 minutes in opposition to the resolution. I have stated to him that I will be only too pleased to yield him that time, but I will have to get some of the time from the other side. I do not suppose I will have any trouble in getting a little time for him. If I am unsuccessful, I will have to reduce the time I have promised to the other three gentlemen.

I well remember that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN] has frequently opposed appropriations for investigating committees.

Although I dislike to take any more time, I cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN], as chairman of the Committee on Accounts, has seen fit to recommend large sums of money year after year to investigating committees, which appropriations I have felt and still feel should not have been approved. I concede that some of the investigating committees have not, after long investigations, effected any remedial legislation. I am not going to call attention to the sum of money allotted for the Dies committee or any other investigating committee, which Dies committee, unfortunately, has gone far afield from the original intent of the Congress.

For instance, the Dies committee was created to investigate un-American activities of Communists, Fascists, and Nazi organizations and individuals, but in the last 3 or 4 years it has devoted practically all its time to investigating personnel of various departments and independent agencies and has actually failed, especially since Pearl Harbor, to properly investigate the Nazi, Fascist saboteurs, and has persisted in finding fault with organized labor and the so-called Communists. This when everybody must know that ever since Pearl Harbor, regardless of what some of the misguided so-called Communists might have said here and there before Pearl Harbor, they have continuously favored and assisted their country in every way in an effort to effect early victory.

Of course, there are other committees that have received much larger allotments of money than this proposed investigation would cost, but when the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN] stated that no committee has ever succeeded after an investigation in effecting remedial legislation, I know that today he does not mean to include all committees. He must agree with me when I say that the Select Committee to Investigate Real Estate Bondholders' Reorganizations saved thousands upon thousands of people's investments and brought about a reduction of the inex-  
cusably high fees of lawyers, trustees, receivers, and depositories under section 77B of the Bankruptcy Act, and it took out of the clutches of these so-called protective committees, which name is a misnomer, hundreds of properties in be-  
half of the rightful owners, the bondholders.

That select committee also brought to light the abuses and the nefarious activities of a few manipulators who destroyed

about 42 small life-insurance companies and saved thousands upon thousands of policyholders. Yes; that select committee succeeded in effecting two amendments of the Bankruptcy Act and precluded for the future the wholesale imposition of investment bankers and speculators upon the public.

Had the other legislative body acted upon my original bill as it passed the House, we would have eliminated the professional receiver and trustee and would have taken the rightful owners out of the clutches, I repeat, of the trustees who are still in possession of the remaining properties they have not as yet bartered away.

Moreover, at that time the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN] did not realize to what extent 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 American investors had been not only imposed upon but actually robbed of their life savings. That select committee also investigated many suspected judges, a few of whom were obliged to resign, and some later were removed from the bench.

So I say that some investigating committees can be of real service to the people of the country, and I am pleased to say that I had the high honor to be chairman of that Select Committee to Investigate Real Estate Bondholders' Reorganizations, the only select committee of which I have been a member during my long service here.

I was fully aware that the powerful investment bankers and these men who came into control of the \$20,000,000,000 of bonds and property belonging to the bondholders—the receivers, trustees, trust companies, banks, title and insurance companies—left no stone unturned to undermine the progress of that select committee. Notwithstanding the tremendous influence of these powerful men and organizations, I defy anybody to say that a great deal of good was not accomplished by our investigation.

If it were not imperative that we devote all our energies to winning the war, I would urge that another select committee be created to further investigate the activities of many of these trustees who came into possession of hundreds of these valuable properties and operated them not in the interest of the bondholders but for their own profit and purpose.

In view of all this, I feel that, inasmuch as this resolution authorizes the Indian Committee itself to make the investigation and that it will not cost any more than \$15,000, according to the chairman's statement, and it may save from ten to fifteen million dollars annually, the resolution should receive favorable consideration.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the remainder of my time and shall yield the usual 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN].

I am obliged to reserve 10 minutes for the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN]. If the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] wishes to proceed now, I will yield to him and will thereafter yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr.

COCHRAN] and reserve the remainder of my time.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COOPER). The gentleman from Ohio is recognized for 2 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I may say to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, the chairman of the Committee on Rules, that for once at least we find ourselves in agreement in support of a measure before this House, House Resolution 166, which as the chairman of the Committee on Rules has so ably stated, simply authorizes the House Committee on Indian Affairs to proceed with an investigation, and giving that committee the power to subpoena witnesses and compel the production of records and papers, in connection with the expenditure of public funds for the benefit of the Indians under the control and supervision of the United States Government.

I may say, Mr. Speaker, that in considering this measure we must remember that during the past 25 years there has been something like \$600,000,000 of public funds spent in behalf of the Indians, and for their care and advancement. At the present time we have in the United States approximately 360,000 Indians with approximately another 40,000 Indians in Alaska. Of these, between 75,000 and 150,000 are said to live white men's lives.

There is some question, a grave question, as to whether or not the continued expenditure of these huge sums is necessary for the best interests of the Indians and of the country. It is true that the other body of this Congress has had an investigation in recent years, but seemingly has done nothing about it. I am convinced from my study of this matter that the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House can, in a few short weeks, make a careful and comprehensive study and investigation of this matter; and perhaps report back to this body legislation that will result in great economies and great savings to the people of the United States, as well as greater justice and better treatment for the Indians. So I support this measure which was unanimously reported by the Committee on Rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Ohio has expired.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 10 minutes to the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. MUNDT].

Mr. SABATH. Just one minute before the gentleman yields—

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. I will defer to the gentleman from Illinois if he wants to yield to somebody on his side first.

Mr. SABATH. No; go right ahead.

Mr. COCHRAN. They all, Mr. Speaker, want to reserve their time. Everyone apparently wants to follow me. I am willing to talk now. I am willing to state my case now.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Does the gentleman from Missouri want to proceed at this time?

Mr. COCHRAN. I am willing to proceed now. You all want to take advantage of this situation. The gentleman has already yielded to the gentleman from South Dakota. You all know I am against the resolution. I am willing to give my side before the proponents state their case if that is the advantage you want.

Mr. SABATH. If there is any question about it, let the gentleman from Montana [Mr. O'CONNOR] proceed now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is in position to recognize any Member to whom time may be yielded.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am always ready to cooperate with the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. COCHRAN. I will proceed. Let them answer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. How much time is the gentleman yielded?

Mr. SABATH. The gentleman is so kindly disposed I will let him have 10 minutes out of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri is recognized for 10 minutes.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, the preamble of this resolution has been stricken out but if anyone will read it he or she will see that the suggestion for this resolution originated in the Legislature of South Dakota. The Legislature of South Dakota expressed the hope that the Congress would do something in regard to the laws and the administration of the laws by the Indian Bureau. The preamble further calls attention to the fact that the legislators of South Dakota did not like the manner in which the Indians were being treated at one reservation in South Dakota.

It would have been very easy to have referred this matter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and let him correct the situation if it needed correcting, but instead we have presented to us a resolution providing for an investigation by the Committee on Indian Affairs of this House.

Mr. Speaker, I know that for the last 18 years the Senate of the United States has been investigating this subject. Over 40 volumes of testimony has been taken and is available from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Aside from that, Mr. Speaker, this committee of the Senate has made reports from time to time. Last June it made a report, and in my opinion that report is the cause of this resolution. You talk about comity between the two bodies. What will result if this resolution passes will be an effort to endeavor to get a House committee to repudiate the views of four outstanding Senators, Senator THOMAS of Oklahoma, the chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Senate for the past 12 years; Senator CHAVEZ, Senator WHEELER, of Montana, coauthor of the Wheeler-Howard act; and Senator SHIPSTEAD, of Minnesota, each and every one of them having any number of Indians in their States, men who have disclosed throughout their services in the Senate that they are absolutely in favor of helping the American Indian.

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COCHRAN. No; I am going to use all my time. I have but 10 minutes. The balance of time, 50 minutes, goes to those in favor of the resolution.

Mr. CASE. Will not the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. COCHRAN. I refuse to yield, Mr. Speaker. If I can get some time I will yield to the gentleman or any other Member. Surely the opposition should be permitted to use the 10 minutes allotted.

Mr. Speaker, in June the Senate committee made 33 recommendations. Those recommendations, if carried out, would revolutionize the handling of the Indians in this country by our Government. Besides making recommendations they state in their report the amounts that can be saved. So far as I know those recommendations have not been placed in bills, they are not before the Congress; but those recommendations aroused the ire of certain officials of this Government who are in charge of the administration of our Indian laws. That statement cannot be denied. Further I understand the Commissioner of Indian Affairs favors this resolution. Yes, it was the Senate report that excited those who were criticized by that report. I long ago learned the Indian Bureau did not want anyone to tell them how to handle the Indians. Their resentment is what is back of this resolution. They want to repudiate by the hearings that might be held what the Senate committee has said. That report was based, as I say, on investigations over a period of 18 years. If this resolution passes today there will be immediately filed another resolution which will be sent to the Committee on Accounts to give the committee money in order to make the investigation. Why, you could not scratch the surface in an Indian investigation between now and next January. It would be absolutely impossible, with the reservations scattered all over the country.

Let me call your attention to another matter. We have now practically 25 authorities set up by your Rules Committee for investigations by select committees and legislative committees of this House. Well over a million dollars are being spent by those committees. When you talk about waste, extravagance, and the expenditure of public money that should not be made, and when you vote on this resolution, think of these speeches that you have made, especially my friends on the Republican side. It will cost money to make this investigation and once it is started try to stop it. That is the history of investigating committees of this House—start them, and Members want them to go on forever. I am very sorry to say that in the main very little legislation follows the work of an investigating committee. That is the record. Some have brought good results, I admit.

There is not one sound reason why this resolution should be adopted today. We have matters of grave importance before this body which require the presence here of the members of the Indian Affairs Committee and we should not

send them on a joy ride from reservation to reservation taking testimony. If they will go over the Senate report, pick out what they feel is good and bring in a bill here, if it will better conditions and save money, I will vote for it. Let us eliminate these unnecessary expenditures. No one individual has the right to make the statement that if this House passes the pending resolution today it means a saving of \$15,000,000. How are you going to better their condition if you do not give them more money? I say to you it would be a mistake to put another investigating committee to work in this House when there is absolutely no reason whatsoever for it. I appeal to those interested to go through the 40 volumes of testimony that have been taken by the friends of the Indians in the Senate. The Indians themselves have been heard, their lawyers have been heard, the organizations in this country that have been organized for assisting the purpose of the Indians have been heard. All the information you need is there and if the Indian Affairs Committee wants it all they have to do is to study that record.

Mr. Speaker, may I say again that this forum should not be used to repudiate the action of the Senate committee. The House Committee on Indian Affairs is in control. They do not have to bring in legislation here unless they approve it and if they do not approve the report of the Senate committee they do not have to report a bill from that committee even though it passed the Senate; so why start a fight between the Indian Affairs Committee of the House and the Indian Affairs Committee of the Senate to satisfy those who are administering our Indian laws?

It costs money to send committees around the country. It costs money to pay their hotel bills, and if you pass this resolution you are going to have to provide the money. I sincerely hope, regardless of what will be stated by Members who favor this resolution, that the House will vote it down. The opposition has but 10 minutes, friends of the resolution will take the remaining 50 minutes. No one can answer any argument they make.

In conclusion, let me read to you a statement, and I will say I am surprised to see it come from this gentleman. It proves to you that what I say in reference to those administering the laws is true. This is at the bottom of a letter written to Senator THOMAS of Oklahoma by Secretary Ickes. He says to Senator THOMAS:

The report is a disservice to the committee, to yourself, and to the purposes, objectives, and achievements of our Government in its dealings with the affairs of our oldest minority.

You complain about people up town telling the Congress of the United States what it should do and what it should not do in reference to changing and administering laws, but you make no complaint about that strong language.

Find out whether or not the laws are properly administered, whether regulations have been adopted that are harmful, and, if you make that charge,

then you have a committee already set up with plenty of money that is charged with making just such an investigation; to determine whether the laws are being administered as Congress intended and to determine whether they have gone beyond the laws in adopting rules and regulations. That is the committee presided over by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SMITH]. I know if you make charges that they are not properly administering the laws, and that the regulations go beyond the laws, and you make your request, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SMITH] will make an investigation and he will respond immediately.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman 1 additional minute.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COCHRAN. I yield to the gentleman from New York as the time was allotted for that purpose.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. If we pass this resolution and bring a bill in here to improve the condition of the Indians, in place of reducing the cost it will increase it. I am speaking as a member of the subcommittee having to do with the Indian Bureau. I am in sympathy with the Indians and I believe we should do everything possible for them, but to rise here and say it is going to reduce the cost is not a fact, it cannot do anything of the kind. If you are going to improve the condition of the Indians it will probably double the cost or add 50 percent or more to it.

Mr. COCHRAN. The gentleman from New York is absolutely right. I regret, Mr. Speaker, the time is not more evenly divided. Now you will only hear from those favoring this investigation. Much more could be said why this resolution should not pass, but time is not available. Those who will speak have been here for years. If conditions are bad, as they will say, then let them explain why they have not brought in legislation that would have provided better treatment for the Indians.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Missouri has expired.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 10 minutes to the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. MUNDT].

Mr. MUNDT. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 166 has been before the Congress from the standpoint of being before committees for a long time. I do not want the House to feel that my resolution was inspired by Senate Report No. 310, which was issued last June, however, because my bill was introduced here in March a year ago. There were hearings before the Indian Affairs Committee a year ago and that committee by unanimous vote approved the resolution on the 23d day of March 1943, several months before Senate Report 310 was ever brought out. The Rules Committee, as you have heard it said, gave its approval to this bill on the 3d day of March, this year. So much by way

of straightening out the record and by way of reiterating the facts.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say first of all, in response to my good friend from New York [Mr. FITZPATRICK] because I know he is a friend of the Indians—I have been before his committee—that it is possible to improve the status of the Indians and at the same time decrease the cost of the Indian Service. That is so for this reason: At the present time there is no legislative method by which you can determine when an Indian comes out from under his special status and as a result the Indian Office itself is overburdened with having to account for many people leading a white man's life, but who are still classified as Indians and retaining wardship attributes, and there is no legal manner in which they can be removed from that status. So it is possible, on the one hand, to decrease the cost annually, and on the other hand, to do more for the Indians who actually require help from the Indian Office.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MUNDT. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Our Subcommittee on Appropriations never had any evidence that it would decrease, but on the contrary, it would increase the cost.

Mr. MUNDT. That is true under prevailing conditions only.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. That is the testimony before our committee. I am in sympathy with the Indians.

Mr. MUNDT. I am sure you are. It will continue to be an increasing cost until we can find some legal method which we hope will develop from an investigation such as the one I am proposing for taking from the rolls all Indians who should not be there, actually defining the problem confronting us, and then developing a constructive program destined to give fairness and freedom to the American Indian. We propose to suggest methods by which the Government can increasingly help the Indians to better be able to help themselves.

In short, Mr. Speaker, it is a threefold purpose that this resolution hopes to accomplish. In the first place, it hopes to improve the status of the American Indian, as I have already indicated. That is our first objective. That is our fundamental purpose. It is our primary goal.

The second is to decrease annual appropriations, and to do that by requiring the Indian Office and the various services to devote their functions and services to the Indians in need of it, and not to the vast population of Indians determined by the Census to have some little portion of Indian blood but needing no help. We have to define the problem and that is one thing this investigating committee hopes to do.

In the third place, we hope to set up a pattern which will work toward the eventual elimination entirely of the Indian Office, not abruptly, not in the next 5 or 10 years, but after the Indian problem has been solved, by a series of constructive measures. It would be unnecessary to maintain the Indian Office at all had we done this 50 years ago. The

chances are that today your subcommittee, Mr. FITZPATRICK, would not be bothering at all with Indian appropriations had Congress adopted a sound and beneficial program 50 years ago. It is my hope the Mundt resolution will help produce such a program.

Our Committee on Indian Affairs hopes to apply this simple test to every existing Indian policy and every proposed Indian policy coming before us. It is this: Does it hasten the day when the Indian can become an independent citizen and take his rightful place in our American economic and political activity? That is one rule we seek to apply to this problem. I believe it is a sensible standard to keep before us.

Mr. DISNEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MUNDT. I yield.

Mr. DISNEY. The gentleman from Missouri has stressed the Senate report and has rather implied that action in passing this resolution would be a repudiation of the Senate report of last year. I do not want to be in the attitude of voting for a resolution that would be a repudiation of the report by the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. MUNDT. No; of course not.

Mr. DISNEY. The people in my State are interested in this matter and I should like some light on it.

Mr. MUNDT. I will be happy to comment upon that. In the first place, our investigation cannot be a repudiation of any report, because we hope to consult the facts and bring in testimony, and after that conclude our resolutions. We have no idea where these resolutions will lead at this time. We are neither dedicated to the repudiation of the report nor to its endorsement. We expect to engage in neither a whitewash nor a witch hunt. We simply expect to pursue the facts wherever they may lead and to let the chips fall where they will.

As to Senate Report 310, the Senators who have signed it themselves are somewhat skeptical about some of the 33 recommendations which it includes.

I have a letter here which Senator THOMAS, of the gentleman's State, wrote to a man in the Indian Agency at Anadarko, Okla., in which he says, in commenting on this report:

The report mentioned was agreed to by a subcommittee of the Indian Affairs Committee and the attorney for the committee was ordered to prepare the text for the report. The report was intended to outline a long-term plan for the liquidation of the Bureau and just how the dates calling for the boarding schools to be eliminated at the end of this fiscal year is somewhat of a mystery. It may have been that some members of the committee knew of this provision but it was not called to my attention and of course had I known that these dates were inserted I would not under any condition have signed the report.

In a later paragraph he says:

You can readily see how easy it would be for some secretary to put me in a most embarrassing position if statements were made in any communications which did not conform to my viewpoint and policies. This is actually what happened in the report that was published.

The report that was published is in direct conflict with evidence submitted to us by Secretary of the Interior Ickes and also by Indian Commissioner Collier. On most of the 33 points at issue, Mr. Ickes and Mr. Collier say one thing and Senate Report No. 310 says something else. It is impossible for the House Indian Affairs Committee, without having the authority to study the problem and investigate it, to pass intelligently on this kind of a controversy. We would either have to say to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, "You are wrong, you have misrepresented the facts," or we would have to say to Mr. Collier and Mr. Ickes, "You are wrong, you have misrepresented the facts"; and we cannot be put in that kind of a position.

We are assuming that they are both right in certain aspects. We are assuming that they are both talking about different things in part, but there is no legislation growing out of the whole Senate report, and our committee proposes to bring in some kind of recommendation for legislative action.

I would like to say this to my Democratic friends, because I think there is a reasonable question that you might ask, and that is, Is there any reason why we should vote for a resolution brought in here by a Republican which might propose to investigate an administrative agency? Let me answer that question.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MUNDT. I yield.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I will answer that question. I do not care whether it is a resolution, an appropriation, or a tariff bill if it is a good one; I do not care which side of the aisle it comes from.

Mr. MUNDT. Fine.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. As a Representative of my district and State, I am also a Representative of the 48 States of the Union, and I will vote for anything that is beneficial to them.

Mr. MUNDT. Thank you. The resolution as brought in here came into being in part as the result of the South Dakota Legislature memorializing Congress to do something about the Indian problem, our State being a typical State having a large Indian population. Subsequently I offered this resolution. If it is approved, the gentleman from Montana [Mr. O'CONNOR], the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, will be in charge of the investigation and will be chairman of the investigating committee. And, as is right, the investigating committee will have more members of the majority party on it than of the minority party.

I might add this further thing, that this is a friendly, fact-pursuing investigation. It does not go out to repudiate anything or to persecute anybody. It has the unanimous support of the Committee on Indian Affairs. It has the support of Mr. Collier, the Indian Commissioner, who, like the committee members, is eager to have the facts brought out so that we can know what kind of legislation is desired. This is not an effort to expose a situation or to persecute an individual, it is simply an at-

tempt to evolve a constructive Indian policy which will lead to better conditions for the Indian.

There are 10 general problems which we hope to study. May I just mention those 10 briefly. We may not, of course, have time to go into all 10 of these and the list does not bar the inclusion of other matters, but it will indicate some of the matters our investigation will consider, if it is approved.

No. 1 is, as a matter of definite policy, to determine what is an Indian. When does an Indian pass from his special status and take his part in the white man's society? Mr. Collier tells us it requires an act of Congress to define this. We cannot intelligently recommend to you such an act of Congress until we have had an opportunity to investigate and study the facts.

No. 2 is to bring to a conclusion the interminable Indian claims coming before this body. There are now over \$700,000,000 worth of Indian claims pending, in which the Indians make claims against the Congress and against the Government. We hope to arrive at some formula and some basis for putting a stop date on those claims. Those which are meritorious should be paid, and those which are not meritorious should be outlawed. Under existing conditions, all claims are delayed and deferred, and some attorneys apparently look upon Indian tribes as perpetual clients.

Third. There are now 23,000 American Indians in the armed services of this country—a larger percentage of Indians having entered the service incidentally than of any nationality represented in our Army, Navy, and Air Forces. An additional 25,000 to 30,000 are away from home working in our defense industries. Something must be worked out to provide for the readjustment of these Indians to productive, independent, self-supporting peacetime living after the war.

Fourth. The Wheeler-Howard Act has now been in operation about 10 years. Some Indian tribes have voted themselves completely under the provisions of this act, some have voted to remain entirely out, and still others have voted to accept certain provisions of the act and to reject others. No opportunity has been provided for subsequent votes and for tribes to change the status they decided upon with their original votes. Such opportunity should be provided and investigation may well reveal that certain important changes are desirable in this legislation.

Fifth. In 1924 Indians were made citizens of the United States by an act of Congress. Nevertheless, many of them are still treated as wards and almost all Indians live under certain aspects of wardship status. This incongruous situation should be corrected and an examination should be made of all special Indian penal statutes to determine whether they can be repealed or made inoperative in many cases.

Sixth. The whole problem of Indian heirships needs to be opened up and its operations revamped. Today some Indians have equities in 30 or 40 widely

scattered pieces of property and these equities run as small as \$3 to \$5. Something must be done to consolidate these holdings and to make income and principal of some value to the individual Indian.

Seventh. On some Indian reservations no adequate protection is provided for the wildlife resources of this country. In some cases neither Federal nor State protective laws apply. A correction should be found for this situation.

Eighth. The relationship of Indian lands to State and local taxes should be investigated and redefined. In some cases it is now impossible for tribes to secure all the land needed to support their people because of the ruinous impact of more tax-free land upon the local taxing bodies. Thus, both the Indians and the white citizens in Indian country are the victims.

Ninth. The possibility of establishing an advisory continuing Indian council should be explored, such council to work with Congress, with the Indian Office, and with the Indians themselves in developing and supporting the administration of a program of advancement for the Indians. Thus, the shock of changing Indian administrations would be softened and a continuing program could be developed which would not be abruptly altered every time there is a change of political administrations.

Tenth. We should examine the feasibility of transferring more of the Indian services such as school, health, agricultural supervision, vocational training, etc., to the administration of the individual States with grants in aid from the Federal Government. In some localities and with some tribes this might result in better treatment, more rapid advancement, and reduced costs to the Federal Government. In all events more opportunities for advanced vocational training should be provided for the Indians. We must increase the Indian's earning power before we can decrease his dependency upon the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, the foregoing list is suggestive of the great need for the investigation proposed in the Mundt resolution. Other even more important problems may be developed as we get into the investigation, if it is authorized. It may also develop that some of these 10 will present difficulties too mighty to overcome but we can do nothing unless we make the effort. The American Indian is a great citizen. He is the original American. He deserves better treatment than has been accorded him by his white conquerors during the past 200 years. Let us decide today to take the step I am proposing as an effort to bring equity to the first victims of aggression on the North American Continent—the aboriginal Indians from whom we took by force and trickery the best terrain in all the world. I earnestly believe that the passage of the Mundt resolution today will be a step in that direction, and will help not only to improve the living conditions of the American Indian but also provide suggestions for reducing the present high costs of maintaining the Indian Bureau.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. OUTLAND].

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 additional minute to the gentleman from California.

Mr. OUTLAND. Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this particular resolution is very badly needed. It goes much further than trying to evaluate the points that were brought out in Senate Report 310. As a matter of fact, it gets to the basis of our entire Indian policy. As was stated a few minutes ago, the eventual end of that policy should be taking the Indians out of the status of wards and making them complete citizens in every sense of the word.

I have studied rather carefully Senate Report 310. Regardless of anything else that may be said, it hardly seems to me that it is the basis for a revaluation of our policy regarding the treatment of Indians.

There are two things we are specially anxious to do. One is to see that at the present time the American Indians are given decent and fair and just treatment. When complaints have arisen and when points have been raised that such treatment is not taking place, it seems to me there is need for a thorough check up on the whole problem of Indian Affairs.

In the second place, any policy must look forward to an eventual termination of the wardship of the Indians of this country. Up until about 1929, the Indian Bureau was just about the most badly mismanaged bureau in the United States Government. Antiquated personnel and antiquated equipment were being dumped into it. Starting about 1929, a revolutionary change took place in that Bureau. During the past 14 years it has gradually become one of the more efficiently operated bureaus of American Government.

I think it is noteworthy to point out in that connection that it has so operated under both Republican and Democratic administrations. It is not partisan in any sense of the word.

Let me cite just one illustration of the achievements of this particular Bureau. In 1929 the Indian death rate was 27 per thousand annually. At the present time it is 13 per thousand annually. The cutting in half of the death rate during that time seems to me to be a noteworthy achievement.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OUTLAND. I yield to the gentleman from New Mexico.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. I am curious as to whether or not I heard the gentleman correctly. Did the gentleman say that the purpose of this resolution is to stop the Indians from being wards any longer and make them all full citizens?

Mr. OUTLAND. I said that the eventual hope of our Indian policy, it seems to me, should be that; not for the immediate purpose of the investigation, no.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. The improvement in the death rate is due to the fact that the Indians were not

treated as private citizens but were very carefully taken care of as wards of the Government.

Mr. OUTLAND. Yes; but I am sure that my friend would agree with me that after the Indian Bureau has been able to help the thousands of Indians to help themselves, the eventual aim should be that they should become free.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from California has expired.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. CASE].

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, probably no resolution for an investigation will come before this Congress that has a deeper meaning for a larger proportion of any Member's constituency than this has for mine. One person in eight in my district is enrolled in an Indian reservation, and entitled to Indian rights. There are five Sioux reservations in the district.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN] raised the question as to whether or not this resolution should be adopted, upon the grounds of expense that it may entail. I cannot imagine that this select committee, created by this resolution, would expend over five or ten thousand dollars in its total expenditures, and if it spent twice that much, it should yield results that would save many, many times that amount.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN] also raised the question as to whether this was the proper time for an investigation such as the one proposed. Let me say in reply to that, that the Indians, who have led all minority groups in the country in the rate of voluntary enlistment in the armed forces, are entitled to this study as a matter of justice. They are entitled to have the Four Freedoms established here at home.

The gentleman from California [Mr. OUTLAND] intimated that everything that had happened before 1929 had been bad, so far as the Indian is concerned. Let me say that the time of greatest prosperity, so far as the Sioux Indians were concerned, was before 1929, and not since then. I wish the time permitted me to say something more about that. I disliked the gentleman's remark in particular because of the uncalled for reflection upon all Commissioners before 1929. It happens that a distinguished gentleman from South Dakota, a former Member of this House for 14 years, Hon. Charles H. Burke, was Commissioner of Indian Affairs, during a portion of the twenties. His constructive administration of that Bureau does not deserve the implications of the gentleman's remarks. An Oklahoma Member on this floor today has said to me that Charlie Burke was the best friend the Indians ever had as Commissioner.

Now, this resolution is proper because procedure in Indian affairs needs to be adjusted to the progress the Indians have made and the place they are capable of taking in American life. Let me illustrate. Every Sioux Indian who is serving as a private in either the Army

or the Navy is getting at least \$50 a month salary as a soldier or a sailor. He spends it as he pleases. He buys War bonds. He saves part of it. But when he comes to his reservation, if he has lease money deposited to his credit at the agency, he will have to come, hat in hand, and wait at the convenience of some clerk in the Indian agency, to submit a work program to know whether or not he can draw and spend his own money—probably far less in a year than the amount he has been receiving and spending in his own right in a single month.

Is it any wonder that the Indians wonder whose freedom they are fighting for? But they do fight and they go willingly and proudly, because they love their country.

I would like to see Congress pass a bill of emancipation for the American Indian. It should provide for the continuing of the benefits that have been promised the Indians by treaties and by the laws of the Congress, and also should provide a bill of rights that would permit the Indians to act in full the citizenship which was promised him by the Citizenship Act of 1924, passed during the Coolidge administration.

This resolution should be passed in order that the House Committee on Indian Affairs may proceed with full powers in a study of what should be done to enable the Indian to take his proper place in American life. The limited time for debate on the resolution does not permit a full discussion today of the various items that should be considered, so I shall ask permission to extend my remarks in that regard at a later date.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from South Dakota has expired.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. MURDOCK].

Mr. MURDOCK. Mr. Speaker, I trust that the resolution will be adopted. The gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. CASE] says that no Member of this House has a deeper interest in the implications of this bill than he and his district. I say to the gentleman that I am running him a close second in that respect, because in the State of Arizona there are 50,000 Indians. That number does not happen to be 1 in 8, but 1 in about 10. Also, the economic life of Arizona Indians is intimately linked with the well-being of my State.

I think if there is any one thing misunderstood, it is this matter of our relation as a nation to the American Indian throughout our history. For decades and decades we handled the Indian tribes and treated with them as though they were foreign states, states within a state, and we made treaties with them, treaties which were usually broken. It is a sad chapter, much of this complete story about our dealings with the American Indian, and yet it has some good phases. As a nation we have wanted to be humane.

I call attention to one thing, that out of the 400,000 Indians in this country today, about a third of them we are told are men and women who could take their

places among American citizens, on an equal standing with all others. A large number, perhaps another third, are reservation Indians who are not now able to take their place among the white citizens and get along satisfactorily. They must continue for awhile, at least, as wards of the Government. Then, of course, there is a middle group on the border line. It is our duty as a Congress to study this whole question and see how we are able to induce those who are competent to assume the full duties of citizenship to be merged into our citizenship, leaving the status of others unchanged. That is the purpose of this resolution.

As I have so often said before to the Indian Affairs Committee of the House, "There are Indians and Indians." But that I referred to the vast differences in attainment among the various tribes throughout our country. I have known personally many Indians, especially in Oklahoma, who are college graduates and as wards of the Government had to ask permission to do the most trivial business acts. I have known, as many of you have known, high class members of the Cherokee Nation who held membership in this honorable body and in the other branch of Congress. And I know of many Indians as outstanding State officials and other Indian officials who were not predominately of white blood. Yet many reservation Indians have not had sufficient schooling to be entrusted to take care of themselves.

One reason for that may be that we count a man an Indian if he has only a small amount of Indian blood, no matter how much education he may have nor how capable he may be in doing his own business. I feel very positively that the friends of the Indians in Congress ought to subject this whole American Indian problem to close study with the view of releasing all from the governmental guardianship to a sphere of greater freedom as soon as it is to the benefit of the individual and the well being of society to do so.

With some reservation Indians this greater degree of freedom must not come too soon. I do not know the situation in South Dakota, but considering all our Indians, I doubt whether most of them are now ready to pass out of a condition of wardship. Certainly those far Western States like my own could not look with anything but apprehension upon the Government's withdrawing its guardianship as some have so thoughtlessly suggested. That is why I urge the adoption of this resolution for a study.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. BOLTON].

Mrs. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, my first direct contact with the Indians was through a nursing group which was asked to make a survey of public-health nursing in the United States. Among other places visited were the Indian reservations. The conditions were not good, but the survey was the beginning of better things. Apparently what was needed was a challenge to the service.

My service on the Indian Affairs Committee brought me into closer touch with Indian problems and I have deeply re-

gretted that membership on the Foreign Affairs Committee prevents my continuing my earlier work.

Any study of the American Indians shows that from the beginning it has been the Indians' unfortunate lot to be subjected to governmental experiment after experiment.

The first, which sprang largely from fear of the Indian, was the plan of extermination.

The second was the idea of concentration. In other words, segregate the Indian and let him live his old tribal life.

The third experiment was the introduction of the Allotment Act, which has been abolished.

The fourth is embodied in the Wheeler-Howard Act. It has been presented as a method of decreasing control by the Federal Government and granting greater self-government to the Indians themselves. But it would seem as if acceptance of the act changed the status of the Indians from that of involuntary wardship to voluntary wardship, making his last lot more grievous than his first. This needs illumination. Such a survey as this resolution contemplates would furnish it.

I think it high time that we knew just how well this last method has worked. Are we integrating our Indians into our general population or are we not? We should know exactly what we are doing. It would seem to me an admirable time for us to very quietly examine into the situation of our Indians. They can be most useful citizens when they have opportunity so to be. They are a very loyal group in spite of their difficulties. We know that the percentage of Indians in the Army is extraordinarily high and that they are fighters. All of these qualities could be of increasing value to the United States. Let us remember that the Indian, after all, did own this country. We took it from him and we have an obligation to ourselves to see that he has a real chance to participate in complete citizenship. Let us make certain that the methods now being used are doing everything possible to integrate the Indian into our corporate life.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. STEFAN].

Mr. STEFAN. Mr. Speaker, I favor the passage of House Resolution 166, introduced by the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. MUNDT]. Like the gentleman from South Dakota, I have quite a few Indian constituents in my district and I feel that I know their many problems. I have the honor to represent Indians that are members of the Winnebago, Omaha, and Santee Sioux Tribes. They are good citizens and they have contributed substantially to the welfare of their State and Nation. Many of them have rendered military service in previous wars and many others, among them sons of the older veterans, are today with our armed forces throughout the world. Many of them have achieved distinguished heroism in this war.

It is my custom to visit my Indian constituents yearly or oftener if possible. I

join them at their council meetings and I visit them individually so that I may be informed about them. I find them tremendously interested in public matters. They participate in government. They vote and in spite of their many hardships under white man's rule, they are patiently waiting for legislation that will right the wrongs that have been done them. I subscribe to their natural feeling of entitlement to equality of treatment among citizens. If, by the passage of this resolution, the House of Representatives can advance the welfare of American Indians, let us vote for it unanimously.

There are many matters affecting the Omaha, Winnebago, and Santee Sioux Indians that I would like to discuss in the House. There are jurisdictional questions, many varieties of Indian claims, tax adjustments, and many other questions. But I feel that if this resolution is passed and this investigating committee functions effectively, we can acquaint that committee with the principal Indian grievances.

Something has been said here about the cost of this proposed committee. It has been represented to me that this committee can develop much needed information about many Indian problems that we cannot or will not otherwise get. I doubt if the cost will be high. I believe that a good job on the committee's part may even save money in addition to improving the welfare of Indians.

The United States Government is, at this moment, spending a large sum of money on the publication of a handbook on South American Indians, designed to help South American Indians. We have not done anything like that for our native Indians in many years. I opposed this South American expenditure on several occasions because I felt our native Indians are entitled to first consideration.

Let us vote for this resolution and urge the committee, should the resolution pass, to be thorough in its inquiry into all phases of Indian grievances so that the Congress may apply itself to the permanent betterment of our native American Indian citizens.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman, the Delegate from Alaska [Mr. DIMOND], for a unanimous-consent request.

Mr. DIMOND. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks at this point in the RECORD on the subject now under discussion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. DIMOND. Mr. Speaker, to one who knows the history of the Indians, no legislative proposal can awaken keener interest than one which has for its purpose the improvement of the status of the Indians and the rendering to them of a larger measure of long-delayed justice.

Among the citizens of Alaska are approximately 33,000 people who are given the generic name of Indians but who really embrace, by race, some 12,000 In-

dians, 20,000 Eskimos, and 1,000 Aleuts. Their legal condition is the same and, therefore, it may be proper to refer to them as Indians because in law they have been treated as the Indians of the several States.

While I am not in accord with some of the statements contained in the preamble of the resolution, it is to be noted that the preamble has been stricken and is no longer part of the measure now under consideration so that a vote in the affirmative will be a vote for the resolution without the preamble.

There is nothing extraordinary about the resolution. Its purpose is to bring about larger knowledge on the part of Members of Congress as to present conditions among the Indians. The proposal is to authorize the Committee on Indian Affairs of this House, or a subcommittee thereof, to conduct an investigation to determine whether the changed status of the Indians and the conditions under which they now live require a revision of the laws and regulations affecting the Indians, and to prepare recommendations to Congress for the enactment of any needed legislation to improve the status and advance the opportunity of the Indians. In my judgment, such action is highly desirable. It is true that the Committee on Indian Affairs, of which I have the honor to be a member, can gather and has gathered a vast amount of information about the Indian races or tribes of the States and Alaska. But there is really no substitute for an inquiry on the grounds. Witnesses who come before the committee from the several States and from Alaska, no matter how honest or intelligent, are not able to give to the members the really penetrating insight and detailed knowledge of conditions which are so necessary to enable the members of the committee to draft any desirable legislation and then to explain and defend it on the floor of the House when the legislation is brought up for consideration here.

Moreover, it is obvious that conditions are not the same in every State or every community, or every tribe or association of Indians. In fact, conditions widely vary, and legislation that may be suitable for the Indians of South Dakota, for example, may not be at all suitable for those of Arizona or California or Oregon or Alaska, and this wide variance in circumstance and condition among the Indians of the United States, including Alaska, makes it the more necessary that there should be in every instance possible a comprehensive and detailed inquiry on the ground where all the knowledge available can be brought forcibly to the attention of those making the inquiry.

It has been suggested that since a similar committee has made similar investigations in another body there is no need for the enactment of this resolution. That argument, although substantial, leaves out of sight the fact that the House is a coordinate legislative body and that it is the duty of the House to form its own conclusions upon the evidence that shall be presented to it in favor of or opposed to any legislation. In a matter of such importance, it seems indispen-

sable that the House should make its own inquiry, through its own agency, and thus be in best position to arrive at its own conclusions.

The proposal to have the investigation made by the House Committee on Indian Affairs or a subcommittee is a salutary one. That committee, under the leadership of its able, distinguished, and eminently just and fair-minded chairman, the gentleman from Montana [Mr. O'CONNOR], is surely, upon all grounds, singularly well-fitted to undertake the work.

The money appropriated for the purpose should be ample to permit a thorough inquiry into all phases of law and economics which affect the Indians. A hasty investigation embracing little more than "a lick and a promise" will be all but valueless. What the Indians need, what the Nation needs, and what Congress, itself, needs is a comprehensive body of reliable knowledge and information—a body of fact—relative to the Indians and their circumstances and environment and what may best be done to give them any assistance that they need and to which they are entitled by law or justice.

I earnestly hope that no one will vote for this resolution upon the theory that it is going to effect an enormous saving of appropriations for the Indians. On this feature of the matter I join in the opinion so forcibly expressed by the able gentleman from New York [Mr. FITZPATRICK] during this debate on the resolution, namely, that if full justice is done to the Indians the appropriations for them will be greatly augmented instead of being reduced. In Alaska alone, although large advances have been made in recent years both in the volume of appropriations and in the efficient administration of the Office of Indian Affairs, much greater amounts should be now provided in order to reduce and eventually control the appalling ravages of tuberculosis among the native peoples of Alaska where the incidence of that terrible disease is more than 12 times that of the people of the United States as a whole.

It has been properly observed that the record of the Indians in the present war is one in which we can all take pride. So far as Alaska is concerned, I am sure there is not among the natives a single case of even mental disloyalty to our cause and to our Nation. The Alaska Indians and other native races serve in the armed forces willingly, cheerfully, and efficiently. While they would be the last to suggest that they should have any extra compensation for their loyalty, it is only becoming that there should be rendered to these descendants of a people who once owned the whole country, all of the land and the forests and the lakes and the rivers and the mountains, the things that are theirs in right and justice at the hands of our Government.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCORMACK] may have the privilege of inserting in the RECORD an editorial from the Lynn Telegram News.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. Speaker, in connection with my talk this morning I would like to add a letter dated March 9, 1944, from the War Production Board from Arthur G. Eaton, Director, to myself, and a statement of the War Production Board regarding the same subject.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of the time to the gentleman from Montana [Mr. O'CONNOR].

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 166 has for its purpose an investigation into the problems of the Indians, wherever situate, by the House Committee on Indian Affairs, or a subcommittee thereof.

The Indians cannot be treated as one kind of people owing to the various tribes, their different languages and the disparity of conditions under which they are living. As an illustration, 90 percent of the Navajos of Arizona cannot speak English, whereas 90 percent of the Flathead Indians in Montana can speak English. Time will not permit an elaboration upon the various diversities of conditions, languages, and so forth. Suffice it to say at this point that no one standard can be set up for the welfare of all of these groups of people.

A report has been submitted, known as Senate Report 310, and the same has been considered by the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House, and we doubt the efficacy of the recommendations therein contained. The adoption of it by the Congress would abolish and liquidate the Indian Department and put the Indians on their own, so to speak. Such a procedure would be a violation of the treaties with the Indians sincerely entered into. And, moreover, the States having the largest Indian populations would find the financial responsibilities impossible. We must not overlook the fact that the Indians have been driven westward from the productive Eastern States to designated reservations and then when it was found on those reservations that the lands were of particular value from agricultural and mineral standpoint they were, in many instances, deprived of such lands.

So, as a result of our policy, we find many of the Indians living in poverty and squalor. On the other hand, we have many Indians carried on the rolls who should no longer be charges of the Government. We have many on the rolls classified as Indians with but very little Indian blood and who are just as capable of caring for their own affairs and themselves as the whites. It is interesting to note that technically there are 11,500 employees in the Indian Service. About 2,500 are Indians. Three hundred of these employees are in the Chicago and Washington offices. If the number of Indians who are absolutely capable of self-government were taken from the rolls necessarily the staff of employees could be and should be materially reduced and perhaps the number should be reduced anyway.

## EFFECTING A TREMENDOUS SAVINGS

On this one phase of the Indian problems I might say that our committee of the House has in mind, instead of the abrupt liquidation called for in Senate Report 310, the gradual, timetable liquidation of the various tribes according to and depending upon the ability of those tribes to be assimilated into the general economy of the country and when I say "assimilated" I do not necessarily mean that any one tribe is to lose its identity as a political, social, or even economic entity if it does not desire to do so. In other words, segregation is not necessarily nonassimilation. The terms are not necessarily incompatible. Such a program would merely entail the exclusion of those tribes and all of their affairs, when and if able, from any greater degree of Federal aid and assistance and control than their white neighbors were receiving. There are some tribes, such as the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico, who, I believe, would prefer neither to be assimilated nor helped. The Pueblo tribes are thousands of years old and prefer their own culture and Christianity and I do not believe that 100 years from now will see their economic or social conditions changed very much.

There have been claims presented by Indians and Indian tribes against the Government, alleging that Indian treaties have been violated by the Government, going into the hundreds of millions of dollars. These claims are always coming up, and they cloud the minds of the Indians. The Congress neither allows them nor repudiates them. As a rule these poor people never get a chance to go into court to have their claims adjudicated, and if something is not done in this regard, the Indians will still be at the doors of Congress asserting their claims a century from now. A policy must be worked out in conformity with the Democratic and Republican platforms of 1940, if we are going to do justice by the Indians.

A law was passed in 1834 which bars the sale of liquor in any form to any person who is an Indian. This law follows that man wherever his course takes him in this country. Whoever sells or gives liquor to any person with any Indian blood in him today violates the law wherever such sale or gift occurs. You cannot solve this problem by one act of Congress, as in many places local options should be the rule and local ordinances regulate the sale and gift of liquor. In my own State I believe the Indians would like to see the law wiped out entirely. Such a law, under the conditions in my State, amounts to an absolute discrimination against these great people. Investigation into the field must be made to determine the proper course in this regard.

What is termed the "land mess" that occurs in all allotted areas? For instance, an allotment was given to Indians—men, women, and children. They, in time, have passed away and left heirs. Their equity passed on into the third and fourth generations, and maybe the fifth. Sometimes these equities come to five or ten dollars in value. No procedure has yet been suggested as to the answer in

this matter. No title can be given to a purchaser so long as this chaotic condition is permitted to exist, and no leases can properly be made. The result is that it has been generally referred to as the "Indian land mess," and the Government is compelled to expend over a million dollars a year in management of just such estates which the Commissioner of Indian Affairs says is pure waste. This phase of the problem will require legislation and field work. For instance, on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, they are trying to work out a consolidation scheme. Field work should be done there to see what the method is and what the results have been. On the Fort Peck Reservation in my State of Montana, one-half of the personnel in the Indian department in that section is used in trying to work out this heirship problem, and up to date their efforts have been futile.

The Indian appropriation bill seems to me to be anything but sensible. It carries something like, as I am informed, 1,000 appropriations. A study should be made to simplify the appropriations for the Indians, making it flexible so the amounts could be used where needed most. Today appropriations are made for specific things.

We should investigate the reservations to find out if self-government is working under what is known as the Wheeler-Howard Act. Ten years have gone by since this reorganization act was passed. The people on these various reservations know whether or not this is working properly and what, if any, changes should be made.

We have in this country and Alaska approximately 400,000 Indians. It is costing the Government in the neighborhood of \$32,000,000 per annum to administer the affairs of the Indian department. Prior to this administration it was costing in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000 to administer this department; so the cost of administration has really been going down during the past 12 years, but it can be materially reduced if we make the proper approach to all of these problems as a result of deliberate action based upon information gotten direct from the reservations and the Indians.

This investigation has for its purpose two primary objectives: First, to rehabilitate and restore the American Indian to his proper status and second, to do away with the useless expenditure of money, the expenditure of which is doing no one any good and perhaps harm. On the first phase of it, the American Indian is discriminated against. As Senator Thomas P. Gore, former Senator from the State of Oklahoma, once said:

The root of the whole trouble is that the Indian has no existing right in the court. As a tribe, as a member of a tribe, he has no right in the court trying to protect his tribal assets or himself as a member of his tribe. You have heard of a man without a country. The Indian is a man without a court. I am not exaggerating that. The Indian has no forum in this land where he can vindicate his constitutional rights.

It is well to point out that 18,000 of the descendants of the great Indian chiefs

are today fighting on every one of our battle fronts. In some Indian jurisdictions 30 percent of the able-bodied men between 18 and 38 are on the firing lines. In others it will run from 60 to 70 percent. Since the war their production of farm products has been increased nearly 100 percent. The home front is fighting and is working to win this war. In my own State, over night, the Crow Tribe offered all of its resources and all of its manpower to the Great White Father. Even the Indian cowgirls tried to enlist in the service. They did the same in New Mexico, California, and every other State where Indians live. I could take up your time by the hour in going over the records of the heroism of many of our soldiers, red in color. It is reported that in the State of Arizona a boy who wanted to enlist traveled over 100 miles over wintry and wind-swept roads to get to a place where he could enlist, braving storms and taking a chance with death. He was overtaken by a snowstorm and with resultant death it is said he froze into an American legend.

Hitler, the Germans, and the Japs, know the mettle of these boys. The Indian as a soldier in the white man's wars was discovered in 1918. In that year, before the surrender of Germany, Gen. Karl Von Prutsch said:

The most dangerous of the American soldiers is the Indian. He is brave above all else. He knows far more about camouflage, inherited from his ancestors, than any modern soldier that has the benefit of science and great laboratories. He is a dead shot. He needs no orders when he advances. He is an army within himself. He is the one American soldier Germany must fear.

Let us take Joe Longknife, an Assiniboine Indian from my State. He was at Bataan. He was decorated with the silver star, with the following citation:

Private Longknife was the leading scout in his platoon. On approaching the enemy position under heavy small arms fire he noticed the enemy to his immediate front and also to his flank. He immediately opened fire and with excellent marksmanship killed 10 Japs with 16 shots. He then crawled back to his platoon under heavy fire and informed his squad leader of the threatening enemy position on his front and flank. His action saved his platoon from possible ambush.

In north Africa they still talk about Ken Scissons, of Rapid City, S. Dak. Ten Nazis in 4 minutes of Commando action outside of Bizerte is his record. The official citation reads:

In December 1942, during a raid near Tunisia, upon the ambush of his unit by the enemy, Private Scissons, seeing two of his comrades attempting to crawl to safety, did, without regard to his own life, engage the enemy with his rifle and draw their entire fire upon his position. Only after his comrades reached safety did Private Scissons attempt to withdraw. His coolness and courage under fire and his desire to sacrifice himself, if necessary, for the safety of his comrades are a profound inspiration to the members of the armed forces and reflect the highest tradition of our Army.

Do you not think we had better take stock and see what we are doing for these people and see whether they should not be given a chance to be free Amer-

ican citizens as you and I are? A bloody war was fought in this country for the freedom of another race.

As to Senate Report 310, let me quote from a letter I received from an Indian who is superintendent of the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. He is the only Indian holding down such a position in the United States today:

If the recommendations of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate were executed tomorrow morning, within 1 year from this date you will have Indians who will be unwanted public charges and applicants of the poorhouse in each county and State in which we find them. This is a harsh statement to make, but I know that it will be the situation that will obtain 1 year hence. On account of his total inexperience in business matters he will lose his lands by mortgage foreclosure and otherwise, also in trades for automobiles. You, then, will have a real problem. The States wherein they are found will have real problems, akin to those social problems now being experienced by the European countries.

In view of the conditions obtaining throughout the Indian country at this moment, certainly most of the recommendations of the Senate committee should be held in abeyance for some future time when the conditions of the Indians would warrant their adoption by Congress. Let me take this reservation as an example of what would happen if the 32 recommendations of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee were adopted: Suppose I were ordered by the Commissioner to issue patents in fee to all of the Indians, and I proceed as instructed and fee patents were issued right and left to the Indians. I know only too well that within a very short time these beautiful river-bottom lands, capable of producing from 12 to 25 tons of sugar beets per acre, 4 tons of alfalfa per acre, oats, barley, etc., in abundance, would be in the hands of non-Indians, either through failure to pay taxes, real estate loans made to them that they cannot lift when the repayment time arrives, or outright loans in which foreclosures will be the order of the day right and left. The Crow Indians, who own, perhaps, one of the best Indian reservations in the United States, will be paupers in 12 months from the date of the issuance of patents in fee to each and every one. Socially they are ostracized from white communities; politically the same thing is true; economically they are the forgotten people. Every kind of a discrimination is practiced against these people on account of race. This serious situation seems to have been overlocked entirely by the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate when they made their recommendations, some of which are very good, others very disastrous.

The Supreme Court of the United States has this to say:

These Indian tribes are the wards of the Nation. They are communities dependent on the United States; dependent largely for their daily food; dependent for their political rights. They owe no allegiance to the States, and receive from them no protection. Because of the local ill feeling, the people of the States where they are found are often their deadliest enemies. From their very weakness and helplessness, so largely due to the course of dealing of the Federal Government with them and the treaties in which it has been promised, there arises the duty of protection, and with it the power (May 10, 1886, 30 L. Ed. 228).

It is proper at this time, in connection with Senate Report 310, to review some recommendations made by the Senate committee in 1933, with reference to

some of the recommendations made in 310.

The Senate committee, in 1933, made a report which presumably was to be controlling policy. In order that the dilemma of administrative officials may be more fairly brought out, I should like to place some of the recommendations of these two reports alongside each other.

Senate Report 310, 1943, recommends:

(10) Eliminate the rehabilitation of Indians as Indians; (15) transfer Indian education to the States, annual savings in excess of \$5,000,000; (21) eliminate Indian agriculture extension; (23) cease the purchase of land; (24) eliminate all Indian boarding schools.

In contrast with this blanket recommendation to dispense with all services for Indians, the Senate committee in 1933, had the following to say:

The committee recommends that the United States provide the relief by meeting its obligation to its own wards to the extent of providing in substantially full amount the money required for education, health, law enforcement, and indigent relief.

The committee recommends specifically—

that the United States by appropriate legislation shall declare that it is its policy to meet the full expense for the progressive development of the Indian citizens.

The Senate committee's report in 1943 recommends:

(22) Eliminate Federal trust over all individual lands, including those in inheritance status. This will free the Indian owners to become respectable citizens—

And, of course, throw the lands onto the tax rolls. The committee in 1933 had the following to say:

Two suggestions are frequently encountered, that the tax-exempt character of the Indian land be altered and the land made taxable as rapidly as treaties with the Indians will permit. \* \* \* It is disapproved because it is impracticable and would inevitably result in the loss to the Indian of his property.

At the time House Resolution 166 was introduced by the gentleman from South Dakota, Congressman MUNDT, which, in turn, was referred to the Rules Committee, I was personally exploring the field of Indian problems with the objective in mind of introducing a similar resolution. When this resolution came up before our committee, after considerable discussion and hearings, it was reported on unanimously and I am supporting it. I believe that if a thorough and sincere investigation is made, with no political ax to grind; with letting chips fall where they will, that a great good may come out of it and perhaps many injustices that have occurred in the past may be rectified or at least give the Indians a square deal in the future, and an annual saving of millions of dollars be effected.

It has been said that inasmuch as there is an investigatory body in the Senate investigating Indian problems that there is no need for a like body in the House. This is a separate body of the Congress. We are entitled to place our own interpretations on the facts as

we find them. That interpretation may differ from that of the Senate and the facts as they found them. I might say that Senate Report 310 was filed some time ago, and I think it is significant that no bill has been introduced in the Senate to bring about the cure or the solution of the Indian problems as set forth in the many recommendations of said report.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my privilege to serve on the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House going on 8 years. I have listened to testimony concerning conditions on Indian reservations from about 20 or 25 States in these United States. Almost without a single exception the story is one of poverty and neglect and living conditions that are almost unbelievable. To my good friend from Missouri, I at one time made a statement on the floor of the House that I thought he was prejudiced against Indian bills. I would change that statement since I have learned to know the distinguished gentleman from Missouri better. I will say this, now, that I do not believe the gentleman understands the problems of the American Indian in this country.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'CONNOR. I am always glad to yield, if it is not for too long.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman states he has heard testimony from Indians in about 25 States of the Union. Can the gentleman tell me whether he has ever brought a resolution in or a bill on this floor to benefit or improve the conditions of the Indian as the result of that testimony? And if he has heard it, then let the gentleman tell me why, he did not—

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield no further. Yes. Resolution after resolution has been brought up on the floor of this House to help the Indians and the gentleman has stood at the bridge and prevented their passage. That is what the gentleman has done. But I choose to believe the gentleman does not understand the Indians' problem. Of course, the gentleman always argues that. He is adroit and clever.

Mr. COCHRAN. Not one would benefit the Indians.

Mr. O'CONNOR. Now, Mr. Speaker, the people who are fighting these bills for the Indians do not know their problems. I have seen the Indians living in squalor on reservations. I have known the Government of the United States to take from the Indians nearly everything they had of value. I have seen some of the best lands taken from the different tribes and sold to the white man. What was the massacre at Wounded Knee Creek about, where 200 women and children were massacred by the soldiers? It was because gold was discovered in the Black Hills country. Read the history of it, and you men with red blood in your veins will at least try to see that the Indians get a square deal from here on. Read the history of Custer's last stand in Montana, in my district, and you will find there a connection with the gold that was discovered in the Black Hills. Those Indians were on their own

ground. It was easy for the Government to give Indians a lot of land, but when something of value was discovered, a way was found to take it away from them. As a result, many of them are living in poverty upon land that human beings ought not to be forced to exist upon.

Mr. DISNEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'CONNOR. I yield.

Mr. DISNEY. I am going to vote for this resolution in the hope that something will really come of it, but I personally will be very deeply disappointed if this is just going to be another investigation committee and if it dawdles around and does not do a real job of this. I hope the gentleman will have something to say about the whole proposition after this resolution is voted, if it is, keeping in mind that Members of the House do expect something to come out of it. There is plenty to be done, in my judgment. In my district, in practically every county we have Indian county officers. The Indians have been coming in and joining the white population and becoming fine citizens. The purpose of the resolution, I presume, will be to get out of the old rut of keeping the Indians as Indians right on down the years; bring them in with the white population and assimilating them, until they become regular American citizens. I think the committee ought to bring in a comprehensive program, else there is no use having the investigation.

Mr. O'CONNOR. I will say that is just exactly what we propose to do. In my previous statement I have said in a different way just what the gentleman recommends, which I regard as very helpful.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'CONNOR. I yield.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. The gentleman knows I have been trying to get some time and have not succeeded. We have some 40,000 Indians in my State and we are somewhat interested. Do you propose that most of the restrictions and regulations limiting the rights and freedom of action shall be removed? It happens that some of those restrictions have protected the Indians and their property. If you take away the property restrictions, the Indians will lose all their property in a very short time.

Mr. O'CONNOR. The gentleman is right—we must proceed step by step—to bring about assimilation of the Indians with the whites and the American way of life.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. That is this resolution.

Mr. O'CONNOR. The committee will have charge of the work and I will assure the gentleman the Indians' rights will be protected.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. But this is stating the policy, that the restrictions and regulations limiting their rights and freedom of action shall be removed. We do not subscribe to that.

Mr. O'CONNOR. Oh, no; as I said, it must be a slow process, otherwise we would do more harm than good.

We do not propose to do that.

Mr. ANDERSON of New Mexico. The resolution says that you do.

Mr. O'CONNOR. The resolution provides for an investigation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Montana [Mr. O'CONNOR] has expired.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may desire to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CHIPERFIELD].

Mr. CHIPERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks in the Record and include therein an address by our colleague the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CALVIN D. JOHNSON].

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of the time to the gentleman from New York [Mr. FISH].

Mr. FISH. Mr. Speaker, it is true that I have no Indians left in my district except the great white father at Hyde Park, whom I predict will not be the big chief much longer. At one time the Hudson River Valley and the Delaware Valley, both of which are in my district, were the headquarters of the famous Delaware Indians of the Leni-Lenape Tribe, which all of you have read about in *The Last of the Mohicans* by Fenimore Cooper.

My only connection as far as the Indians are concerned is that I am a member of the Red Men in the city of Beacon. But I have taken this time because my boss, the only boss that I recognize—I have been in this House many years and I have followed many leaders, but in all that time I have had only one boss—and that boss has ordered me to appear here today and speak in behalf of this resolution. She is a daughter of a former Democratic Congressman from New York State but let no Republican get excited as she is even more against the New Deal than I am. I was further informed that if I did not do so, I would be in the dog house when I got home for dinner tonight. So I have risen in these few brief moments to speak in behalf of the resolution, which I think is nothing more nor less than a square deal and a fair deal for the American Indians. And why not? Why should we not have an investigating committee? Why should not the House investigate the vital problems affecting 400,000 Indians, and come back in 60 days with some concrete and constructive recommendations? I have faith in the ability and the competency and intelligence of the Members of this House. I do not care whether the Senate has spent 12 years investigating the conditions of the Indians or that it has failed to do anything about it.

I am voting for this resolution because I think it is the sound and wise thing to do and that it will get results and improve the conditions of the Indians. Furthermore let me call your attention to the fact that thousands of Indians today are in our armed forces not only in Italy but all over the world with our combat troops, fighting with distinction, bravery, and honor as American citizens.

I believe the American people will agree that Congress should put into effect the "four freedoms" in our own country before spending \$1,350,000,000 to afford relief for people in foreign nations. Why can we not afford some relief to those American Indians who are in need and distress and in poverty-stricken circumstances? I do not know whether this resolution will cost the United States one penny or some Indian wampum, and I do not care if it does, if it actually improves the condition of the Indians. There may be certain tribes that are poverty-stricken, that need relief; there may be others that do not. I rise therefore, Mr. Speaker, because I believe in it and also because my boss has ordered me to do so.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution and the amended preamble.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and on a division (demanded by Mr. COCHRAN) there were—ayes 71, nays 21.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground there is not a quorum present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently on the count just made there is not a quorum present. The roll call is automatic.

The Doorkeeper will close the doors, the Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members, and the Clerk will call the roll.

The question was taken; and there were—yeas 200, nays, 100, not voting 128, as follows:

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Arends	Ellison, Md.
Arnold	Ellsworth
Auchincloss	Elmer
Barrett	Engel, Mich.
Bates, Ky.	Engle, Calif.
Bates, Mass.	Fellows
Bell	Fenton
Bennett, Mich.	Fernandez
Bennett, Mo.	Fish
Bishop	Fitzpatrick
Blackney	Gallagher
Bloom	Gathings
Bolton	Gavin
Boren	Gearhart
Boykin	Gillette
Bradley, Mich.	Gillie
Brown, Ga.	Goodwin
Brown, Ohio	Gordon
Brumbaugh	Granger
Buffett	Grant, Ala.
Busbey	Grant, Ind.
Canfield	Green
Carlson, Kans.	Hagen
Carrier	Hale
Carson, Ohio	Hall,
Case	Edwin Arthur
Chiperfield	Halleck
Church	Harness, Ind.
Clason	Hartley
Coffee	Hebert
Cole, Mo.	Heidinger
Cole, N. Y.	Hinshaw
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Petterson, Ga.	Sheridan	Weaver
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Pracht,	Simpson, Pa.	Wickersham
C. Frederick	Slaughter	Wigglesworth
Pratt,	Smith, Maine	Wiley
Joseph M.	Smith, Wis.	Wilson
Reed, Ill.	Sparkman	Wolcott
Reed, N. Y.	Springer	Wolfenden, Pa.
Rees, Kans.	Stanley	Wolverton, N. J.
Richards	Stefan	Woodrum, Va.
Rizley	Stevenson	

## NAYS—100

Abernethy	Fulbright	Merritt
Barden	Gore	Mills
Beckworth	Gossett	Morrison, N. C.
Bland	Graham	Murphy
Bonner	Gregory	Murray, Tenn.
Brehm	Griffiths	Norrell
Brooks	Gross	O'Brien, Ill.
Bryson	Gwynne	O'Neal
Bulwinkle	Hancock	Patman
Burchill, N. Y.	Hare	Posage
Burgin	Harris, Ark.	Price
Byrne	Hess	Priest
Camp	Hill	Rankin
Cannon, Mo.	Jenkins	Reece, Tenn.
Carter	Johnson, Luther A.	Rowe
Chapman	Johnson, Lyndon B.	Russell
Clark	Johnson, Ward	Sasscer
Clevenger	Jones	Sheppard
Cochran	Kilday	Sikes
Colmer	Kinzer	Smith, Ohio
Cooper	Kirwan	Snyder
Cox	Kleberg	Spence
Cravens	Kunkel	Sumner, Ill.
Crosser	Lanham	Thomas, Tex.
D'Alesandro	Ludlow	Thomason
Doughton	Lynch	Vincent, Ky.
Eberharter	McCord	West
Elliott	McMillan	Whelchel, Ga.
Elston, Ohio	Mahon	Whitten
Fisher	Mansfield, Tex.	Whittington
Flannagan	Mason	Winstead
Folger	May	Worley
Forand		Wright
Ford		Zimmerman

## NOT VOTING—128

Allen, Ill.	Gamble	Marcantonio
Andersen, H. Carl	Gerlach	Merrow
Baldwin, Md.	Gibson	Miller, Mo.
Baldwin, N. Y.	Gifford	Monroney
Barry	Gilchrist	Morrison, La.
Beall	Gorski	Mruk
Bender	Hall	Murray, Wis.
Bradley, Pa.	Leonard W.	Myers
Buckley	Harless, Ariz.	Newsome
Burch, Va.	Harris, Va.	Norman
Burdick	Hart	O'Leary
Butler	Hays	O'Toole
Cannon, Fla.	Heffernan	Pace
Capozzoli	Hendricks	Pfeifer
Celler	Herter	Philbin
Chenoweth	Hobbs	Phillips
Cooley	Hoch	Ploeser
Costello	Holifield	Plumley
Courtney	Jarman	Poulson
Curtis	Jennings	Powers
Davis	Jonkman	Rabaut
Delaney	Kee	Ramey
Dickstein	Kelley	Ramspeck
Dies	Kennedy	Randolph
Dingell	Keogh	Rivers
Dirksen	Klein	Robertson
Domengeaux	Knutson	Rodgers, Pa.
Douglas	Lambertson	Rogers, Calif.
Drewry	Lane	Satterfield
Durham	LeFevre	Scanlon
Eaton	Luce	Short
Fay	McCormack	Smith, Va.
Feighan	McGehee	Smith, W. Va.
Fogarty	McMurray	Somers, N. Y.
Fuller	Maas	Starnes, Ala.
Fulmer	Madden	Stearns, N. H.
Furlong	Magnuson	Stockman
Gale	Maloney	Summers, Tex.
	Manasco	Tarver

Thomas, N. J.	Ward	White
Torrens	Wasilewski	Winter
Treadway	Weichel, Ohio	Woodruff, Mich.
Vorys, Ohio	Weiss	
Wadsworth	Wene	

So the resolution was agreed to.  
The Clerk announced the following pairs:

## General pairs:

Until further notice:

Mr. Hobbs with Mr. Ploeser.  
Mr. Barry with Mr. Knutson.  
Mr. Lane with Mr. Short.  
Mr. Keogh with Mr. Beall.  
Mr. Philbin with Mr. Fuller.  
Mr. Buckley with Mr. Lambertson.  
Mr. Magnuson with Mr. Jennings.  
Mr. Delaney with Mr. LeFevre.  
Mr. McMurray with Mr. Eaton.  
Mr. Klein with Mr. Gifford.  
Mr. McCormack with Mr. Dirksen.  
Mr. Kennedy with Mr. Miller of Missouri.  
Mr. Feighan with Mr. Douglas.  
Mr. Heffernan with Mr. Norman.  
Mr. Hoch with Mr. Powers.  
Mr. Somers of New York with Mr. Rodgers of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Satterfield with Mr. Stockman.  
Mr. Dickstein with Mr. Phillips.  
Mr. Holifield with Mr. Thomas of New Jersey.

Mr. Fay with Mr. Woodruff of Michigan.  
Mr. Cannon of Florida with Mrs. Luce.  
Mr. O'Toole with Mr. Weichel of Ohio.  
Mr. Burch of Virginia with Mr. Jonkman.  
Mr. Capozzoli with Mr. Baldwin of New York.

Mr. Madden with Mr. Gamble.  
Mr. Pfeifer with Mr. Treadway.  
Mr. Ramspeck with Mr. Bender.  
Mr. Celler with Mr. Chenoweth.  
Mr. Randolph with Mr. Maas.  
Mr. Ward with Mr. Allen of Illinois.  
Mr. Domeneaux with Mr. Winter.  
Mr. Drewry with Mr. Herter.  
Mr. Manasco with Mr. Gilchrist.  
Mr. Costello with Mr. Plumley.  
Mr. Baldwin of Maryland with Mr. Stearns of New Hampshire.

Mr. Furlong with Mr. Ramey.  
Mr. Harless of Arizona with Mr. Mruk.  
Mr. Hart with Mr. Curtis.  
Mr. Newsome with Mr. Leonard W. Hall.  
Mr. Torrens with Mr. Gerlach.  
Mr. Smith of West Virginia with Mr. Butler.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment striking out the preamble to the resolution.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. O'CONNOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following amendment to the title, which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. O'CONNOR: Strike out the words "create a select committee" and insert in lieu thereof "authorize the Committee on Indian Affairs."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks on the soldiers' vote bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the order heretofore granted, the gentle-

man from Michigan [Mr. HOFFMAN] is recognized for 1 hour.

## QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, because there was no other legislative business for the day, permission was obtained to speak at this time.

In the Detroit News of February 3, 1944, there was printed the following:

C. Pat Quinn, president of the C. I. O. council, disclosed that a resolution condemning HOFFMAN for "seditious statements and activities" was passed by the council Tuesday night.

The resolution declares: "This Fascist-minded Congressman has thus climaxed a long record of pro-Fascist activities and by such seditious incitements has laid himself open to immediate Federal action under the Espionage Act, which places such utterances as this in wartime as treason and aid to the enemy."

The statements reflect upon the integrity and the patriotism in his official capacity of the Member from the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, and raise the question of personal privilege.

Time should not be taken to reply to this charge were I the only one interested in this question. As time goes on, practically every Member of this body, on the majority as well as on the minority side, will have like charges made against him. We know from past experience that at least two-thirds of the Members of this House and two-thirds of the Members of the other body have been openly and repeatedly charged with being antilabor, with favoring legislation which interfered with the war effort, with being, you might say, pro-Nazi. Therefore, the House and the Members of the House might now as well as later meet these charges and do what it can to expose the falsehoods.

## ACTIVITIES OF C. I. O. POLITICAL-ACTION COMMITTEE

The C. I. O.—the political-action committee of the C. I. O.—should be the last to make charges of that nature, and it is my purpose today to place in the RECORD facts and circumstances undisputed, which show that the C. I. O. itself has been, and is now, engaged in a campaign which has in the past and which today does hinder the production of munitions of war.

The activities of some of the C. I. O. leaders tend to create discontent. They promote disorder. They instigate riots and create a condition fertile for civil war. Here is an old circular which was used by me in the last campaign when in my district the C. I. O. in published advertisements wanted to know whether I was fighting Hitler or the C. I. O. In the papers of the district I replied with the statement that I was fighting both of them. The reasons why I was fighting Hitler were evident to all. And these pictures, some of which I published, showed why I was fighting the C. I. O. I have copies of this, and I think I will have enough for any Member who wants one. If any Member here is assailed during this campaign for nomination or

election by the C. I. O., you can present to the people of your district a photograph of what the C. I. O. does and the kind of activities it carries on. Now, do not misunderstand, no broad, general charge that the C. I. O. is composed of disloyal men or women is made. The only claim is that a few of those at the top who control the actions of the C. I. O. are the ones who are doing these things.

C. I. O. MEMBERSHIP PATRIOTIC

There are hundreds of thousands of patriotic workers in the C. I. O.; but from 1937, when, in violence and bloodshed, in disregard of law and the constitutional rights of citizens, the sit-down strikes were brought by it to Michigan down to the present moment, many of its leaders have been dominated, whether they know it or not, by Communists working toward the overthrow of our Government by force. Some of the methods of the C. I. O. are those of the Communists. They seek to create discontent, promote disorder, instigate riots, and create a condition fertile for civil war.

The pictures which I hold in my hand are a reproduction of but six of many pictures taken at the time of the April 1941 strike at the Ford plant. Keep that date in mind.

According to testimony given in the United States District Court at Detroit, two of the five U. A. W.-C. I. O. men who were beating unresisting Melvin Bartling, a timekeeper, were Communists, and copies of their membership cards in that organization are in my possession.

Not one of the five shown in the picture was an employee of the Ford Motor Co. All were members of Briggs Local, U. A. W.-C. I. O., 212. All were trespassers on Ford and public property.

JOHN L. LEWIS OBJECTED TO COMMUNISTS

Long prior to that strike, John L. Lewis, who had caused an investigation to be made, in Senate Document No. 14 of the Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, made the following statements:

Imported revolution is knocking at the door of the United Mine Workers of America and of the American people. The seizure of this union is being attempted as the first real step in the realization of a thoroughly organized program of the agencies and forces behind the Communist International at Moscow for the conquest of the American continent.

The overthrow and destruction of this Government, with the establishment of an absolute and arbitrary dictatorship, and the elimination of all forms of popular voice in governmental affairs, is being attempted on a more gigantic scale, with more resolute purpose, and with more crafty design than at any time in the history of this Nation.

Lewis also said:

It is purely a revolutionary organization and makes no pretense at legality. \* \* \* This party has at its head the supreme executive revolutionary committee in America, responsible only to \* \* \* officials of the Communist International.

The movement is aimed not only at the labor unions but at the entire industrial, social, and political structure of the country, and with the single aim of eventually establishing a Soviet dictatorship in the United States.

Within the last month, the same John L. Lewis, in an exclusive interview to the

Washington Times-Herald, speaking of the Communists, said:

Their technique is simple. The American Communists limit their membership to only the cleverest schemers they can find. Then they worm their way into key places in local chapters of unions. In this way they control whole organizations which our public, therefore, thinks have "gone Communist." But the more the newspapers and our public shout about such a union as a Communist hotbed, the more misunderstood and abused the rank and file of the ordinary members feel—and the thing goes around and around in a vicious circle.

Oh, they're clever; believe me, I know. When I was organizing the C. I. O. we picked up a lot of Communists as we grew—including Harry Bridges. But if I had not resigned the chairmanship and left the C. I. O. in 1940, I can tell you the Communists would have been weeded out.

Instead, as anyone might expect who has seen them throw their weight around inside labor organizations, the Communists dominate the C. I. O. today. Philip Murray today is the prisoner of the Communists in his own union. They control him and the C. I. O. through their seats on his executive committee. Sidney Hillman is just as badly off. Both of them have got to play ball with the Communists now—or die.

This is the way communism takes hold. This is the way it endangers the labor movement, and our country. For the same thing happens in governments. Communism has an antinatural and basically antieconomic quality. History shows that communism is only compatible with primitive and undernourished economic surroundings. In its control and destruction it does not distinguish error from truth, good from evil, justice from injustice. It does not care for history or for the experience of humanity, for freedom, or for the dignity of man. And the last thing on earth the American Communists are interested in is the American way of life.

As Lewis said:

Agencies of the Government like the N. L. R. B. have for years been aiding the C. I. O. to force the employees into their organization.

Now get this—if you read the RECORD, you know that statement is true. Where is the pay-off? The pay-off this year came when the C. I. O. in their national convention endorsed the New Deal candidate for a fourth term, as rotten a political deal as ever was made.

Communist membership in the United Mine Workers, headed by Lewis, is barred by the constitution of that organization.

REASON FOR C. I. O.'S CHARGES

It is understandable why the C. I. O. charges me with sedition or with treason, for, with all due modesty, may I state that publicity given to it and some of its actions has resulted in ending some of its strikes.

Time after time, from 1937 on, have I, from the floor of the House and publicly, called attention to the fact that the C. I. O., that the Communists which it harbored, were following a policy which would destroy our Government.

But what right, logically, has the C. I. O. to charge anyone with either sedition or a hindering of the war effort?

The record of the C. I. O. has been one—and down to this moment it is one—of lawlessness and violence; of utter and complete disregard of the constitutional rights, of the moral rights, of other citizens.

The whole case against it, its greed, its selfishness, is proven beyond argument by the fact that it attempts to force everyone who would work in a defense industry to contribute to its funds.

RECORD AND METHODS OF THE C. I. O.

When it could not win its point by argument, it has not hesitated to use force. By coercion, by intimidation, and by violence, as well as by persuasion, it has collected millions of dollars, and today it is using that fund so collected to besmirch, to defeat, every Member of House or Senate who ventures to oppose its will. It seeks to become a dictator of American political action.

There are many who believe that the President's unstatesmanlike veto message on the tax bill was due to the influence of Philip Murray, who objected to the inclusion in that measure of a provision which required unions, as well as other organizations, to file with the Treasury a statement showing the amount of their income.

Agencies of the Government, like the N. L. R. B., have for years been aiding the C. I. O. to force employees into that organization. In return, the C. I. O. is out in support of the fourth term.

Notwithstanding the no-strike pledge given by the C. I. O. shortly after the beginning of this war, the most casual reading of the daily press shows that strikes in C. I. O.-controlled factories and industry have been of almost daily occurrence. Everyone who reads the papers knows this charge to be true and for many of the strikes there has been not the slightest excuse.

Now, it is true that, within the past 10 days, undoubtedly alarmed by the wave of public indignation which is about to overwhelm it, the C. I. O. through some of its officers has consented—note that word "consented"—to the discharge of certain employees in the Ford plant who were disrupting production, who brought about a strike.

But let me give you just one incident, which is typical of all too many. Two men employed in the Edgewater branch of the Ford Motor Co. as testers were able to do a certain job in 15 minutes. Union officials told them they must take 45 minutes. When they failed to loaf for 30 minutes, they were expelled from the union and, under the union's contract with the company, their discharge was demanded. The company refused to discharge them and a row followed.

But why enlarge? Similar incidents are familiar to most of the Members of this House. They certainly are familiar to many of our people living in industrial centers.

C. I. O. CURTAILS PRODUCTION

The whole situation is portrayed by three letters which passed between the director of the Ford Motor Co. and the president of the union. Those letters read as follows:

JANUARY 19, 1944.

Mr. R. J. THOMAS,  
President, United Automobile, Aircraft,  
and Agricultural Implement Workers  
of America, C. I. O., 411 W. Milwaukee  
Ave., Detroit, Mich.

DEAR MR. THOMAS: In May 1943, two men, Neil Smith and John Elvin, were employed

by the Edgewater Branch of the Ford Motor Co. as road-testers. The operation upon which these men were placed had been taking 45 minutes to perform. They were able to and did do the job in 15 minutes.

Our information as to subsequent events is as follows: The ability of these men to do their operation speedily and efficiently in one-third the time it had formerly taken to perform the job immediately aroused resentment among their coworkers and officials of Local 906 of your union at the Edgewater plant. We are informed that some of the officials and a number of other members of Local 906 approached these two men and told them that they must take 45 minutes to perform the operation, and that when the men continued to perform it in 15 minutes, the members of the local attempted to intimidate them with threats of bodily harm and expulsion from the union.

After failing in every way to intimidate the men, the local finally made good its threat to expel them. On Monday, January 17, 1944, company officials at the Edgewater, N. J., branch, received a communication from Local 906 stating that these two men had been expelled from the union and could not, therefore, be retained in the employ of the company. No reason was given to the company or the men by the local for the expulsion.

It appears that the union, on these facts, is using the union-shop provision of the contract as a whip to force employees to slow down production.

As you know, during the negotiations which led up to the first contract between the union and the company, the company voluntarily gave the union the provisions of the union shop and check-off. Obviously, it was not intended or even contemplated that the very thing that the company gave you voluntarily for the purpose, as it believed at that time, of enhancing good relations between the company and the union would be used by the union as a weapon to coerce employees to slow down production.

While the case of these two individuals would seem relatively unimportant, it is, nevertheless, very important from the standpoint of establishing a precedent, and we certainly cannot permit the union to apply the union-shop features of our contract in a way that was never intended. The company must, therefore, refuse to recognize the notice of expulsion above-mentioned.

Recently, when I spoke to you of the misuse of the union-shop provisions by local officials to cripple the company's position during the last foremen's walk-out at the Willow Run Bomber Plant, you stated that the facts had not been brought to your attention and that, had they been, you would have taken appropriate action.

I am, therefore, bringing this to your attention in the hope that you will make a thorough investigation and, if the facts are as we understand them, take appropriate action to remedy the situation and prevent future recurrences. On the other hand, if it turns out that we have been misinformed, we shall appreciate your so advising us.

Very truly yours,

H. H. BENNETT,  
Director.

UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AIRCRAFT,  
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS  
OF AMERICA (U. A. W.-C. I. O.),  
January 24, 1944.

Mr. HARRY H. BENNETT,  
Director, Ford Motor Co.,  
Dearborn, Mich.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your letter dated January 20 relative to the action taken by the membership of local union No. 906, Edgewater, N. J., against Neil Smith and John Elvin, I want you to know that I have checked

into this matter and find that Local Union No. 906 acted in accordance with the constitution of our union as it deals with trial procedure of union members.

Furthermore, information given in your letter as to the events that led to the expulsion of Messrs. Smith and Elvin differs from the facts of the case as established by the local union trial committee, whose verdict was unanimously approved by the membership of the local union in attendance at a regularly called local union meeting.

Because of the seriousness of your complaint I gave my personal attention in getting to the bottom of the entire situation. I have conferred with the ranking officers of the local union, and I am convinced that the action taken was in the best interest of the war effort and the relationship between the company and the union. The findings of my investigation clearly indicate that the above-mentioned employees are only interested in self-advancement at the expense of the war effort. By that I mean that Mr. Smith and Mr. Elvin, according to the information at hand, deliberately falsified their reports in order that the record would show increased output. The method they are charged with using in doing this was to fill out their test reports on Army trucks without any check whatsoever. The union has substantiating evidence to this effect.

I might further advise you that during the month of September, prior to the filing of any charges against the aforementioned employees, Mr. S. Schillon, then in charge of labor relations, called representatives of the local union and Messrs. Smith and Elvin to his office allegedly for the purpose of clearing up the entire situation. The union representatives at that time expressed full agreement to any proposition that would increase the output on this particular job, providing, however, that such increased output would meet all specifications required by the Government.

Now let's see what happened in this case. Immediately following return to their jobs, all the men working as testers were informed by company supervision that unless they attained the same standard of output as Elvin and Smith, they would be subject to discharge. The union leadership became very resentful inasmuch as they felt that they were being framed by Elvin and Smith's actions into getting out work of inferior quality.

Consequently, the union, in order to protect its integrity and its membership, had no other course to pursue than rigid disciplinary action against the above-named individuals.

I might further point out that during the period of the meeting held in Mr. Schillon's office, there was no charge against any of the leadership of the local union regarding intimidation or any other attempt to curtail production.

In conclusion, it might be well to advise you that the union and the company are confronted with an immediate serious problem regarding the disposition of the controversy that now prevails. The union feels that the agreement between the Ford Motor Co. and the union is clear and specific. I refer you to section 2 of the 1942 Ford-Union contract under the caption "Union shop."

If the company for any reason feels disposed to disagree with the union's interpretation, we must insist that in the interest of (and this I must repeat) the war effort, a quick decision be forthcoming and that the umpire, Dr. Harry Shulman, be permitted by agreement of the parties to make an immediate decision regarding the union's prerogative.

Very truly yours,  
R. J. THOMAS,  
President, International Union, U. A. W.-C. I. O.

JANUARY 26, 1944.

Mr. R. J. THOMAS,  
President, United Automobile, Aircraft,  
and Agricultural Implement Workers  
of America, C. I. O., Detroit, Mich.

DEAR MR. THOMAS: I have your letter of the 24th with reference to the action of Local 906 at Edgewater, N. J., regarding the expulsion of Neil Smith and John Elvin.

Your investigation was evidently confined to conferring with the officers of the local involved. At any rate, you could not have talked to any disinterested persons with knowledge of the facts, such as the Army and Navy inspectors at Edgewater, because if you had you would have readily found out that these two men have had fewer rejects than a number of other testers who take more than twice the time to do the same work. Obviously, I would not expect the union officials responsible for this action to say that they suspended these two men, because they refused to slow down. A better-sounding reason would have to be concocted for public consumption. Yet the only reason these officials could think of to attempt to justify their unjustifiable action was to say that the men were not doing their work properly and were inefficient. They forgot, however, as you evidently also have, that under the Ford-U. A. W. contract the right to maintain efficiency and the right to discharge for inefficiency are the sole functions of the company, to which the union agreed in sections 11, 12, and 13 of the contract.

You state that at a meeting before Mr. Schillon, of the labor relations office of the company in September, these men made no charge against any of the leaders of the local union regarding intimidation. While that statement is true, it is only half of the truth. The important half, which you neglected to mention, is that the meeting in Mr. Schillon's office was held upon the complaint of these two men that they were being constantly harassed, annoyed, spat upon, and threatened by their co-testers, and that upon several occasions attempts had been made to "frame" their work, and trucks which they had sent to the shop for adjustments were tampered with in the shop in order to discredit these two men.

Mr. Schillon called the union officials and committeemen, who agreed to see to it that these annoyances would stop, and who also agreed to attempt to step up production.

In your letter you state that you are convinced that the action taken by the local was "in the best interests of the war effort and the relationship between the company and the union." No statement could be in more direct opposition to the truth. The process of reasoning by which you think that resisting attempts to increase production and crucifying any man who tries to increase production is helpful to the war effort is beyond comprehension, as is also your apparent belief that the union, by usurping functions of management, would enhance relations between the company and the union.

As a matter of fact, the local in question has not only resisted attempts to increase production but has actually decreased it below peacetime levels. While giving lip service to the war effort, the facts show that at this plant, which is assembling 158-inch trucks for the Army and Navy—a truck almost identical with the 158-inch truck assembled at this same plant for civilian use prior to the war—it requires 16 hours per truck for assembly exclusive of minor assemblies, whereas in 1941 the almost identical truck was completely (including subassemblies) assembled in 8 hours.

The management has constantly asked the union leaders to assist them in correcting this situation, and approximately 6 months ago Mr. Edmonds, manager of the Edgewater plant, took up this matter with Mr. Leonard,

who promised to do something about it. Not only have none of those promises so far materialized, but an attempt has been made to crucify two employees who were honestly and sincerely interested in the war effort.

In conclusion I wish to remind you that the union by its action in this case has knowingly and deliberately violated sections 11, 12, and 13 of our contract by applying the union shop feature in a way never intended nor contemplated. We shall be glad to submit the entire issue to the umpire on the question as to whether or not the union is violating those sections. While we are most anxious to have an early decision on this matter, we shall, of course, insist on a reasonable length of time in which to prepare the evidence for submission to the umpire.

Very truly yours,

HARRY H. BENNETT,  
Director.

For days I could stand here on the floor and read into this RECORD case after case where the C. I. O. has either fostered, promoted, or failed to protest strikes which time and time again have held up war production, have interfered with the ability of our men abroad, not only to destroy the enemy, but to protect their own lives.

I will give you just two—one showing you how the C. I. O. more than 4 years ago—in one instance for 24 calendar days; in the other, for 41 calendar days—held up the production and delivery of castings for airplane engines in process of construction at the Naval Air Factory, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, and the production and delivery of bearings.

The official disgraceful story is told in a reply dated October 20, 1939, from Charles Edison, then Acting Secretary of the Navy, to House Resolution 314, Seventy-sixth Congress, second session, introduced by me. Read it; then hang your head in shame over the pusillanimity of an administration which will submit to such conduct on the part of any organization.

And do not think that the C. I. O. has not continued its obstructive war-hampering actions.

More recently and as late as January 9 of this year, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard, referring to C. I. O. strikes on the west coast, disclosed that those strikes were delaying convoys and troops which otherwise would have sooner reached those who are fighting for us in the southwest Pacific. Among other things, Bard wrote:

East Bay Local 1304 refused to permit its members to work on those week ends under conditions applicable to all other local labor. This refusal had the specific effect of disrupting work schedules on new vessels under construction and involving delays in several ship projects of extreme urgency. A further consequence was failure to effect repairs on Navy and Army vessels so preventing these vessels from meeting schedules controlling convoys required for shipment of men and supplies with the result that convoys were delayed and schedules of troop movements to ports of embarkation were seriously disorganized.

With a record of obstructing the war effort behind it, the C. I. O. leadership, led around by the nose by the Communists, should hang its head in shame and repent in sackcloth and ashes. When the people know these would-be political labor leaders for what they are; when they are once familiar with what they

have been doing and what they propose to do, the union men themselves will throw them out of office.

All of the smoke screen of false charges raised by the C. I. O. smear artists will never for one moment deceive the returning soldiers, who will remember that, while they were fighting in their fox holes thousands of miles from home, that organization was interfering with the production and the transportation of the arms, the ammunition, the planes and the guns, which were, which are, so sorely needed.

Putting it another way, while the men who have been drafted from the stores, the farms, the mills, and the mines, and the countrysides are fighting and dying, these unions, and R. J. Thomas is one of the officials who directs the policies, are hindering the production of the things the fighting men need.

If there is anyone who is guilty of conduct which tends to create dissatisfaction among the men of the armed forces who is it? Is it the man who criticizes some New Deal policy, or is it the man who holds up to the knowledge of those in the Army, the production and transportation of the things which they must have if they are to defeat our enemies and if they are to preserve their own lives?

Mr. GATHINGS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield briefly.

Mr. GATHINGS. I would like to say right at that point that in 1943 there were more man-days lost than in 1942 by three times, because of work stoppages.

Mr. HOFFMAN. That is correct; according to the figures of the Department of Labor.

The facts cannot be successfully contradicted. Here is the C. I. O. which presumes to accuse Members of Congress of seditious utterances, of treasonable activities, according to its own records and the records of the plant—its own records as to membership and the company records as to employment and production, taking twice as long in wartime to assemble a truck similar to the one which was assembled in peacetime in half the length of time.

What standing, I ask you, has the C. I. O. or the Committee for Political Action of the C. I. O., to charge anyone with slowing down the war effort, with doing, saying, or even thinking of anything which would aid our enemies?

The C. I. O. should first clean its own house before it ventures to criticize anyone else.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield to me at this point?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield briefly.

Mr. COX. I wonder if the gentleman will agree that the "new orderites" are so hot in the prosecution of their campaign to communize America as to make it impossible for them to realize that there boils beneath their own feet public sentiment that is likely to explode at any time? And if the gentleman agrees that these "new orderites" showing the first sign of weakness, the multitude like a pack of angry wolves are going to rush upon them and tear them into tatters.

#### FALSE CHARGES BY JERGENS' HIRED MAN

Mr. HOFFMAN. Anyone who listened last night to Walter Winchell could not help but realize that, yellow as he is, he realizes the change in public sentiment, and the Jergens Co., which hires him, ought soon to sense it, for if you ever heard a fellow start to alibi, start for the cellar, that fellow did last night; there is no question about it, he did.

However, he did, probably from force of habit, include a false charge or two in his broadcast. And, incidentally, do not rely upon the transcript of his broadcast. It has recently been found necessary for the Federal Communications Commission to add to its regulations on broadcasters a statement which you will find in the Broadcast News that hereafter these broadcasters must make an electrical transcription when they broadcast. The Commission, of course, should go one step further to get the inflections and insinuations. That transcription should be made at the time of the broadcast, not before the broadcast is put on the air. For example, I say: "Oh, yes; you're loyal? You are?" That is Walter's method of insinuating an evil thought where none is intended.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. COX. I wonder if the gentleman would permit me to quote in this connection a line from Joanna Boillier's *De Montford*, which runs:

Think'st thou there are no serpents in the world  
But those who slide along the grassy sod,  
And sting the luckless foot that presses there?  
There are who in the path of social life  
Do bask their spotted skins in Fortune's sun,  
And sting the soul.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Here is one statement Winchell, in substance, made last night—I give the thought, not the words: The F. B. I. is investigating a Detroit motor magnate who is promoting strikes.

Mr. SHAFER. Fostering strikes.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Well, "promoting" or "fostering" whichever it was. This morning into my office came an F. B. I. man. Oh, do not worry, he was not investigating me, but Walter will tell you, by inference at least, when he reads that he came into my office that he was investigating me, so I am telling you that I told the F. B. I. man to investigate Winchell and Pearson.

I asked the F. B. I. representative what, if anything, there was to the statement that the F. B. I. was investigating a Detroit motor magnate on the question of instigating or promoting strikes. He called the F. B. I. office and replied that the F. B. I. was not doing anything of the kind; that it might be possible that such an investigation was being made by the Department of Justice.

Then Walter gave us more news—I think he claimed it was exclusive—most of his stuff even though a week old is claimed to be exclusive—that MacArthur had an interesting and mysterious conference with the former head of the American Firsters.

What is the insinuation? Is it that MacArthur is disloyal? You have all read in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD or in

the newspapers how when somebody operating under the War Department recommended a questionable article about MacArthur, it was challenged by a Member of the other body with putting out political propaganda. The Secretary of War, Mr. Stimson, on the delivery of the speech, sent up a letter repudiating that kind of action.

What I would like to know is how long the Navy will permit similar smear tactics to go unchallenged. After the Army says it is improper and contrary to their policy and regulations to make an attack upon a general in the Army, how long is the Navy going to permit Mr. Winchell to continue his insinuations that MacArthur, who is leading our troops, our armed forces in the Pacific, is doing something that is disloyal? How long is the Navy going to let it continue?

The Navy has stripped Winchell of his uniform, of any duties he might have had; they have stripped him of his pay, but he is still, to the disgrace of the Navy and every decent man in it, carried on the rolls as a Reserve officer. He is carried there according to my understanding by virtue of White House influence. How long are they going to carry that man?

The Army code carries a section which punishes a man in the armed forces who is guilty of unmilitary conduct, of conduct unbecoming a gentleman. When I wrote the Secretary of the Navy pointing out conduct which would bring Winchell under that regulation, the Navy Department said that that did not apply to the Navy.

Being interpreted, that means that you cannot stay in the Army and be guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman, but you can be in the Navy and be guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and remain there as an officer. I have prepared an amendment to the title governing the Navy which will add those sections which are in the title which governs the Army so that the two services may be on an equality in that particular respect.

I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. SHAFER. I was just wondering if there would be anything disgraceful or unpatriotic or un-American for a general of our Army to consult with a man like General Wood, who is at the head of the America First Committee.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Certainly not. We all realize that when the men in the South Pacific hear that sort of insinuation one of two things comes to their minds: They are either disgusted or discouraged to think that here at home, while they are carrying on the battle, we permit that sort of charge to be made against a commanding officer. Do you suppose some of them think when they hear Walter Winchell make that kind of charge that there is something wrong with General MacArthur?

In my opinion they do not. That would be a proper inference, but Walter is so widely known for what he is that they do not pay much attention to him.

#### CRITICISM SEDITIONARY—\*

Since the drive to override our constitutional form of government, remake America, and convince our people that Franklin D. Roosevelt is an indispensable man began, those who ventured to question the propriety of unconstitutional action without a constitutional amendment, the soundness of New Deal policies, or the purpose of the New Dealers, Communists, or fourth-termers, have been the targets of the smear brigade.

#### ROOSEVELT SAYS THERE IS NO INDISPENSABLE MAN

They ignore that Roosevelt himself pointed out there never was, never would be an indispensable man when, on March 2, 1930, criticizing the Republican administration, he said:

The doctrine of regulation and legislation by "master minds" in whose judgment and will, all the people may gladly and quietly acquiesce, has been too glaringly apparent at Washington during these last 10 years.

Were it possible to find "master minds" so unselfish, so willing to decide unhesitatingly against their own personal interests or private prejudices; men almost Godlike in their ability to hold the scales of justice with an even hand—such a government might be to the interests of the country.

But there are none such on our political horizon, and we cannot expect a complete reversal of all the teachings of history.

More than 2 years later, on November 3, 1932, Roosevelt, candidate for the Presidency, said:

In speaking for the common purposes of all of those forward-looking men and women I have, I believe, avoided the delusion that this is a campaign of persons or of personalities.

To indulge in such a fantastic idea of my own individual importance would be to betray the common hope and the common cause that has brought us all together this year.

A great man (Wilson) left us a watchword that we can well repeat: "There is no indispensable man."

#### THE WOLF-PACK SMEARERS

The wolf-pack smearers, numbering among its more mangy members the foul-mouthed Walter Winchell, creator and disseminator of malicious falsehoods, assisted in his campaign of vilification by his sponsors, the Jergens Co., which, through Walter, sells some sort of lotion, starts off in full cry, determined to pull down and destroy everyone who even ventures a word of criticism of the New Deal, its candidates, or the Communists.

The members of the gang which has done and is doing so much to create disunity have long been at work. Prior to the 1942 campaign the New Republic, the Daily Worker, official spokesman for the Communists whose party slogan has been the overthrow of our Government by force, the New Masses, Marshall Field's PM, the Chicago Sun, the Luce publications, and other publications apparently more interested in other countries than in the welfare of America, some radio commentators and newspaper columnists, by falsehoods and half truths, attempted to destroy the confidence of the people in their chosen representatives.

#### NEW DEAL INTENDED DESTRUCTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

In the early days of the New Deal, Guy Rexford Tugwell, who was then in the favor of the President and of the First Lady, made this illuminating statement. I quote:

Business will logically be required to disappear.

The future is becoming visible in Russia. \* \* \* Perhaps our statesmen will give way or be more or less gently removed from duty.

Perhaps our vested interests will submit to control without violent resistance. \* \* \*

We have no reason to believe that the disestablishment of our plutocracy would be pleasant. These historical changes never are. We have, however, the duty of avoiding violence as the process goes on.

WALLACE, selected by Eleanor Roosevelt and the President as the President's running mate, among other things wrote that the New Deal was engaged in "making America over." Referring to such action he said, and I quote:

We may hope that such action can be taken as bloodlessly as the Constitution was enacted.

The President himself set the pace early in his administration by referring to respectable and respected businessmen, merchants, industrialists, in fact to all those who, through work, economy, and thrift, were able to provide old-age security for themselves as princes of privilege, economic royalists. He smeared and jeered at decent, honest, patriotic Americans for apparently no reason at all, other than that they were not dependent upon State or Federal Government.

More recently his Vice President WALLACE designated those who do business in New York's Wall Street, as Fascists.

For long, one Thomas Corcoran, familiarly known to the President as "Tommy the Cork," had the Presidential ear and many times presumed to speak for the President. On one occasion, he enlightened us as follows:

We know that a revolution is actually here. All we can hope to do is canalize it. Our whole conception of private property is going to be changed and all we can hope to do is help it to come about gently, without any general blow-up.

To a man representing a great insurance business, which the Government more recently has been attempting to take over, "Tommy the Cork" made this enlightening statement:

When we get through with you fellows, this business will be run by the Government.

The sit-down strikes, conceived by the Communists, were born in Michigan in 1937. They gathered strength and attained their objective because the administration refused to curb their lawlessness and their violence. The armed forces of the State, without rebuke from the President's man Friday—in fact, acting under his orders—gave them support. Some of those who carried on those strikes have since hindered and obstructed the war effort.

#### DEMOCRATS' OPINION OF NEW DEAL

The fallacies of the New Deal became so evident, the attempt to destroy the

confidence of the people in their Representatives in Congress became so vicious that respected leaders of the Democratic Party felt compelled to break their silence. Said Senator CARTER GLASS as early as June of 1937:

The last election was carried by people who were getting favors from the Government, people who were subsidized by the Government, people who were on relief rolls, and people who were sanctioning the invasion of private property and its occupation, as is being done now.

Again he said:

The New Deal, taken all in all, is not only a mistake, it is a disgrace to the Nation, and the time is not far distant when we shall be ashamed of having wandered so far from the dictates of common sense and common honesty.

Finally, even the Presiding Officer of the House, Democratic Speaker RAYBURN, evidently outraged by tactics of the smear artists, in March of 1942 said, and I quote:

Not from one section of the country but from every section of the country are coming letters and telegrams; many of them are very insulting. They come not from Democrats nor Republicans, but from every class and section.

They read: "Congress is playing politics." "Politics control the Army and the Navy." "Our war production has bogged down, and neither Government nor manufacturers nor labor is doing its job." \* \* \*

Instead of these meetings breeding division and discord and discontent and disunity, it would be much better for the safety of the country and our war effort if they were turned into unity parades and the effort and the wrath that is expended there be applied to doing some of the work of trying to win this war.

Congress is being criticized, but Congress has given the President every law and every dollar he has asked for defense purposes.

Notwithstanding the fact that those who spoke for America, who pledged allegiance to our interest, were reelected and the smear gang's candidates were defeated, they still give utterance to dastardly falsehoods, continue to create dissension by charging with disloyalty all who will not bend the knee, bow the head, and give support to their unsound theories, their foreign-born ideology, their schemes for the surrender of our independence, for the scuttling of the Constitution.

#### PEARSON QUESTIONS ARMY'S HUMANITY

Only a week ago Sunday night, a radio commentator and columnist made a statement in substance that the wife of a soldier was turned away from an Army hospital while the dog of an officer was given treatment.

He said that the dog lived, while the wife of the soldier died, and he called on Surgeon General Kirk for an explanation. The purport and the purpose of that statement as made by Drew Pearson was to create in the minds of his listeners the disturbing inference that those in charge of the Army hospitals were more interested in treating dumb animals than in the treatment of the servicemen's dependents. It was a damnable lie, as Pearson knew when he uttered it. Its only result in the minds of the servicemen—of those who believed

it—was to cause discontent and discouragement.

Pearson and Winchell, both following the New Deal and the Communist Party line, in almost every broadcast say something by way of criticism of those who believe in this country, its institutions, and its future.

#### JERGENS SPONSORS DISUNITY CREATOR

Winchell, in particular, demands the prosecution for sedition of all those who disagree with his foul insinuations, made while he is paid by the Jergens Co., which asks you to buy its products, and while he is a Reserve officer in the Navy. He is a disgrace to any reputable manufacturer, an abomination to the Navy and to every decent member of it. He has been stripped of his uniform, of any pretended duty, and of his pay. Yet, because of Presidential favor, he retains his status in the Navy—a sawdust sailor so cowardly that he lacks the courage to walk abroad without bodyguard as do other Americans—millions of whom he described, because of the way they voted at the last election, as "damned fools."

How does the Jergens Co., selling lotion and other cosmetics, like to have its customers described as "damned fools"? Do those who buy Jergens' lotion and products realize what Jergens' hired man is calling them? Is it possible Winchell was thinking when he called citizens "damned fools," of the purchasers of Jergens' products, not of those who voted for successful candidates for the Senate and the House?

So, my dear hearers, if you have been purchasing Jergens' products, it might be well to write in and ask the company or the druggist from whom you purchase, whether Winchell was referring to you or someone else when you purchased something with the Jergens label on it.

#### COERCION, INTIMIDATION ADDED TO SMEAR

Neither the fourth-termers, the remakers of America, nor the Communists are satisfied with a smear campaign. To it they add coercion. It is common knowledge; in fact, it is a matter of record from the report of a committee of the other body, that money appropriated for the relief of the needy has been used for campaign purposes. It is a matter of common knowledge that A. A. A. and the funds at its disposal have been used to garner in the votes.

Several years ago those who borrowed from a Government agency were required to promise in writing that they would in no way criticize the New Deal agency which loaned them money until the principal borrowed and the interest thereon had been paid in full.

Just last week, I received a letter from a farmer enclosing a letter from the A. A. A. in one of the counties in my district which shows that organization hooking up the rationing of gas with support for the A. A. A. farm program. The letter from the farmer and from the A. A. A. reads as follows:

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: Enclosed is a form letter from our A. A. A. I have never received any payments or followed their program. My farm is 40 acres, one-half improved, of light soil, not grain land. My wife, 67, and I, 65, kept out of the red all through the depression and we do all we can to win the war.

Last year the A. A. A. agent called. We tried following their plans, increased our potato acreage, which drowned out; replanted some and summer-fallow balance; buyers seem to be holding off on reports of such a large crop.

The W. F. A. froze our grapes of about 100 bushels after I had them about sold. They told me they would send a man and truck to get my grapes at \$75 a ton, and he never showed up, so we took a loss after holding grapes for 18 days. About 6 weeks later I got a card to get my grapes released if they had not been released, which I had not.

We increased our chickens. You know about the feed and egg situation at home. A home-made tractor is more economical than horses for us, as we have to buy all our chick feed and would like to do our own planning and make both ends meet.

Now am I compelled to go to the A. A. A. for my gasoline? Last year the rationing board gave me my stamps. June 19, 1943, they returned my farm plan for changes, so I pigeon-holed it; seems like the same thing over this year.

Can I farm my own way if I do not ask for their payment and get what gas I need for my tractor?

FEBRUARY 18, 1944.

DEAR FARMER: As a front-line soldier of production you are being requested this year to produce even more food than your record production last year. Necessarily you must have the facilities to do your job efficiently.

One of the foremost of these is gasoline and fuel oil to operate your tractors and engines. The supply will not be sufficient to meet all civilian demands, but there will be enough for you to use in carrying on your farming activities.

Your local A. A. A. committee is cooperating with your local war price and rationing board in working out a program to assure you enough gasoline and fuel oil for the year.

This is what you will be asked to do. Your community A. A. A. committeeman will soon contact you to discuss with you plans for meeting the goals on your farm. He will ask you to sign the 1944 farm plan.

The form you fill out when the committee calls will be your application for gasoline and fuel oil for the year, based on your farming operations for 1944. It must be approved by the county A. A. A. committee before any action is taken by the local rationing board. It will be to your advantage to have the above-mentioned information ready when the committeeman calls.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN A. CHASE,  
Chairman, Van Buren County A. C. A.

Note the last sentence.

Now the information sought above is pertinent to gas rationing, but why the implication that unless the farmer signs up with the agricultural program he will not get gas? Has it come to pass that here in America farm crops cannot be grown, cattle cannot be raised, milk produced, or fruit picked and marketed, unless the A. A. A. first gives its blessing?

Apples grew in the Garden of Eden before A. A. A. was in existence; undoubtedly long after it has followed other political theories, old Mother Earth will still produce food.

#### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION CHARGED WITH POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Rural electrification is in theory a good thing, and it has brightened the lives of many a farmer, but like so many New Deal agencies, it, too, has been used for political purposes. That is not my criticism; it is the criticism of a loyal, con-

scientious Democrat, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. BOREN]. Within the week he cited scandals in the R. E. A. which he charged warranted impeachment proceedings and submitted to a House Appropriations Subcommittee, evidence of a R. E. A. "conspiracy to capture rural America and perpetuate it in economic serfdom."

He further charged that R. E. A. was wasting millions of dollars and "saddling farmers with a mountain of debt." Among others, he cited a specific instance, saying, and I quote:

The farmers of Long Valley have paid an outrageously high price for a utility system that fell apart almost as soon as it was unloaded on them. The farmers accepted in good faith the written certificate that the project was self-liquidating.

No one denies but that R. E. A. has rendered an invaluable service to the farmers, but like suckers on a fruit tree which harbors scale, which year after year is visited by a horde of parasites, these New Deal agencies need trimming and pruning. They need spraying and pestilent-eradicating chemicals; many of them need disinfectants. All too many of them are lousy with grafters, with foreign-born parasites on the public pay roll.

**PRESIDENT RELEASES BROWDER, WHO NOW SUPPORTS FOURTH TERM**

The President, when he released Earl Browder from prison, issued the following statement on May 16, 1942:

Browder paid his fines of \$2,000 and has now been imprisoned for a year and approximately 2 months. The sentence imposed upon him was longer than the usual sentence imposed for offenses involving the fraudulent obtaining and use of passports.

The President believes that the premium of obedience to law has been sufficiently vindicated by the punishment already suffered by Browder and that the commutation of his sentence, which brings about his release at this time, just shortly before he will become eligible for parole, will have a tendency to promote national unity and allay any feeling which may exist in some minds that the unusually long sentence in Browder's case was by way of penalty imposed upon him because of his political view.

The President did not add to the people's confidence in his administration by the release of Browder. Especially is this true since Browder has come out wholeheartedly in support of his benefactor as a candidate for the fourth term in the White House. The release of a known Communist from prison and that Communist's political support and his party's support of the President looks too much like a political deal. The people have not forgotten, they cannot forget that Browder is the head of the Communist Party; that the party doctrine is the overthrow of our Government by force; that the Communists have done so much to, as John L. Lewis has said, undermine labor organizations, destroy the confidence which the people have in honest patriotic labor organizations.

**INTIMIDATION**

Apparently there is no limit to what New Deal agencies will do to stifle criticism of the New Deal. We are all aware that the New Dealers are determined to perpetuate themselves in power, to gov-

ern by rule, order, regulation, and directive. Anyone who has watched official Washington for the past 10 years can see the clear pattern of a dictatorship, of a government by man, rather than a government by law.

**PRESIDENT PACKS COURT**

The President, impatient with the decisions of the Supreme Court which made it possible for us to continue under a constitutional form of government, sought to pack the Court. He and some of his supporters made an effort to belittle the Court, which up to that time had the confidence of all our people. The decisions of the Supreme Court up until the coming of the Roosevelt regime had always been accepted and followed without question both by the people and the lower courts. Those decisions in the main had been consistent, but the President changed all that. Two of his ardent supporters sought to discredit the Court by referring to its members as "Nine Old Men."

Defeated in his desire to pack the Court by legislation, by resignation and death the President was enabled to appoint seven of the nine members of the Court. He, it may be said without intending any disrespect to any of his appointees, selected the new members because of their political philosophy, rather than because of their legalistic standing.

**BUT ADDS TO CONFUSION**

Notwithstanding his obvious packing of the Court with those to whom he attributed New Deal philosophies, the Court itself, has fallen into disagreement until today it is in a worse state of confusion than ever before and some of its members have charged in their considered opinions that the Court has ceased to be a guide for the administrators of justice in the lower Federal courts.

In a recent opinion, Justices Roberts and Frankfurter stated that a "tendency to disregard precedents" in recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court has left litigants and lower courts "without confidence that what was said yesterday will hold good tomorrow."

It was further said that reversal of previous decisions tended to make the law "a game of chance."

In their opinion, they further said that—

The tendency to disregard precedents \* \* \* has become so strong in this court of late as \* \* \* to shake confidence in the consistency of decision and leave the courts below on an uncharted sea of doubt and difficulty.

Defendants will not know whether to litigate or settle, for they will have no assurance that a declared rule will be followed. But the more deplorable consequence will inevitably be that the administration of justice will fall into disrepute. Respect for tribunals must fall when the bar and the public come to understand that nothing that has been said in prior adjudication has force in a current controversy.

According to the statement of at least one Justice, the highest court in the land is no longer a compass on which the judges of appeals and district courts can rely, and itself does not know what its next holding will be.

**THE F. B. I. EFFICIENT**

The Department of Justice has long been regarded as free from political influence. J. Edgar Hoover throughout the years, by efficient work and a legitimate flare for publicity, built up for the F. B. I. a reputation for efficiency, thoroughness, and fairness.

Mr. BRADLEY of Michigan. I am very glad to hear the gentleman make that observation, because in my opinion Mr. Hoover's record speaks for itself. I do not think there is a more outstanding citizen in this country, and when Winchell tries to claim himself to be a friend of J. Edgar Hoover, it must be just as much of an offense to Hoover as it is to anybody else.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Every time Congress was asked for an appropriation for that Bureau, because they believed it was doing a good job a half dozen or more Congressmen, without any necessity therefor, would, from the floor of the House, praise and commend Hoover and the F. B. I.

But the searing, destructive influence of the New Deal, if current events be accepted at their face value, if the facts outlined in an editorial from the Hartford Day Spring, Van Buren County, Mich., be true—and I have no reason to doubt their truth—seems to be affecting even the activities of the F. B. I.

That editorial is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A," and the reply of the F. B. I., made after investigation, is marked "Exhibit B."

Nor is there any reason why the F. B. I. should degenerate into a gestapo; do the dirty work of the New Dealers.

**BUT NEW DEAL WOULD WRECK IT**

For 4 long years, the New Dealers tried to get J. Edgar Hoover, tried to make the F. B. I. a subservient agent of the New Deal. But Congress, steadfast in its faith in Hoover and in the F. B. I., thwarted that move and today the F. B. I. has the opportunity of remaining a free, independent, investigatory agency solely because Congress came to its rescue.

There is not the slightest reason why that organization should permit itself to be hooked up with Walter Winchell or any of the other professional smear artists.

Beyond question, thousands of complaints come to the F. B. I. about subversive activities. We all receive now and again complaints from constituents who think that some individual in their community is originating or is circulating stories which affect the war effort adversely. Those complaints we pass on to the F. B. I. for investigation—always heretofore secure in the thought that a fair and impartial investigation and report would be made.

We are all familiar with the smear campaign which was carried on against Herbert Hoover, with the smear tactics of Charlie Michelson. Gradually, but quite naturally, and characteristic of the policy followed by the Communists, the smear campaign has increased in volume as the New Dealers and the Communists have gone unrebuted.

For several years, a man who is a disgrace to his race, who makes his money by spreading filth, false, and malicious

gossip, the natural tendency of which is to impair the morale of our fighting men, has claimed to be an intimate of J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the F. B. I.

Time and again, in his talks over the radio and through his column, he has insinuated that he had access to F. B. I. information which otherwise was secret. He has spoken time and again under circumstances which would lead his hearers to believe that he had the confidence of the head of the F. B. I., that Hoover met him on terms of social equality and, as a matter of choice, sought his society, enjoyed his company, and, by inference, his dirty gossip.

True, on occasion, when Winchell has made false statements purporting to have come from the F. B. I., Mr. Hoover has publicly denied Winchell's statements.

Nevertheless, so far as I am able to learn, Hoover has never categorically denied Winchell's claims to access to confidential information obtained by F. B. I. agents.

#### HOOVER SHOULD DIVORCE WINCHELL

In this statement I may be in error and, if I am, it will do no harm for Mr. Hoover to again deny that he or the F. B. I. furnishes or permits Winchell access to confidential information.

In the smear publications, *Sabotage*, *Under Cover*, and various newspaper articles, Members of both Senate and House have, by inference, been accused of disloyal conduct. The method is to associate their names with the names of known or suspected disloyal individuals.

Mr. Hoover is familiar with this method. Yet he permits Winchell, who is known throughout the country as the originator and distributor of false information, to publicly, week after week, to millions of American listeners, carry the impression that he—Winchell—and J. Edgar Hoover are buddies.

Hoover has always been able to get all of the publicity he needed, and it would be no arduous task for him to tell the American people the truth about his association or lack of it, his relationship, if any, with Walter Winchell.

No one believes for one moment that J. Edgar Hoover has any sympathy for the views or the methods of Winchell. Nevertheless, Winchell, using the methods of Avedis Arthur Derouianian, alias John Roy Carlson, alias George Pagnanelli, alias Thomas L. Decker, alias John Correa, alias Rudolph Kibers, author of *Under Cover*—the power of association of names—to obtain some reflected degree of respectability and accuracy for himself, his broadcasts, and his column, links himself to the respectable head of the F. B. I. This, in reverse, is the method of the smearers.

Unless J. Edgar Hoover and the F. B. I. disassociate themselves from Walter Winchell, the public sooner or later will begin to think, from Winchell's statements, that they are acting in a common cause.

If the F. B. I. wishes to investigate claimed subversive activities, seditious utterances, it might do well to classify and check Winchell's statements to ascertain whether or not they create disunity, arouse antisemitic feeling, tend to

discourage our fighting men here at home and on the battlefield.

#### WINCHELL TRIES FOR VENEER OF RESPECTABILITY

Winchell and the other smearers like to use the old saying that birds of a feather flock together; that a man is known by the company he keeps. They used, and are using, that method to create in the minds of the people the belief that Senators and Congressmen are disloyal because they may have met some of those who have been indicted for sedition; because some who have been indicted, some who have been convicted, have circulated speeches made by the people's representatives.

There would be just as much sense, just as much logic, in claiming that the writer of a sacred hymn was a criminal because a jailbird passed it on to his fellow prisoners.

Throughout this country hundreds of thousands of persons are seeking seriously for the reason why Winchell, Drew Pearson—whom the President described as a chronic liar—and others are permitted unlimited freedom in creating disunity, while honest, respectable citizens out in the country are, upon complaint, immediately investigated by agents of the F. B. I.

The incident which I am about to cite is not typical, I am sure, of the F. B. I. and its methods, but it is indicative of the way in which the New Deal is extending its blighting influence throughout every Government agency.

It is time for J. Edgar Hoover and the F. B. I. to get an absolute divorce from Walter Winchell and the smear artists; to let the public know that they will no longer be responsible for the charges of disloyalty heaped against the people's representatives.

Free speech is one thing, but the use of a Government department to give it weight and political influence is quite another thing.

Winchell is using the Department of Justice for political purposes. It is time that the Department of Justice put an end to such use.

Already we have, so it is reported, some 10,000,000 in the armed service of the United States. We have millions of men and some thousands of women more than 3,000 miles away, fighting and dying on foreign soil and in hitherto unknown islands and seas, to, according to the President, carry in our time the "four freedoms" to the utmost ends of the world. One of those freedoms for which our flesh and blood are fighting and dying is freedom of speech.

#### SCHOOLBOY CLAIMS RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH

We have every reason to believe that hundreds of thousands—yes, perhaps a million—young Americans, who love life as you and I, who had or have everything in the world—friends, loved ones, home, children—to look forward to, will never return to the homeland which sent them forth.

They are told they are fighting so that others throughout the world may be free from want, free to worship, to enjoy a free press, and the right to speak freely. Yet, here at home, a 17-year-old schoolboy, who will fight for the right of free

speech, has his right to speak freely challenged; is charged with sedition and with traitorous conduct by a Government agent, because he ventured to exercise the right of free speech, to call attention to the President's failure to keep a promise.

The young man, who is a resident of the village of Hartford, with a population at the last census of 1,694, a month after he became 17 years of age, September last, enlisted as an air cadet, and, upon graduation in June, will go into training, hoping to become a member of a crew piloting a fighter or a bomber over Germany or the South Sea Islands held by the Japs.

Almost 6 months ago he offered all that he has—his life—all that he might look forward to—marriage, a home, children, and a happy old age with his family here in America—so that other people in distant parts of the world might have some of the blessings which we and our ancestors have enjoyed.

According to the editorial by Joseph N. McCall, publisher of the *Hartford Day Spring*, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A," the young man, in a class discussion of current affairs, referred to a campaign speech of the President, made in Boston on October 30, 1940. He then charged that the President did not tell the truth when he made that promise.

Some people will say, with some show of reason, that the President did not tell a falsehood; that he only made a promise and that subsequent events made it impossible to keep that promise. That argument is sound if, at the time the President promised that our boys would not be sent into any foreign wars, such was his intention and, if he had not, prior to that time, been following a course which he knew, or, by the exercise of ordinary diligence should have known, would make it impossible for him to keep his promise.

As to whether he and his administration had followed or were at the time following a policy which would inevitably lead to war will be discussed in a few moments.

#### YOUR BOYS ARE NOT GOING TO BE SENT INTO ANY FOREIGN WARS

There has been a studied effort to convince the American people that the President never made an unqualified promise that American boys were not going to be sent into any foreign wars. Both the President's wife and the smear artist, Walter Winchell—who by Presidential favor is retained as a Naval Reserve officer but without uniform, without pay, and without duty—have asserted that the President never made the unqualified promise and that his statement "your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars," had attached to it the qualifying limitation, "except in case of attack."

That there may be no further misunderstanding on this subject, let us put the facts on the record.

On October 23, 1940, at Philadelphia, the President said:

We are arming ourselves not for any foreign war.

We are arming ourselves not for any purpose of conquest or intervention in foreign disputes. I repeat again that I stand on the platform of our party: "We will not participate in foreign wars and we will not send our army, naval, or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas except in case of attack."

It is for peace that I have labored, and it is for peace that I shall labor all the days of my life.

The foregoing I quote from page 495 of volume 9 of the Public Papers and Addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Neither the First Lady nor Winchell, the scandal-monger and salesman for Jergens cosmetics, can change that record.

After making the statement at Philadelphia, quoting the Democratic platform, which pledged that—

We will not participate in foreign wars and we will not send our Army, naval, or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas except in case of attack.

And after 7 days' reflection and deliberation, President Roosevelt went one step further, cut off the limitation and unequivocally promised the fathers and the mothers of America that their sons were "not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

In that speech, made at Boston on October 30, 1940—and I am quoting now from the same volume 9 of the Public Papers and Addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt, page 517—the President said:

And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers, I give you one more assurance.

I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again and again:

Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.

They are going into training to form a force so strong that, by its very existence, it will keep the threat of war far away from our shores.

The purpose of our defense is defense.

The President deliberately, and after he had time for reflection and after he knew the limitation made upon the promise contained in the Democratic platform, without qualification, to obtain political support, gave his solemn promise to the citizens of this country that their boys would not be sent into any foreign wars.

The President made promise after promise and into the RECORD tonight will go, under leave to revise and extend, some of those promises made by the President which he has not made any pretense of keeping and into the RECORD will go not only promises which have been violated but into the RECORD will go the instances of where he has not told the truth.

Mr. GORE. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. GORE. Did the gentleman vote for declaration of war?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I did.

Mr. GORE. Then why is the gentleman complaining?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I voted for a declaration of war because there was nothing else to do after the Japs attacked at Pearl Harbor; however, I voted against every move which I thought would get us into that war and never did I, with a

promise on my lips to keep us out of war, do one act which was bound to get us into war.

While the President was telling us he was not going to get us into war, while he was telling us that our boys would not be sent to foreign soil to fight, he was having passenger liners fitted up to be used as transports. That is what he was doing, and, as he himself said, a man should be judged by what he does and not by what he says. The President said one thing and he was doing another.

I have not forgotten that just a few weeks ago the publisher of the New York Times said that we went to war when we voted lend-lease, for which the gentleman voted. Then is when we went to war, according to the publisher of the New York Times. There was nothing we could do when Japan attacked us but go to war.

Mr. GORE. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Yes; I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. GORE. Of course, the gentleman is entitled to his opinion that the votes which he cast and the speeches which he made were supposed to keep us out of war. He is entitled to so interpret them.

Mr. HOFFMAN. The President so said.

Mr. GORE. I am speaking of the speeches which the gentleman from Michigan made and the votes which the gentleman from Michigan cast. The gentleman from Michigan is entitled to view those votes and those speeches as steps to keep us out of war, if that is his belief; however, there are many people in the country who think that those were steps over a period of years most calculated to get us into war.

Mr. HOFFMAN. That is right as to the right of one to his belief. I am finding no fault with anyone's opinion. I will put into the RECORD the statement where the President said that we could stay out of war if we had the courage to say "No." That is what the President himself said. I will give you the exact words in a moment.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. McCORMACK. The gentleman does not have to yield unless he wants to.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Oh, I could not resist.

Mr. McCORMACK. I have never been able to resist the gentleman when he has asked me to yield.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Oh, what lovers we are, almost like the gentleman from Mississippi, JOHN RANKIN, and the Member from Michigan.

Mr. McCORMACK. Let the gentleman keep his associations to himself and I will keep mine.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Why so touchy? The gentleman from Mississippi [MR. RANKIN] is a distinguished Member of this body, a member of the gentleman's party, a Member respected by all on both sides of the aisle. The gentleman just told me he liked me. If he wants to withdraw it, go ahead.

Mr. McCORMACK. I enjoy my association with the gentleman.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Let us cut out the blarney. Go ahead.

Mr. McCORMACK. Does the gentleman object to American soldiers being sent abroad to fight in this war?

Mr. HOFFMAN. To our American soldiers being over there? Certainly I do not object to reinforcements. I only wish the President, instead of sending everything across the Atlantic, had sent something down to the Philippine Islands to help out down there.

You remember what Churchill said. We had lost in the Pacific because we sent our aid—munitions and men—to the battle of the Atlantic. How many thousands of our boys down there in the Pacific were tortured and starved until they died because we helped the British and let our own men down there die for lack of food and medicine?

Mr. McCORMACK. Did the gentleman vote for the Guam appropriation?

Mr. BREHM. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. BREHM. Is it not true that the officials of the Army and the Navy advised against the fortifying of Guam?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Sure; that question of fortifying Guam is an old political catch question. The question of fortifying Guam was never before the House.

Mr. BREHM. The Navy said they could not hold it. Do not lay that on our doorstep.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I will answer the gentleman from Massachusetts by saying I do not recall how I voted, but I will say this, that you would not have kept it anyway, when the British, with over 100 years and with millions of dollars expended, could not fortify and hold Singapore. What are you talking about, holding the Island of Guam?

Mr. McCORMACK. The gentleman is entitled to that opinion, but the question is, did he vote for or against the Guam appropriation?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I told you I do not recall, but if I voted the way I intended to vote, I voted against it.

Mr. McCORMACK. That is correct.

Mr. HOFFMAN. And it was not a fortification appropriation; it was for dredging the harbor. The more we sprawl and spread ourselves out, the weaker we become. We could not hold the Philippines, if we would not give them reinforcements. Why are you talking about putting men on another island? Do you want more of them taken? Do you want more of them tortured?

Mr. McCORMACK. The gentleman knows that at the Washington Conference in 1922, under a Republican administration, they agreed that the Philippines would not be fortified. Does the gentleman remember that?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Is the gentleman arguing now that everything the Republicans did was right?

Mr. McCORMACK. Are you?

Mr. HOFFMAN. No, and I am not swallowing the proposition that much of what the New Dealers have done is right. There might be away down under somewhere something in this program of remaking America, in this alliance with

labor leaders and with Communists in control of labor organizations in exchange for their votes—there may be possibly something of good but it is very hard to find.

Mr. GORE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Yes.

Mr. GORE. In complaining that the President—

Mr. HOFFMAN. I am not complaining. I am just calling your attention to the record of the administration.

Mr. GORE. In criticizing the President—

Mr. HOFFMAN. I am not criticizing him. I am just calling your attention to the record of the administration.

Mr. GORE. Well, in citing the record—

Mr. HOFFMAN. That is right.

Mr. GORE. That aid did not get to the Philippines, does the gentleman remember whether or not he voted for or against the many measures here to increase the United States Navy which, if they had been passed, might have made it possible to get some aid there?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Well, you have quite a few "ifs" and "mights" in there.

Mr. GORE. Does the gentleman remember how he voted?

Mr. ENGEL of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Yes.

Mr. ENGEL of Michigan. A great deal has been said about who cuts defense appropriations. The Republican members of the War Department Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee in 1942, and before the election, asked to have placed in the record a yearly statement since 1924 showing (1) the amount of money asked for by the War Department for national defense; (2) the amount sent to Congress by the President through his Budget Director; and (3) the amount appropriated by Congress. That record was never published and was ordered locked up in a safe in the Appropriations Committee by the chairman. The reason it was not published was that it was the President who, through his Budget Director, had cut the Army appropriation, and not the Congress. Congress gave them more than the Budget asked for. These are the facts. If anybody doubts them, let him go back into the safe of the Appropriations Committee and get that record out. It is there under lock and key.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized. It is his own time.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I ask unanimous consent that I may have an additional 20 minutes so that the gentlemen can answer each other on some of these questions, because I have not yet touched on the point that I wanted to make when I rose to the question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is reluctant to recognize the gentleman for that request, because there are three other Members of the House who have special orders.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I know, Mr. Speaker, and that, may I say, has been the ruling of the present occupant of the chair on

various occasions; and I think the ruling is correct. But unfortunately for consistency the Speaker of the House when occupying the chair and on my making that point ruled the opposite. I do not like intimidation, but I have a couple or more questions of personal privilege here.

Mr. McCORMACK. Where is the intimidation?

Mr. HOFFMAN. The intimidation? If I do not get my additional time of 20 minutes or 10, I shall have to insist on raising the question of personal privilege again.

Mr. McCORMACK. The gentleman is intimidating the House?

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. SCOTT. I would like to say that I, as the holder of one of these special orders, will be only too glad to accord with the gentleman's request that he have an additional 20 minutes, if he cares to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair calls the attention of the House to the fact that there are three other special orders. It is a matter within the control of the House.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan to proceed for an additional 20 minutes?

Mr. HOFFMAN. Instead of 1 hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair hears none. It is so ordered.

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. REED of New York. Just in order to keep the record straight as to this remark about the Navy appropriation and how the gentleman voted on it, the gentleman will recall that when a two-ocean Navy was suggested and recommended to the President, he said anybody who was for a two-ocean Navy was stupid, just stupid, that is all.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I recall that, and I hope the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCORMACK] and the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. GORE] both recall that.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. McCORMACK. Just before Pearl Harbor there was an appropriation bill in here to appropriate money to build 5,500 airplanes. A motion was made on the Republican side in the Committee of the Whole to reduce it to 1,000, and it was defeated. Later a motion was made to reduce it to 4,400-plus airplanes. That was defeated, and then a motion to recommit was made, and that was defeated. The entire consistent record of practically all the Members on the Republican side before Pearl Harbor was against everything that would go toward the defense of our country. If a majority of the Congress had followed the votes of the majority of the Republican Party, when Pearl Harbor happened this country would have been defenseless and we would have had to make any kind of a peace we could get.

Mr. HOFFMAN. In answer to the gentleman from Massachusetts, do not forget that what we did put over there

the administration lost, or at least we did not keep.

Let me say something else to the gentleman. The statements I will put in the RECORD tonight quoting the President will show that he was the most inconsistent of the lot, that no Member of Congress could have been as inconsistent as was he in his statements when his statements are compared with his acts.

Mr. ENGEL of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. ENGEL of Michigan. General Arnold, Chief of the Air Corps, testified before our subcommittee in January 1939 that he had up to that time been following a policy of quality first and then quantity; that we were 3 to 5 years behind Germany in research and development in airplane construction. A month or two later, perhaps 6 weeks later, he came in and stated the reverse policy, that then he wanted quantity without regard to quality.

The facts of the case were these—we Republicans agreed with General Arnold that in the construction of airplanes quality should come first and then quantity. That we should not build obsolete planes. That our boys were entitled to the best possible planes. That it was suicide to send a boy up in an obsolete plane. The President proposed that we build 5,500 planes, 3,300 of these were to be operated, approximately 1,000 in reserve, and 1,250 more were to be built and stored. We Republicans on the committee and on the floor did not oppose the construction of the 3,300 planes despite the fact that they would be obsolete. We did not oppose a normal reserve. We did oppose the construction of 1,250 of these obsolete planes which were to be put in storage. In October 1940, a meeting was held in the War Department office on Constitution Avenue. There were present at that meeting the Secretary of War, some 15 or 20 Army officials including the Deputy Chief of Staff and a number of Members of Congress. I asked for information at that meeting as to the actual number of planes built. I was told to write a letter. I wrote that letter. The President had stated that we were to retain 50 percent of all planes for our own use and send 50 percent to Europe over a 2-year period. I asked the War Department whether we were to have the first 50 percent of the planes produced or the last 50 percent produced over a 2-year period; second, whether we were retaining 50 percent of combat planes, 50 percent trainers, or all trainers and no combat planes. I also asked specific information as to the number of planes of each type actually built. This letter was published at the time in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I was given the information subsequently, but was not permitted to publish it at the time. The facts, however, were that we were keeping practically all training planes and no combat planes. The record, I believe, will verify this statement. The planes that we sent to Europe were obsolete. They had no armored pilot seats, no self-sealing gasoline tanks, they lacked fire power, climbing power, and speed. These were the planes that we were told were left lying on the docks in England unused

because they were obsolete. I said then and I say now that we made a mistake in not continuing General Arnold's policy of quality first and then quantity. It is suicide for a flyer to go up in an obsolete plane as against planes that have modern appliances and modern protection.

Mr. KEEFE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. KEEFE. And on that very point my recollection is very clear, that the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. POWERS] insisted before this House on a matter then before the Committee on Appropriations subcommittee, for the Army, that the policy of the Nation should be that, as stated by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. ENGEL], we should take that money and use it to build experimental plants and develop a decent plane, and it was that policy announced on the Republican side which finally gave rise to the development of these airplanes you have now, and had we followed the policy announced by the distinguished majority leader of spending that money in building a lot of planes which would have been obsolete before they were built, before they left the ground, we never would have had a decent aviation policy in this country, and everybody knows it.

Mr. BRADLEY of Michigan. And the gentleman read the statement in the newspapers of Captain Foss, that, thank God, now he could go over there and be on a plane that was not old, like the Grumman Wildcats, which the Japs went by like a bat out of hell.

Mr. ENGEL of Michigan. Those planes had no self-sealing gasoline tanks, they lacked fire power, climbing power, and speed, and they had no protection for the pilot seat. I made the statement at that meeting in October 1940 that the entire French Air Force, with every American plane in it, was wiped out by the German Air Force during the first 10 days in the battle for Belgium. No one contradicted me.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Permit me now to return to this question of the investigation of the F. B. I. of the schoolboy at Hartford, Van Buren County, Mich., because he made, among others, the statement that the President was untruthful.

The young man at Hartford is patriotic. As stated, a month after he became 17, he enlisted as an air cadet and is only awaiting his graduation from high school the coming June to enter the armed service of his country.

When President Roosevelt assumed office, this young man was no more than 6 years of age. Beyond question, he is familiar with the story of Washington and the cherry tree; with the statement attributed to Washington, "Father, I cannot tell a lie." Perhaps he belongs to the "horse and buggy" days, when people believed that a promise made was to be kept. Perhaps he had accepted the statement of President Roosevelt that a campaign promise was "a covenant with the people to be faithfully kept by the party when entrusted with power."

Perhaps the boy had heard of the President's statement in a radio address on May 7, 1933:

I am going to be honest at all times with the people of the country.

In any event, the young man is little more than a boy, although he will play a man's part in the war. And no one should criticize him because he did not at the moment realize the difference between a promise and a false statement. Many people believe that a promise made, but not intended to be fulfilled, is an untruth.

PRESIDENT SAID HE OPPOSED WAR

That the President intended the people of America to believe that he was opposed to war and that he would not send their sons to fight in any foreign wars is made evident by his prior utterances on the subject of war and of the Nation's policy toward war. To list just a few of them, note the following statements by the President:

On December 28, 1933:

The definite policy of the United States from now on is one opposed to armed intervention.

On January 3, 1934:

I have made it clear that the United States cannot take part in political arrangements in Europe.

On January 4, 1935:

The maintenance of international peace is a matter in which we are deeply and unselfishly concerned. There is no ground for apprehension that our relations with any nation will be otherwise than peaceful.

On June 12, 1935:

As a nation we have been fortunate in our geographic isolation, which in itself has partially protected our boundless resources. It is in full appreciation of our advantageous position and of our own devotion to the cause of peace that our Nation's defense system has always reflected the single purpose that that name implies.

On October 2, 1935:

The American people can have but one concern and speak but one sentiment: Despite what happens in continents overseas, the United States of America shall and must remain, as long ago the Father of our Country prayed that it might remain, unentangled and free.

As President of the United States I say to you most earnestly once more that the people of America and the Government of those people intend and expect to remain at peace with all the world.

On October 16, 1935:

I have pledged myself to do my part in keeping America free of those entanglements that move us along the road to war.

On November 11, 1935:

The primary purpose of this Nation is to avoid being drawn into war. \* \* \*

The new generation, unlike us, have no direct knowledge of the meaning of war. They are not immune to the glamor of war. \* \* \* Fortunately, there is evidence on every hand that the youth of America, as a whole, is not trapped by that delusion. They know that elation and prosperity which may come from a new war must lead—for those who survive it—to economic and social collapse more sweeping than any we have experienced in the past.

America must and will protect herself. Under no circumstances will this policy of self-protection go to lengths beyond self-protection.

On January 3, 1936:

The United States and the rest of the Americas can play but one role: through a well-ordered neutrality to do naught to encourage the contest, through adequate defense to save ourselves from embroilment and attack, and through example and all legitimate encouragement and assistance, to persuade other nations to return to the ways of peace and good will.

Within democratic nations the chief concern of the people is to prevent the continuance or rise of autocratic institutions that beget slavery at home and aggression abroad.

On August 14, 1936:

We shun political commitments which might entangle us in foreign wars; we avoid connection with the political activities of the League of Nations.

I wish I could keep war from all nations; but that is beyond my power. I can at least make certain that no act of the United States helps to produce or to promote war.

If we face the choice of profits or peace, the Nation will answer—must answer—"We choose peace." It is the duty of all of us to encourage such a body of public opinion.

On October 13, 1936:

We have sought for security from war with other nations. \* \* \* We propose, of course, no interference with the affairs of other nations.

On October 14, 1936:

All major wars have brought about major disturbances in our social and economic machinery. The late war has been no exception. We rejoice here that these problems are being met and solved without impairing our faith and confidence in the people's ability to do it themselves by the peaceful processes of democratic representative government.

On October 14, 1937:

The Nation knows I hate war, and I know that the Nation hates war. I submit to you a record of peace.

Today there is war and rumors of war. We want none of it. But while we guard our shores against threats of war, we will continue to remove the causes of unrest and antagonism at home which might make our people easier victims to those for whom foreign war is profitable. Those who stand to profit by war are not on our side in this campaign.

In September 1939:

I give you my deep and unalterable conviction, based on years of experience as a worker in the field of international peace, that by the repeal of the embargo the United States will more probably remain at peace than if the law remains as it stands today.

I say this because with the repeal of the embargo this Government clearly and definitely will insist that American citizens and American ships keep away from the immediate perils of the actual zones of conflict.

I believe that American vessels should, so far as possible, be restricted from entering danger zones. \* \* \*

The second objective is to prevent American citizens from traveling on belligerent vessels or in danger areas. \* \* \*

Under present enactments such arms cannot be carried to belligerent countries on American vessels, and this provision should not be disturbed.

To those who say that this program (embargo repeal) would involve a step toward war on our part, I reply that it offers far greater safeguards than we now possess or have ever possessed to protect American lives and property from danger. It is a positive program for giving safety. This means less likelihood of incidents and controversies

which tend to draw us into conflict, as they did in the last World War. There lies the road to peace.

On October 23, 1940:

We are arming ourselves not for any foreign war. We are arming ourselves not for any purpose of conquest or intervention in foreign disputes. I repeat again that I stand on the platform of our party: "We will not participate in foreign wars and will not send our Army, naval, or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas except in case of attack."

It is for peace that I have labored; and it is for peace that I shall labor all the days of my life.

On October 28, 1940:

By the Neutrality Act of 1935, and by other steps, we made it possible to prohibit American citizens from traveling on vessels belonging to countries at war. Was that right? We made it clear that American investors who put their money into enterprises in foreign nations could not call on American warships or soldiers to bail out their investments. Was that right?

We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent, and that they must stay out of war zones. Was that right?

Later, the President asked for the repeal of the Neutrality Act on the theory that its repeal would assist in maintaining peace, keep us out of the war.

**PRESIDENT SAID WE COULD KEEP OUT OF WAR IF WE HAD COURAGE TO SAY "NO"**

If it be said that force of circumstances, the attack by Japan, forced us into the war and that therefore the President's promise that our boys would not be sent to fight in any foreign wars could not be kept, let it be said that, while that may be true and that war was unavoidable, yet the President placed no such limitation upon his promise and as long ago as August 14, 1936, he told us:

We can keep out of war if those who watch and decide have a sufficiently detailed understanding of international affairs to make certain that the small decisions of each day do not lead toward war and if, at the same time, they possess the courage to say "No" to those who selfishly or unwisely would let us go to war.

That statement shows that he either did not know what he was talking about or that he did not have the courage to say no, for we did not keep out of the war.

It is not my purpose to make any argument as to whether we could or could not have stayed out of this war. My sole purpose is to show that the schoolboy who said that the President was untruthful had, under our form of government, the right to make that statement in view of political events and statements.

Perhaps the young man who charged that the President did not tell the truth when he made the promise that American youth would not be sent to fight in any foreign wars did not rely solely upon the President's words, plain on their face; made deliberately by a candidate for the highest office in the land; nor upon the sincerity of the views expressed in the words just quoted as to the President's attitude toward war and our Nation's participation therein.

Perhaps, in justification of his charge, the young man sincerely believed that

the promise was not made in good faith. Perhaps he measured the President's promise with the yardstick of the President in mind, when, on the 19th of September 1932, as a candidate for office, he said:

But remember well that attitude and method—the way we do things, not just the way we say things, is nearly always the measure of our sincerity.

**WAR PREDICTED IF ROOSEVELT ELECTED**

Perhaps the young man had in mind previous events which led some of us to the conclusion that the policy of the administration was day by day and step by step drawing us nearer to war, to predictions that war would come if the President's policies were followed.

Permit me to cite from news releases sent out by me and published in the papers of my district a few of these events.

Note this prediction of August 17, 1940:

The President asked authority to call out the National Guard for military training. I know of no one opposed to that procedure. Unfortunately, the President also asked—and he jammed through Congress—authority to send the National Guard on active service anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. An amendment to limit that service to the continental United States was voted down.

If military training was the purpose of calling out the National Guard—and certainly they need the training if we are to prepare for adequate defense—there was no reason for giving the President authority to send the Guard into South America, where we have never been asked; where we are sure to get into trouble.

You and I know that, if the Guard is sent to South America and there they become involved in military strife, the Regular Army and the Navy must be sent to aid them. Our national defense will not be strengthened by scattering our forces all over the Western Hemisphere when we are so ill-prepared here at home.

The President's demand for authority over the National Guard is further evidence of his determination to involve us in the World War. In my judgment, he should not be given the power to make war until the people, through Congress, have declared war. For months now, he has assumed to act as a dictator and it is because of his sayings and his actions that our danger from abroad has been greatly increased.

Weeks before this the President had transferred 50 American destroyers to a foreign nation, even though section 33 of title 18 of the United States Criminal Code expressly provided that—

It shall be unlawful to send out of the jurisdiction of the United States any vessel built, armed, or equipped as a vessel of war \* \* \* with any intent \* \* \* that such vessel shall be delivered to a belligerent nation.

Over my signature in some of the papers of the District on September 5, 1940, more than a year before the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, appeared this statement:

If Roosevelt is reelected, under the guise of defending ourselves, we will be sending our Navy to foreign waters, our soldiers to foreign lands, and we shall be in a war of aggression.

Again, on September 26, 1940:

The drive for war centers here in Washington, where the President called for a voluntary propaganda organization—as though the New Dealers were not doing plenty of that now.

In Washington theaters some Government employees wildly cheer pictures of Roosevelt signing the conscription bill, which takes the boys from their homes; boo and hiss pictures of Willkie, who promises they will never fight on foreign soil. (These cheerers are safe in Federal jobs.)

Yes, the drive to involve us in the war is on in dead earnest. Under the guise of helping Great Britain, the President has sent her, in violation of our solemn promise to the world, warships, planes, artillery, trucks, ammunition. All well and good as long as we remain out of the war, you say? But be not fooled. He intends to send American soldiers, when once we are completely involved.

On October 16, 1940:

Roosevelt has promised that he will not send American soldiers to foreign soil, but experience has demonstrated that his promises, after election, are easily forgotten.

On January 9, 1941:

The local press contains many items carrying the assumption that we are in the war. Public polls begin to indicate a growing sentiment for war. Why? Because a deliberate and widespread effort is being made to create the impression that war is inevitable; that we are already in the war; and that no loyal persons will question the wisdom of continuing on a course which will result in sending an army to Europe.

This talk of "destroying the Axis Powers," if made in good faith, can only mean sending an army to Europe.

On March 11, 1941:

Do you know—

That the Bethlehem Co. is converting American liners into transport ships? (Is the purpose to fit them to carry troops?)

That the administration is asking that the National Guard, called to train for 1 year, be kept for an additional 6 to 12 months?

That the administration has defeated all amendments to the lend-lease bill, which would limit the power of the President to send American ships or men to fight in World War No. 2?

On March 27, 1941:

Two weeks ago I told you about American liners which were being converted into transport ships for troops.

American warships are being painted to resemble Britain's warship, the *King George*, and on the high seas, in the combat areas, it will be difficult for German U-boats to distinguish them from British warships. Can you think of an easier way of getting an American warship torpedoed?

It may be that the Hartford school boy, when he said that the President was untruthful in making the promise that our boys would not be sent to fight in any foreign wars, was of the opinion that the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, was not the beginning of the war. Others, with a far wider experience, years of judging the trend of national and international events, have had that thought.

**PUBLISHER OF NEW YORK TIMES SAID LEAD-LEASE A WARLIKE ACT**

Arthur Hayes Sulzberger, president and publisher of the New York Times, and a member of the central committee of the American Red Cross, speaking at a meeting of the American Red Cross in New York on January 31, 1944, for the purpose of giving aid to our prisoners, among other things said:

I happen to be among those who believe that we did not go to war because we were attacked at Pearl Harbor. I hold rather that we were attacked at Pearl Harbor because we had gone to war when we made the lend-lease declaration. \* \* \* That declaration was an affirmative act on our part, and a warlike act.

There were many of us in America; there were some of us in Congress, who believed that sending ships with munitions of war to belligerent nations—that the carrying out of the lend-lease program—meant war, even though we were told by the President and outstanding members of his party that the repeal of neutrality legislation, that the transfer of the 50 destroyers, that the adoption of lend-lease, were all efforts to keep us out of war.

It is a tribute to the intelligence, the judgment, of the American schoolboy that this country boy in the little town of Hartford apparently was as accurate in his conclusion as to the result of the New Deal policy as was the president and publisher of the New York Times.

It may have been difficult for the young man, knowing, as did many other Americans, that the administration was following a course which must end in war, to believe that the President's promise not to send our boys to fight in foreign wars was made in good faith.

Again, the young man may have had in mind other promises of the President which had been violated. There is an old Latin maxim, "Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus"—false in one, false in all—which the boy may have known.

#### PRESIDENT'S PROMISES NOT KEPT

The President has made many, many promises to which he made no pretense of adhering. All can recall many of these promises. They are familiar in almost every household of the land. Let me cite just a few.

The President and his party had promised in substance that it would not go off the gold standard. On September 12, 1932, Patrick J. Hurley, then Secretary of War, charged that, "If the Democrats are elected in November and take office on the 4th of March, they will follow the program of the House of Representatives and not the Chicago platform." He further charged that the Democratic administration would go off the gold standard.

Answering the charge that, if the Democratic Party succeeded at the November election, the United States would be driven off the gold standard, on November 2, 1932, Senator CARTER GLASS said that, if Hurley made the charge—

He is totally unfit for official responsibility and the President should have booted him out of office before breakfast time the following day. \* \* \* This alleged declaration if made by this strutting trumpeter of the President was not far short of treason.

Two nights later, on November 4, Candidate Roosevelt himself, after referring to the words of Senator GLASS quoted above and upholding his position, said:

It is worthy of note that no adequate answer has been made to the magnificent philippic of Senator GLASS the other night, in which he showed how unsound this position was. And I might add, Senator GLASS made a devastating challenge that no responsible Government would have sold to the country

securities payable in gold if it knew that the promise—yes, the covenant—embodied in these securities was as dubious as the President of the United States claims it was.

Yet, Roosevelt having won the election, within less than a month after taking office repudiated the Nation's solemn contractual obligation to redeem its promises in terms of gold and the United States went off the gold standard. The Democratic platform promise and the promise of the President was not kept.

In his first campaign, the President had a great deal to say about the Nation's then \$4,000,000,000 debt and about excessive Federal spending. Among other things, he said:

It is my pledge and promise that this dangerous kind of financing shall be stopped and that rigid governmental economy shall be forced by a stern and unremitting administration policy of living within our income.

We must eliminate actual perfusions of Government—functions, in fact, that are not definitely essential to the continuance of government. We must merge, we must consolidate subdivisions of government and, like private citizens, give up luxuries we can no longer afford.

I regard reduction in Federal spending as one of the most important issues of this campaign.

We are not getting an adequate return for the money we are spending in Washington, or, to put it another way around, we are spending altogether too much money for Government services which are neither practical nor necessary. In addition to this, we are attempting too many functions and we need a simplification of what the Federal Government is giving to the people.

I accuse the present administration of being the greatest spending administration in peacetime in all our history—one which has piled bureau on bureau, commission on commission, and has failed to anticipate the dire needs or reduced earning power of the people. Bureaus and bureaucrats have been retained at the expense of the taxpayer.

On my part I ask you to assign to me the task of reducing the annual operating expenses of the National Government.

Revenues must cover expenditures by one means or another. Any government, like any family, can for a year, spend a little more than it earns. But you and I know that a continuation of that habit means the poorhouse.

Let us have the courage to stop borrowing to meet continuing deficits. Stop the deficits. Let us have equal courage to reverse the policy of Republican leaders and insist on a sound currency.

Now the credit of the family depends chiefly on whether that family is living within its income. And this is so of the Nation. If the Nation is living within its income, its credit is good.

If in some crisis it lives beyond its income for a year or two, it can usually borrow temporarily on reasonable terms.

But if, like a spendthrift, it throws discretion to the winds, is willing to make no sacrifice at all in spending, extends its taxing to the limit of the people's power to pay, and continues to pile up deficits, it is on the road to bankruptcy. For over 2 years our Federal Government has experienced unprecedented deficits in spite of increased taxes.

This simply means that one-third—33½ percent—of the entire income of our people must go for the luxury of being governed.

That is an impossible economic condition. Quite apart from every man's own tax assessment, that burden is a brake on any return to normal business activity.

Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors, because they are a burden on production and can be paid only by production. If excessive, they are reflected in idle factories, tax-sold farms, and hence in hordes of hungry tramping the streets and seeking jobs in vain.

Our workers may never see a tax bill, but they pay in deductions from wages, in increased cost of what they buy or, as now, in broad cessation of employment.

I regard reduction in Federal spending as one of the most important issues of this campaign. In my opinion, it is the most direct and effective contribution that Government can make to business.

In March 1933, the President said:

Too often in recent history liberal governments have been wrecked on rocks of loose fiscal policy. We must avoid this danger.

We must move with a direct and resolute purpose now. The Members of the Congress and I are pledged to immediate economy.

And the Democratic platform of 1936 contained this statement:

If these problems cannot be effectively solved by legislation within the Constitution, we shall seek such clarifying amendment as will assure to the legislatures of the several States and the Congress of the United States, each within its proper jurisdiction, the power to enact those laws which the State and Federal legislatures, within their respective spheres, shall find necessary. \* \* \* Thus we propose to maintain the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

A definite promise that the Constitution would not be ignored.

No citation of facts or of figures is needed to show that long before any appropriations other than normal ones for national defense were made, the President and his administration had entered upon and carried on a campaign of wild, reckless, wasteful, extravagant expenditures, and he continued to borrow to meet those expenditures, even though, before he became a candidate, he had pointed out the folly of such a course when he said, on September 9, 1931:

Right now we have to consider how to meet such an emergency (depression times). Shall we meet it according to the example of our Federal Government, which feels itself obligated to put out \$800,000,000 of long time bonds to cure the defects of a budget whose revenues have not come up to expectations? I think we should be very foolish and recreant to our trust if we should follow any such precedent. We don't know what the future holds for us. This depression is today's problem. Men of all parties are agreed that this need exists and must be met. I think most of us are agreed, too, that we cannot and must not borrow against the future to meet it. We must share now out of what we have but not out of what we expect to have some day in the future.

His ego inflated by the acclaim accorded him, the President not only stated—

I should like to have it said of my first administration that, in it, the forces of selfishness and of lust for power met their match. I should like to have it said of my second

administration that, in it, these forces met their master—

But, in 1936, added these boastful statements—

RECOVERY COMPLETE, BUT ONE-THIRD NEEDING RELIEF

Recovery is with us. Federal revenues are increasing, emergency expenditures are decreasing. A balanced budget is on the way.

The Government has sought and found practical answers to the problems of industry, agriculture, and mining.

Factories singing the song of industry, markets humming with bustling movement, ships and trains running full.

But by January 20 of 1937, the President sang a different song, set to a different tune. Listen to his words:

I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meager that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day.

I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labeled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago.

I see millions denied education, recreation, and the opportunity to better their lot and the lot of their children.

I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work and productiveness to many other millions.

I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished.

And on March 4, 1937, he said:

Here is one-third of a nation ill-nourished, ill-clad, ill-housed—now.

And, on March 9, 1937, he added for good measure:

I want to talk with you very simply about the need for present action in this crisis—the need to meet the unanswered challenge of one-third of a nation ill-nourished, ill-clad, ill-housed.

Factories singing the song of industry, markets humming with bustling movement, ships and trains running full—all the President's creation, according to his view—had reduced to ill-nourished and ill-clad and ill-housed a third of our population. Was it because he planned it that way?

#### WASHINGTON BUREAUCRACY IN FULL CONTROL

Let us forget the President's unkept promises. To record them would be but a waste of time, for the majority of our people now know that the President just does not keep his promises, although some still claim that the failure was due to circumstances beyond his control. That theory might be accepted, had he not told us that—

After 34 months of work, we contemplate a fairly rounded whole. We have returned the control of the Federal Government to the city of Washington.

In 34 months we have built up new instruments of public power. In the hands of a people's government this power is wholesome and proper. But in the hands of political puppets of an economic autocracy such power would provide shackles for the liberties of the people.

And had he not also said:

Yes; we are on the way back—not by mere chance; not by a turn of the cycle. We are coming back more soundly than ever before because we planned it that way, and don't let anybody tell you differently.

#### UNTRUTHFULNESS

Was the schoolboy at Hartford, Van Buren County, Mich., the boy who has offered his life in the service of his country, untruthful when he said that the President was untruthful?

#### PRESIDENT PROMISED TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION

Of our Constitution the President, on June 10, 1936, said:

The Constitution provided the best instrument ever devised for the continuation of these fundamental principles (of Federal Government). Under its broad purposes we can and intend to march forward, believing, as the overwhelming majority of Americans believe, that it is intended to meet and fit the amazing physical, economic, and social requirements that confront us in this generation.

On July 4, 1937, in his proclamation on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Constitution—September 17, 1937—he made this statement:

We shall recognize that the Constitution is an enduring instrument, fit for the governing of a far-flung population of more than 130,000,000, engaged in diverse and varied pursuits, even as it was fit for the governing of a small agrarian nation of less than 4,000,000.

On three occasions, the President has taken this oath:

I, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, so help me God.

As the President so well said, let his acts, rather than his words, speak.

Did he keep his promise to uphold the Constitution?

He attempted to gain control of the Supreme Court by the unconstitutional method of increasing its membership.

Laws which were held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court were forced through Congress with his approval.

Rules, orders, regulations, and directives which deprived the citizens of their rights, of due process of law, have been enforced by agencies created by him, operating under his control.

#### THEN ASKED CONGRESS TO FORGET IT

He has not hesitated to boldly demand that Congress pass legislation of doubtful constitutionality. On July 5, 1935, referring to the Guffey coal bill, about the constitutionality of which there was a grave question, he wrote:

I hope your committee will not permit doubts as to constitutionality, however reasonable, to block the suggested legislation.

PRESIDENT SAID HE DID NOT COMMENT ON PENDING LEGISLATION BUT FORGOT HIMSELF 17 TIMES

In refusing to state his position on the Overton-Russell amendment to a bill pending in Congress, the President said he had made it a rule not to state his position while measures were still before Congress. This was in September of 1940.

That is a statement as to a fact. It was not true. The President did emphatically state his position on the court-packing bill, on the Guffey coal bill

as just cited. On the wage-hour bill, he had said:

I still hope that the House, as a whole, can vote on a wage-and-hour bill—either by reconsideration of this action by the Rules Committee itself, or by the petition route. As I have suggested before, I hope that the democratic processes of legislation will continue. That is my personal view.

The following is at least a partial list of instances when he did state his position on pending legislation—all in 1940.

The President authorized Representative Dunn (Democrat of Pennsylvania) to make public a letter approving the Vandenberg reapportionment bill then pending in the House Census Committee.

January 19 the President objected to the elimination by the House of funds for the National Resources Board and the Office of Government Reports.

February 2, the President expressed opposition to the action of the House Appropriations Committee in cutting farm-relief estimates.

March 2: The President criticized Congress for delaying improvements to the Panama Canal.

March 5: The President permitted himself to be quoted directly in opposition to the Tobey resolution, which would have eliminated from the census schedule inquiries on individual income. He said:

The whole thing is obviously a political move and nothing else. Everybody accredited to Congress knows the motive for the opposition is political.

At this same conference, he also urged passage of the Hatch Act extensions bill, then pending before the Senate.

March 8: The President endorsed the Wheeler-Lea transportation bill then in conference and opposed the views of Secretary Woodring and Secretary Wallace on suggested revisions.

March 15: The President again denounced the Tobey census resolution.

March 26: The President authorized Senator Harrison to say that he opposed any amendments to the trade-treaty extension bill.

April 2: The President opposed Senate committee action in adding new authorizations to the rivers and harbors bill.

April 2: The President authorized Representative COLE to make public a letter from him suggesting modification of a bill pending in a House committee which would establish partial Federal control of oil production.

April 5: The President urged that funds to bring back the Byrd expedition be added to a bill then pending before a Senate committee.

April 5: The President opposed the Logan-Walter bill, which had passed the Senate and was before the House committee.

May 6: The President again endorsed the Hatch Act extensions when the bill was still before the House committee.

June 4: The President endorsed a congressional move to increase defense taxes and put the program on a pay-as-you-go basis. The bill was then before the Ways and Means Committee.

June 14: The President approved the Cummings resolution, extending the sug-

ar control bill for 1 year, and expressed the hope that it would be passed in the form approved by the House Committee on Agriculture.

July 27: The President discussed the problems involved in a bill, approved that day by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, to permit the use of American ships in the evacuation of the British children.

Was there not some excuse for the young man thinking that perhaps the President did not always state the truth?

As a matter of fact, it is the duty of the President, in his messages to Congress, to advise Congress not only on the state of the Union, but as to any needed legislation. So why did he say that he had made it a rule not to state his position while measures were still before Congress?

**PRESIDENT SAID HE DID NOT TAKE PART IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS—BUT HE DID**

On August 7, 1937, Presidential Secretary McIntyre, at Hyde Park released the following statement:

The President repeated for the thousandth time that he has not taken part, is not taking part, and will not take part in any local primary election except his own home town and home county.

Now we all know that the President did take a very active part in the purge campaign by which he sought to prevent the election of some Democratic candidates.

On June 24, 1938, in a fireside chat, he said:

As President of the United States, I am not \* \* \* taking part in Democratic primaries. As the head of the Democratic Party however \* \* \* I feel that I have every right to speak.

An open admission that politically he was a Mr. Hyde and a Dr. Jekyll, and he did bring about, with the aid of the Communists, the defeat of a Democratic candidate, John O'Connor, who was at the time chairman of the powerful Committee on Rules of the House.

Speaking on the same platform where sat a Democratic candidate for Senator, he in substance told the audience that the Democrat should be defeated.

And, in a 1942 campaign, here was the administration's test for candidates:

The President says he will support any liberal candidate selected by the leaders of New York State, provided he had supported his—

**The President's—**  
war policy 100 percent before Pearl Harbor.

Was he truthful when he said that he would not take part in a primary election outside his own State; when he said that he would not, as President, take any part in an election?

Was he just an individual—not the President of the United States—on his purge trip throughout the South and the Southwest? Did he not travel on a Government train, paid for by Government dollars; eat food paid for with the taxpayers' money?

**DID NOT KEEP PROMISE TO LABOR**

On November 14, 1941, while the coal strikes were in progress, the President said:

The Government of the United States will not order, nor will Congress pass legislation ordering, a so-called closed shop.

The Government will never compel this (remaining) 5 percent to join the union by a Government decree. That would be too much like the Hitler methods toward labor.

But, on Sunday night, December 7, 1941, a special three-man arbitration board appointed for the purpose by the President, by a 2 to 1 vote, gave John L. Lewis the closed shop in the captive coal mines—another promise violated.

**SID HE WOULD NOT BE A CANDIDATE—BUT HE WAS**

On March 4, 1937, President Roosevelt said:

My great ambition on January 20, 1941, is to turn over this desk and chair in the White House to my successor.

That must have drawn a laugh from the New Deal politicians.

Then came the Democratic Convention of 1940, where Senator BARKLEY stated he was authorized to say that the President had no desire or purpose to continue in office.

#### HIS FRIENDS' OPINION

Two of the President's warm personal friends, both of whom have passed beyond, both known as careful, accurate reporters, commented on that statement.

Listen to these words of Raymond Clapper, reprinted in the United States News of August 7, 1940:

What shakes me is that statement which President Roosevelt authorized Senator BARKLEY to make to the Democratic National Convention.

This—that he, Mr. Roosevelt—"has never had, and has not today, any desire or purpose to continue in the office of President, to be a candidate for that office, or to be nominated by the convention for that office."

I simply do not believe that. Mr. Roosevelt can cite no action that he has taken to support it.

The urge to power and glory is an overwhelming thing when it takes hold of a public man. Only such an urge could have betrayed Mr. Roosevelt into the monumental and historic deception which he now places on the record. This is a page that I would rather have never read.

Note that Clapper, the President's friend, said: "I simply do not believe that"; then characterized the statement as a deception.

Should the schoolboy of Hartford be criticized because he ventured the statement that the President was not truthful?

In the same publication, on the same date, Hugh S. Johnson, also a personal friend of the President and a one-time intimate, referring to BARKLEY's statement, said:

There is only one word to characterize that, but it ought never to be applied to a statement by a President—nor deserve to be applied.

Everyone who knows the President—and I used to—knows precisely the reverse of that. So, on all the facts, does the whole country. It wasn't at all necessary to secure the nomination. Its only purpose was for the campaign—to deceive the people on a flagrant violation of the third-term tradition and this Hitlerized nomination. Thus this convention of the party to which my fervid loyalty

always ran and my father's and my grandfather's, for over a hundred years, this convention starts that party off to the keynote of the most cynically barefaced lie in American political history.

Read again the last sentence quoted above, and then give reason, if any there be, why a representative of the F. B. I. should accuse a schoolboy of Hartford, Mich., who is known in his community for his loyalty and his patriotism, for his courage and his outspokenness, of seditious conduct, of acts bordering on treason, because he expressed his opinion that the President was not truthful.

According to the press, on November 4, 1940, and prior to the election, the President made a definite promise that he would not be a candidate for a fourth term. Speaking to his neighbors and to a radio audience, he said:

You will have a new President in 1944.

At Beacon, N. Y., after saying he had just come "to say how do you do to a lot of old neighbors," the President said:

It is the last time very obviously that I will do this as a candidate for office—but you can be quite sure that, in all the years to come, my heart will be in Dutchess County, where it always has been.

#### PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT TO CONGRESS

On January 25, 1944, in the very first paragraph of his message to Congress vetoing the so-called soldiers' vote bill, the President said:

Our men—

Meaning those in the armed service—cannot understand why the fact that they are fighting should disqualify them from voting.

A moment's reflection will show that the bill did not "disqualify" anyone from voting; it did not take from anyone the right to vote.

The servicemen's opportunity to vote was lessened by the fact that he was away from home or that his State did not provide for absentee voting. And the bill sought to overcome the obstacles to voting.

In the same message, the President charged that he considered the legislation "a fraud on the soldiers and sailors and marines now training and fighting for us and our sacred rights. It is a fraud upon the American people."

That statement, as everyone who has read and understands the bill knows, was not true.

#### PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CHARACTERIZED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The Hartford schoolboy is not alone in the conclusion that the words of the President cannot always be accepted at their face value.

Both Houses of Congress passed a tax bill. It went to the President and he vetoed it, sending to House and Senate a message so inaccurate, so filled with misstatements and false charges, that 80-year-old Representative DOUGHTON, a Democrat who has been in Congress since 1911, arose in righteous indignation and challenged the truthfulness of the President's veto message.

Advocating the adoption of the legislation, notwithstanding the veto, the

gentleman from North Carolina, among other things said:

I resent deeply the circumstances, the methods, the reasons, and the language of this veto message. It does not, as a state paper should, concern itself with the central question; it extends far beyond the necessities of the occasion to make gratuitous slaps at the Congress and contains political platitudes which are not only erroneous and unfounded in fact but are subject only to the construction that they are intended to discredit the Congress and to impair the confidence of the American people in their chosen representatives.

The issue is simple and clear. It is: Shall the people of this Nation retain, as they zealously sought to do in the Constitution, a complete and direct control over the taxes they are to pay, or shall we permit a group of irresponsible individuals to thwart the will of our people?

Two other Democrats of unquestioned standing, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. ROBERTSON] and the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. DISNEY], both Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee, likewise pointed out, not only the inaccuracy, but the unfairness, of the President's veto message.

The House overrode the veto by a vote of 3 to 1.

The President's veto message was so vitriolic, so unfair and, to put it charitably, so inaccurate, that the President's spokesman, the Democratic leader of the other body, who has served continuously in the Congress for 31 years, advocated overriding the veto. Among other things, the gentleman from Kentucky said:

In order still further to belittle the amount of revenue provided in this new tax bill the President has resorted to one of the most unjustifiable methods of calculation it is possible to conjure up, which obviously was handed to him by a mind more clever than honest.

Referring to another statement in the message, the gentleman said:

It simply is not an accurate statement of the facts, and everybody knows it.

Again:

Mr. President, no man could have made that extraordinary statement who has sat in tax committees in the Capitol of the United States. If it was made by anybody who ever sat in a tax committee, it was a deliberate and unjustified misstatement in order to place upon Congress the blame for universal dissatisfaction with tax complexities, and in order to produce the illusion that the executive departments have in vain protested against this complexity.

Once more:

In his effort to justify this veto message, the President has gone forth with a searchlight and magnifying glass to find inconsequential faults.

Let me quote again:

In his effort to belittle and discredit Congress throughout his veto message the President says:

"It is not a tax bill but a tax-relief bill providing relief not for the needy but for the greedy."

That statement, Mr. President, is a calculated and deliberate assault upon the legislative integrity of every Member of Congress. Other Members of Congress may do as they

please; but, as for me, I do not propose to take this unjustifiable assault lying down.

Mr. President, let me say, in conclusion, that if the Congress of the United States has any self-respect yet left, it will override the veto of the President and enact this tax bill into law, his objections to the contrary notwithstanding.

The following day, the gentleman re-signed as the President's leader of the Senate and was immediately unanimously reelected as leader of the Democratic Party in the Senate—and there is a distinction between the two positions, for, while heretofore the gentleman spoke for the President, in obedience to the President's wishes, hereafter he will, in the other body, represent the majority party therein, if he follows his announced course.

#### THE WRECKERS MUST BE STOPPED

The wreckers of national unity, the would-be destroyers of public confidence in constitutional government, the viliifiers of the Congress, must be exposed for what they are.

When so exposed, the American people will no longer tolerate them nor their sponsors, like the Jergens Co., which all too long has maintained on its pay roll one who, by one newspaper article, was described as follows:

Another one in the forefront was Walter Winchell, pitchman for the Andrew Jergens Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturers of hand lotion, and the high priest of New Deal vilification. Winchell goes on the air almost every week prejudging the defendants in the Washington sedition cases, asserting that some one or another of them is guilty as charged. Ordinarily, this would be contempt of court in any land.

And by another:

It is a compliment to the intelligence and the morals of newspaper readers in New York that the Post has the smallest daily circulation in the city, 182,000. The Post is owned and edited by Mrs. Dorothy Schiff Backer, the pinko daughter of the late Mortimer Schiff, international banker. By the same logic that has led the smear brigade to describe as a violent anti-Semitic anyone who finds fault with Mr. Winchell's taste or Judge Rosenman's politics, Mrs. Backer could be described as a violent anti-Catholic in view of her paper's unconscionable attack on Senator WALSH.

Walter Winchell, commander of the latrine detail in the New Deal's smear detachment, whose radio salary is paid by the Andrew Jergens Co., of Cincinnati, heralded publication of this scandal on the radio by declaring that it would involve one of four noninterventionist Senators whose names begin with the twenty-third letter of the alphabet.

The New Deal's sponsorship, the administration's support, of these smear artists, can no longer be concealed. Nor can the American people be deceived by the false charges of a gang so patiently engaged in preparing the soil for the success of the Communists' efforts to overthrow our Government.

The pattern which the C. I. O. Committee for Political Action, backed by its millions of dollars; its co-workers in the Communist Party; the Winchells and the pinko press, are deliberately weaving is plainly discernible.

The purpose is to create discontent, disunity, a lack of confidence in constitutional government; a disregard for equity, justice under law; a government here in Washington by departments, bureaus and agencies.

While we are engaged in a war; while the attention of our people is distracted from Washington by their efforts to aid in the defeat of our enemies, all too many agencies of the Government, harboring Communists as policy-makers, by their restrictive, oppressive, and arbitrary actions, are stirring up the resentment of our people against the Congress by falsely charging that the Congress is responsible for what is happening.

The Congress is responsible in but one way. That is because it has failed to curb the activities of those who are carrying on this revolutionary campaign.

These would-be destroyers of our freedom and our liberty, of our prosperity and our happiness, can be found in all too many agencies here in Washington. They have functioned in the O. P. A., in the F. E. P. C., in the F. C. C., in the N. L. R. B., in the Labor Department, in the Department of Justice, in the Shipping Administration; in fact, in almost every administrative agency.

Morale-destroying pamphlets and books, as well as radio broadcasts, have been fed to the members of the armed forces, apparently without restraint.

#### WAR COLLEGE LIBRARY ENDORSES SMEAR OF MACARTHUR

Just a few days ago, the Army War College Library, operating under the War Department, found itself embarrassed by an official bulletin on February 10, 1944, wherein was listed for general circulation in the Army an article entitled, "General MacArthur—Fact and Legend." The War Department bulletin contained this language:

A comprehensive and objective appraisal of the general as Presidential timber, with special reference to the character of his backers, and an analysis of his military reputation before Pearl Harbor and afterward.

The article was a smear article. It made an attack upon one of the Army's greatest four-star generals.

From February 23 to March 9, a letter to Secretary of War Stimson from a Member of the other body, calling attention to the article, went unanswered.

When the matter, however, was aired on the floor of the Senate, a reply was immediately forthcoming from the Secretary of War, who properly condemned the practice. Among other things, Secretary of War Stimson stated:

I need hardly assure you of my complete agreement with your statement that the War Department must be scrupulously careful to avoid the official distribution of partisan or prejudicial material to the Army, either at this time or at any other.

When an agency operating under the direction of the War Department itself can smear a commanding general, all must realize that the time to call a halt has arrived.

The prompt action of the Secretary of War is proof that publicity is an effective weapon and that, knowing as they do

that the people—the sound, conservative people—of our Nation have no sympathy whatever for their attempts to re-make America, the New Dealers will haul in their horns when attention is called to their actions.

NAVY SHOULD FOLLOW ARMY PRECEDENT

Is it not time that the Navy follow the example of the Army and kick out of the Navy service and deprive of his status as a Reserve officer the notorious purveyor of false information which can be used by our enemies to the detriment of our war effort?

In view of the fact that so many of the New Deal agencies are engaged in a smear campaign; recalling, as we do, that the F. B. I. has always borne a reputation for fairness and for thoroughness, for even-handed justice, permit me to now suggest that it repudiate or explain the acts of its agent who suggested to the Hartford schoolboy that his questioning of the veracity of the New Deal candidate for a fourth term was either sedition or an approach to treason.

There is no room here in America for a gestapo. There is no room here for a denial of free speech or a free press. Nothing will so disrupt the people's support of the war as acts of attempted intimidation and coercion on the part of those in authority here in Washington.

The O. P. A., throughout this land of ours, is resented because of its oppressive and unfair methods and rulings. Other agencies of the Government, because they have attempted to serve the New Deal rather than the people, are resented and in them the people have no confidence, nor will they to them give support.

F. B. I. SHOULD DISOWN WINCHELL

Recent elections have shown that the people no longer will submit to oppressive, arbitrary Government activities exercised without legal sanction.

If the F. B. I. desires to retain the confidence of the people, it must divorce itself not only from the mouthpiece of the Jergens Co., Walter Winchell, but from New Deal political control. If it does not, it will soon find itself, so far as the public is concerned, in the same category as other Government agencies.

The editorial reprinted at the end of this talk expresses the feeling of the people of the great Middle West whenever an attempt is made to coerce them.

If the F. B. I. and J. Edgar Hoover will follow the traditions which it has built up and heretofore maintained, it will always retain the respect of the people. But if it permits parasites like Winchell to attach themselves to it; if it yields to political domination, it will soon become just another New Deal agency.

Mr. KEEFE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. KEEFE. The gentleman referred to the broadcast last evening by Mr. Winchell. I listened to that broadcast. It was quite different from any that I have ever heard before. I want to ask the gentleman, in view of the fact that he has been pretty well posted on the

previous broadcast experience of Mr. Winchell, is he not of the opinion that, for at least the first time I have ever heard, Mr. Winchell started on the defensive and started to build a cellar for himself, a cyclone cellar, so to speak; that he is beginning to see the wrath of America rise in his direction and he is beginning to anticipate and try to guard against what he sees is inevitably coming in his direction? Could not the gentleman from Michigan see that interpretation of the speech that he made last night?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I listened to Walter last night, and I got the impression that, like every rat that deserts a sinking ship, he senses that the people are not with him; that they have caught on to his false, malicious propaganda; and that his foulness, his dirtiness, and his nastiness have so disgusted them that he no longer is the "great I am." But his sense of egotism is so developed and his mind is so warped and twisted, that having once started on that course it will be very difficult if not impossible for him ever to be decent, as are other Americans.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOFFMAN. I yield.

Mr. SCOTT. The gentleman has referred to egotism. I wonder if he would accept the classic definition that the word "egotism" is the anesthetic which Nature provides in order to deaden the pain of being a damned fool.

Mr. HOFFMAN. The gentleman has his opinion.

A JOB FOR THE F. B. I.

If the F. B. I. has surplus funds and extra time at its disposal, why can it not, instead of investigating, seeking to intimidate, to deny to a young man who is on his way to serve his country on the war front, the right of free speech, devote a little of its energy to rounding up and exposing the Walter Winchells, who do so much to stir up disunity, to spread dissension, create class and racial hatred, spread false, malicious charges, the purpose of which is to destroy the people's confidence in their Government?

Why not bring to light and expose the activities of the Communists who openly advocate the overthrow of the Government by force; who hold policy-making positions in the Federal Government, and who, by infiltration into labor unions, interfere with war production and transportation?

Let the F. B. I. clean the New Deal house here in Washington and elsewhere. The people of the country are sound, patriotic, and courageous, and neither need, nor will they submit to, intimidation, the denial of their constitutional rights.

In view of the foregoing, is it permissible to suggest that the F. B. I. and other agencies of the administration, including the Department of Justice, cease to persecute, to attempt to intimidate and coerce citizens who have lived long in their respective communities; whose acts are open and aboveboard; who are known as honest, law-abiding, loyal, patriotic citizens; and that they devote

their time and the spending of the taxpayers' money to their respective duties, as defined under the Constitution, exercise their powers within the Constitution, to the end that the defeat of our enemies may be brought about as quickly as possible, with the least possible suffering and loss of life?

Is it permissible to say, without being charged with sedition or traitorous conduct, that the reestablishment of the "four freedoms" here in America, the reestablishment of constitutional government, of equal justice under law, be given first consideration?

May we, without being accused of sedition or treason, call in question, criticize the acts of administrative, of executive officers?

If this administration, which has recently defied Congress, refused to give the information as to when or where or how the taxpayers' money was spent, administrative activities carried on—and the Jergens Company, engaged in selling cosmetics through its mouthpiece, Walter Winchell—who, figuratively speaking, hides under the White House porch—and the President's political allies, the Communists, can stifle all criticism; refuse to answer all questions, we have a dictatorship.

Fortunately, election day will soon roll around and, if the people of the countryside are permitted to vote and their and other votes are honestly taken and honestly counted, there is every indication that the day of arbitrary government by the new dealers will end; that the effort of the Communists and some of their friends to overthrow our Government by subterfuge will not be successful.

EXHIBIT A

Did you see the article on "gumshoe experts" in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post? Hartford had its own incident of "snooping" last week, by a man representing himself as an F. B. I. agent, that has set us wondering just how far these investigators may go in suppressing free expression of speech by implied threats that leave the investigated with the impression that he had better keep his mouth shut or run the chance of getting himself into trouble.

We have had no official news release from our Government advising us that the Constitution's Bill of Rights has been abrogated by Supreme Court decision, congressional action, or Presidential decree. We have had little reason to doubt that "freedom" as described in the first 10 articles of the Constitution is the right and privilege of every citizen of the United States. But our thoughts perforce return to consideration of this fundamental grant to democratic peoples in the light of an F. B. I. agent's visit to Hartford last Thursday.

A 17-year-old Hartford high-school boy this week walks in the shadow of doubt and suspicion because he freely expressed his opinion in a class discussion of current affairs—specifically because he labeled President Roosevelt a "liar." He has been questioned by an F. B. I. agent and has been left with the odious impression that for his own safety in the future he had better confine his opinions to less "seditious" statements. The Federal representative in order to impress the meaning of his word on the young man's mind, consulted the dictionary and read some such definition as appears in the one at hand: "conduct tending to treason."

How disgustingly absurd is such an implication! We are wondering if the F. B. I. is now investigating Senator Barkley for his speech before the Senate last week in which he also called the President a liar but in more refined words. Speaking of the President's statement issued with the veto of the tax bill, Mr. Barkley said, "It is a deliberate misstatement." The phraseology is not the same; the meaning is.

The Hartford youth's accusation was made in reference to Mr. Roosevelt's statement (before his last election) in which he asserted that no American soldiers would fight on foreign soil. What our young man said reached the ears of only his classmates, a few parents, and eventually the F. B. I.; what Mr. BARKLEY said reached the ears of the world.

It is true the Senator has proven his patriotism, and never more convincingly than in his "declaration of independence" last week. This young American, like so many others, has also proven his. He enlisted as an air cadet last September, within a month after he became 17 years of age, and expects to go into training when he is graduated in June.

He is anxious to serve his country just as 10 of his cousins are, and as his ancestors have in the past. Two uncles were in the last war, and one is serving the Nation today, a geologist of world fame, who was second in command on the first Admiral Byrd expedition to the South Pole. His parents, both born in the United States, are good citizens of this community; his great grandfather was a pioneer resident of Van Buren County. He is an active worker in the church, an intelligent student, a leader in school affairs. That he is faithful to his country, is obvious. He is the type of a straightforward, honest young man who will help our Nation develop great statesmen of clear vision during the next generation.

These facts could have been verified by the ambitious Federal agent without resort to threats and insinuating implications.

During the interrogation, the investigator asked where the youth had received his information on the Roosevelt not-to-foreign-soil promise. When informed he had read it in the newspaper, the F. B. I. agent asserted that one shouldn't believe everything he reads. When told he also heard Roosevelt make the speech by radio, the Federal man's reply was to the effect that: If I were you, I wouldn't discuss things I know nothing about; you're liable to get into trouble. Another statement credited to the agent was: That's practically treason; they put men in jail for less than that. There were questions about War bonds, Jews, home and school discussions on national affairs. All questions seemed to lead up to that concerning the President, said the young man, that being the last of a long list.

The significance of this investigation is much deeper than the embarrassment of one Hartford family. Basically, it is a challenge to democratic ideals of freedom. We are at war and are willing to accept regimentation to whatever degree necessary. It is not necessary to stifle free expression of opinion. Our Nation was founded by fearless, outspoken men. Nurtured by freedom of speech and press, our Nation thrived. Today men are fighting and dying to guarantee to future generations the right to enjoy these freedoms.

We cannot but be deeply impressed with the crude cruelty of investigations such as that in Hartford. On a Nation-wide scale, Government-sanctioned interference with free speech in the manner of this investigation would soon lead to repression of constructive criticism and a break-down of public confidence in our Government. We cannot permit our faith in democratic ideals to be compromised through such ill-advised, haphazard methods by protective Govern-

ment agencies. We cannot sacrifice democracy and save it too.

#### EXHIBIT B

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., March 12, 1944.

Mr. JOSEPH N. McCALL,  
Publisher, *Hartford Day Spring*,

Hartford, Mich.

DEAR MR. McCALL: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under my administration since 1924, has existed solely for the purpose of discharging the responsibilities assigned to us by the President, the Congress, and the Attorney General—and we have endeavored to carry out these responsibilities in the American way.

Thus, I was concerned with the allegations in your column, *Did You See*, which appeared in the March 1, 1944, issue of the *Hartford Day Spring*. I can assure you that any statement that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is engaged in any program "to stifle free expression of opinion" is wholly unsupported by the facts and could arise only from a misunderstanding. If at any time any representative of this Bureau should exceed the bounds of his authority and attempt to stifle freedom of speech, prompt and decisive administrative action will result.

As you know, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is an investigative organization—it is our duty to receive complaints in matters bearing on the internal security of the Nation, investigate these complaints and present those facts to the prosecuting officials of the Department of Justice. We do not express opinions but do report what is told us by the citizens whom we contact. To avoid the injustices, the hysteria, and mob spirit that existed in World War No. 1, we asked citizens to furnish us with any information they might have pointing to a violation of Federal statutes or which affected the security of the Nation. Then we asked citizens to take no action after reporting the facts to us and not to circulate rumors. As a result of the fine cooperation which we have had from citizens and by careful investigations of everything that came to our attention there have been no acts of sabotage by enemy agents and espionage has been brought under control. To be sure, many complaints come to our attention which are found to be without basis, such as the report in Hartford from one of your citizens which prompted your inquiry. That report stated, "There has come to my attention an unwholesome condition in Hartford, which appears to have arisen from a Nazi-inspired source." We had no choice but to make a preliminary inquiry which I am happy to say revealed the complaint to be without foundation.

Special agents of the F. B. I. are under the strictest of instructions that in every inquiry they should consider the individual's standing in the community and should exercise every precaution to protect the individual's reputation from undue suspicion which might arise from the inquiry. At the same time, the agents are instructed to be thorough and to vigorously seek the facts which would establish the innocence or guilt of the individual about whom the complaint is made. In every instance, the agents are under instructions to be ethical, fair, and impartial. Facts, and only facts, are to be sought. And I am sure that the record of the Federal Bureau of Investigation speaks for itself. Beyond that, any other course of action would be a practical impossibility because of the background and training of our agents. They come from all stations of life and every section of the country. There are few colleges and universities in the land whose graduates are not found in the service of the F. B. I. Each is carefully investigated before appointment and if any question

arises as to their character, reputation, or integrity, every doubt is ruled against their appointment. So with this background I am sure you can see that anything so odious as impugning the freedom of speech would be alien to the characters of the men of the F. B. I.

I am the first to concede that the F. B. I. is a human organization and we do make mistakes, but we welcome having them called to our attention so that we can guard against making that same mistake in the future. Likewise there can be misunderstandings—we try to avoid them, yet at times they do occur, and we welcome having such matters called to our attention, for we stand on our record and have nothing to conceal.

If at any time in the future any question as to the program or policies of the F. B. I. should arise in your mind, I hope you will not hesitate to communicate with me because I consider the F. B. I. the servant of the people and strictly accountable to the people.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under previous special order the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. BUSBEY] is recognized for 30 minutes.

#### AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS

Mr. BUSBEY. Mr. Speaker, I am genuinely reluctant to take the floor today. I had hoped events would not make it necessary, but in view of what I fear is about to happen in Europe at any moment, and what has already happened in some instances, I cannot shirk what I sincerely believe to be my duty to the people of the United States, especially that great legion of foreign-born, loyal, patriotic Americans who have enjoyed and appreciate the blessings of our form of government, and have contributed so much to its success.

I have at no time had anything but praise for the wonderful deeds of the Soviet Army and what they have accomplished in this war since Hitler tried to overrun their homeland. But I will fight tooth and nail against those who exploit the heroism of the Russian people in order to undermine democracy and destroy it.

For 150 years America has stood as a beacon light of hope for the oppressed and downtrodden of the world, as the symbol of liberty and democracy. In my own district there is a veritable melting pot of nationalities coming from all corners of the globe, who have been attracted to these shores by the magic spell of American freedom and opportunity. In all earnestness and with full consciousness of the seriousness of what I am saying, I tell you that we face the danger of dashing the hopes of these loyal and hard-working American citizens to the ground.

These citizens of foreign birth are giving their sweat and toil to make bigger ships, faster planes, and more powerful guns to insure an early victory for our armed forces. They are buying bonds, and more bonds, to back up our war effort. More than that, they have given their beloved sons and daughters to Uncle Sam, their own flesh and blood, for the cause they hold dear. They have done all these things, willingly and without stint, in the belief that thereby they might safeguard here and abroad those

blessings of democracy which they so gratefully enjoy in this great republic of ours.

I cannot fully and adequately describe to you the alarm and despair which is gripping the many citizens of foreign descent. Hardly had they begun to rejoice at the prospect of the liberation of their loved ones in their native lands from Nazi enslavement, than they were faced with the ghastly alternative that these countries were apparently to fall victim to another sort of totalitarian enslavement.

First, Estonia, then Latvia, then Lithuania, then Poland, and now Yugoslavia, and little Finland, are all on the spot, to say nothing about Italy.

These are some of the countries to which we held out the Atlantic Charter as a pledge of self-government. These are the countries where many good American citizens first saw the light of day. There they have mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and children. To them they have sent of their earnings, expressing the message that America spells hope, that America spells liberty from tyranny.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to you from the third article of the Atlantic Charter, issued by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, in August 1941 in which they gave their solemn assurance to "respect the rights of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live"; and "to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them."

Mr. Speaker, my constituents, and citizens throughout the country are asking why President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are not making good on the solemn pledges contained in the Atlantic Charter.

Picture, if you please, what is going on in the minds of these our fellow citizens. When the Communists tried to sow dissension and disunity among the foreign-born in America, they stood steadfast and loyal to the land of their adoption. Now it seems their loved ones are to be sold down the river to the totalitarian tyranny they had learned to know and detest.

Is America to be the broker in this nefarious bargain? That is what they are asking. I would be untrue to my oath as a Congressman did I not bring this to the attention of Congress.

I am no military expert, although I did my share at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne. Neither am I an impractical dreamer seeking to bring a quart of milk to every Hottentot. But I do believe in holding firm to our resolve that this war shall bring to the peoples of the world, and especially the peoples of war-torn Europe, that modicum of simple blessings which is inherent in democracy. I understand full well that in many cases we are forced by military necessity and expediency to make compromises and perhaps sacrifice some of the aims we have set for ourselves. I am ready to face such practical considerations on their merit in a sane and practical way. It is neither my purpose nor desire to take issue on this point.

I am deeply concerned, however, by the thought that there are some indi-

viduals high in the Government service, or high in its confidence, who are moved by no thought of the welfare and aspirations of the United States and her citizens, who are openly and avowedly interested rather in promoting the designs of a foreign power. The fact that this power found it expedient to join with us as ally in a common struggle against Nazi Germany after she was attacked, does not alter the responsibility of high-ranking American officials toward our own Government.

Entrenched in the Office of War Information, in the Office of Strategic Services, in the Office of Economic Warfare, in the Federal Communications Commission, and in other strategic posts, are those who are working night and day, not in the interests of our Government, but rather to pave the way for totalitarian domination of the United States and the European Continent.

As an example, let us look into the activities of one Louis Adamic, a Yugoslav by birth, who is loathed by his own people both here and abroad. Mr. Adamic has openly boasted of his powerful connections and influence in the Office of War Information, the Office of Strategic Services, and even the State Department.

Recently, he published in a Communist foreign-language newspaper an offer of employment in the Yugoslav section of U. N. R. R. A., directing applicants to apply to him. We all know the U. N. R. R. A. is destined to play an important part in deciding the future of post-war Europe, but no one can find out who authorized Mr. Adamic to advertise for employees.

Mr. Adamic has published in great quantities books, pamphlets, and propaganda material calculated to sway American public opinion. His articles have appeared in our most influential magazines. He has openly boasted of his success in molding American public opinion to his illicit purposes.

Joining with him in this deluge of propaganda has been the Communist Party, its press, its fraternal organizations, and the front organizations included in the All-American Slav Congress, organized in response to an appeal from Moscow. The policy we are following in hapless Yugoslavia today is the policy advocated, if not actually laid down, by Louis Adamic.

Who is Louis Adamic? Let us see what he stands for. I will give his views, in his own words. I quote from the *Worker*, official Communist Sunday paper, of December 6, 1942, on the occasion of Mr. Adamic's acceptance of the position of chairman of the Slovene National Congress, an affiliate of the All-American Slav Congress:

I feel honored to have been selected for this function. \* \* \* There seems to be no doubt that the Osvobodilna Fronts Partisan troops have engaged the Axis in important battles. \* \* \*

Now is there any doubt that the commanders of some of the Partisan troops are Communist or men who are sympathetic to communism or to Russia or both, while the majority of the rank and file is not Communist, but strongly pro-Russian. It is more than probable also that in Slovenia and in the rest of Yugoslavia there are Soviet commissars or Soviet Army officers who are the advisers, if

not the supreme commanders, of the Partisan troops. \* \* \* There is no doubt that Russia as a government or state is deeply interested in Yugoslavia as a whole and perhaps particularly in Slovenia, both in an immediate military sense and from the long-range view which may take in the post-war period. \* \* \* I believe that the Congress should be deeply impressed by the fact that Soviet Russia is the only great power so far which has officially and unequivocally expressed itself in favor of a united Slovenia.

The following views of Louis Adamic are quoted from his book, *The Native's Return*:

I see now that the salvation of the Yugoslav people and other small backward nations in that part of the world lies, clearly and inescapably, in the direction of Russia. They will have to overthrow their present racketeer rule, form a Balkan or East European federation of collectivist national republics, and in some mutually satisfactory way attach themselves to the U. S. S. R.

Now I see why the Russian revolution was necessary, from the standpoint not only of backward, peasant Russia but of the world at large.

Again quoting from *The Native's Return*:

I believe that a majority of people forming the Yugoslav Liberation Front and the Bulgarian underground are eager or ready for sovietization. \* \* \* If sovietization, with all it implies, does occur, it may be the simplest process. The Yugoslav federation would become a republic within the Soviet Union and would most likely be headed by Tito or Dimitroff.

Dimitroff was previously head of the Communist International.

While Mr. Adamic is glowing in his praise of the Soviet Union, whose interests I charge he is openly promoting above all others, although he is not registered as a foreign agent, which, in my opinion, he should be, his attitude toward the land of his adoption is cynical, to say the least. I now quote from his book entitled "Dynamite":

The story I present here is, as I see it, a criticism of your American capitalist-democratic civilization, the most severe criticism, it seems to me, that anyone could write. \* \* \* America is at the crossroads. \* \* \* Right or left? \* \* \* But eventually it will be left, for in the very nature \* \* \* it is a left or revolutionary country.

Mr. Adamic has a record of association with the following Communist front organizations, which shows indisputably where his real sympathy and loyalty lie:

American Artists and Writers Committee.

American Friends of Spanish Democracy, Medical Bureau.

Coordinating Committee To Lift the Embargo.

Film Audiences for Democracy.

Films for Democracy.

National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.

National Committee for Peoples Rights.

National Emergency Conference.

Fight magazine—official organ of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

American Writers Congress.

Conference on Pan American Democracy.

A number of these organizations have been cited as subversive by the Attorney General.

Louis Adamic also spoke in honor of George Dimitroff, former head of the Communist International, at a meeting held in Carnegie Hall, in New York, on December 22, 1943, together with Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party.

Mr. Speaker, did it ever occur to you that for months and months all reports coming out of Yugoslavia after Germany overran that country, contained glowing accounts of Gen. Draja Mihailovich? Reports of how his guerrillas were the only forces in that section of the Balkans that were giving resistance to Hitler's hordes? How, because of their opposition, Hitler was not and has not to this day been able to conquer all of Yugoslavia.

Recently, as a result of the activities of Adamic and his henchmen, the exploits of General Mihailovich have not only been deleted from the American press, but he is now being undermined and slandered as a Nazi agent. Using all the arts of fiction and propaganda, Adamic and his group of trained seals are flooding the country with fabulous tales about a mysterious character, an avowed Communist, named Tito, and his Partisans.

Mr. Speaker, you or no one else ever heard of Tito and his Partisans until after Germany attacked Russia, and it is generally acknowledged that if it had not been for General Mihailovich, Hitler would have overrun Yugoslavia a long time ago.

On November 28, 1943, a United Press dispatch from London quoted the Yugoslav Partisans as announcing that the rail line from Sarajevo to Visegrad had been practically destroyed. Notwithstanding the fact that this dispatch gave credit to the Partisans for this work, another dispatch, dated December 6, 1943, by press wireless quoted a dispatch from the Woods and Mountain Radio Station of General Mihailovich to the effect that the blowing up of these bridges was done by General Miroslav Trifunovich, a commander in the Yugoslav Army under General Mihailovich, and that the complete destruction of the bridges was executed in the presence of Brigadier Armstrong, the chief of the British Military Mission, and Lt. Col. Siez, the chief of the American Military Mission. To my knowledge, there has never been a denial by anyone in authority of the truthfulness of this latter statement. I cite this as an example of the unreliability and the nondependability of many of the statements appearing in the American press, regarding the situation in Yugoslavia.

An example of the loose methods now being employed in selling Tito and his Partisans to the American people is to be found in the New York Times of December 22, 1943, in which is depicted a so-called Partisan hero, accompanying a story about Yugoslavia by Mr. Sulzberger. Unfortunately, those responsible forgot to note that they had used the same picture on October 12, 1941, to de-

pict a heroic Chetnik. The photograph is identical, even to the Chetnik insignia on the soldier's turban in both instances.

Because I had noticed particularly the United Press releases in the newspapers began the policy of carrying a great deal of information about Tito and very little about General Mihailovich, I made an appointment to talk with Mr. Earl Johnson, vice president and the active head of the United Press in New York City. I spent 2 hours with him in his office on the 27th of November. Mr. Johnson explained to me that their London correspondent who had been furnishing the reports at first, received his information in London from the Yugoslav Government in exile, headed by King Peter, but since they moved to Cairo, the Partisan representatives had established headquarters in London, and they were the only group available in London for releases.

Mr. Johnson also informed me that in an attempt to get reports direct from General Mihailovich, he had sent one of his best reporters to Cairo, where King Peter had given him permission to go to General Mihailovich's headquarters, but the reporter was unable to obtain transportation. This section of the Mediterranean is under the control of Great Britain.

Another recognized foreign correspondent has been trying for many months to reach the Balkans, in order to give a true picture of what is happening there, only to have innumerable official and unofficial obstacles thrown in his way.

As far as I know, there is no one in the United States who can positively identify Tito, or knows what he looks like. The picture frequently used in connection with any article about him is a facsimile said to be from a German poster offering a 100,000 reichsmarks reward for his capture, and it is a likeness of a certain Josip Broz, whom they believe to be Tito. Because the likeness of Josip Broz resembles in some respects certain features of Abraham Lincoln, many articles have been written comparing the two men. Naturally the Communists play up this angle, because for many years they have been capitalizing on the popularity of Lincoln.

Just to refresh your memories on a few incidents, the Communists formed the Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Revolution, they have a camp for children near Chicago, called the Lincoln Camp, and only recently they have changed the name of their school in Chicago from the Workers School to the Abraham Lincoln School.

During the week of February 7-11 of this year, a publication which is distributed to school children in Detroit carried a half-page story on Tito, and accompanying the article was a picture of Abraham Lincoln. It is an insufferable slander on the character of our Abraham Lincoln to draw any comparison between him and Tito.

Mr. Speaker, I propose to speak on this situation in the near future as it pertains to Poland, but the treatment Poland has been receiving parallels the

Yugoslav situation so closely, I feel compelled to make some reference to it at this time.

Have you forgotten how gallant, heroic Poland stood up and fought Hitler's powerful mechanized army, when she really had nothing with which to fight? Have you forgotten those solemn vows that were made that Poland would be avenged, restored, and made to live again?

Where are all those who professed their friendship, and wanted to do so much to help Poland? Now is the time to speak up and make your voices heard, for tomorrow may be too late.

The March 1944 issue of *The Sign*, a national Catholic magazine published by the Passionist Missions, Inc., in an article entitled "Atlantic Charter on Trial," had this, among other things, to say regarding Poland:

The happenings of 1939 are still fresh in most people's memories. It is too early to say with absolute certainty whether there was a Russo-German agreement stipulating that the U. S. S. R. and the Third Reich would attack Poland simultaneously, and that the new border between both totalitarian countries should run along the Vistula. All we know definitely is that the Soviet Union delayed her attack till September 17, and that military actions took place. The Soviet Union had waged an undeclared war against Poland, and this was publicly admitted by Molotov in his report to the Fifth Extraordinary Session of the Supreme Soviet on October 31, 1939. The Soviet Union then proceeded to deport not only the Poles from that area but also the leaders of the Ukrainian and White Russian non-Communist parties. Nationalists and Socialists met an identical fate. A mock election took place early in 1940 which "proved" that 97 percent of the population desired Soviet rule.

One million six hundred thousand people were deported into the interior of the U. S. S. R. Of these, 230,000 were prisoners of war, 144,000 were able to leave for western countries via Persia, a few hundred thousand were located, but over 900,000 people are unaccounted for. They may or may not be alive.

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The proposal to give to the Soviet Union East Poland and to give to Poland East Germany is so immoral and contrary to all principles of the Atlantic Charter that it need not be discussed in a Catholic periodical. It probably would prevent peace between Germany and Poland for all future times, a situation pleasing to Russia with its recrudescent Pan-Slavist tendencies, but against the interests of a Christian Europe.

East Poland in Soviet hands means the very end of the idealism of the Atlantic Charter and the end of Allied prestige. It would be the total negation of the democratic principle of self-determination. It would thoroughly undermine the confidence of the continental European nations in the Anglo-Saxon powers and their professed ideals.

Is it any wonder people all over the world are asking where is the Atlantic Charter?

Mr. Speaker, I defy any one of these individuals who did everything possible to undermine our form of government and sabotage our defense program until Hitler marched into Russia on June 21, 1941, to match my 25 years of work in Americanism, at all times putting forth my best efforts in behalf of our country and everything our Constitution guar-

antees. Since when do these June 21, 1941, superpatriots speak for true Americanism?

Mr. Speaker, is it any wonder that Louis Adamic is considered by many people in the United States, including myself, as far more dangerous to our American way of life than Earl Browder? A man like Browder, who is out in the open, I do not consider nearly as dangerous as a man like Adamic, who hides behind organizations of high-sounding names.

At the beginning of this speech I expressed my reluctance to make it, and that I had hoped events would not make it necessary. But in view of what I feel is about to happen in Europe at any moment, I considered it my patriotic duty to do so.

The event that I am now fearful will happen in Europe is that General Mihailovich and all his guerrilla forces that have and could add so much to the winning of this war, especially against Hitler, will be thrown to the wolves by denying them the matériel and supplies they so badly need to contribute their part on the side of the United Nations. It would not surprise me one bit to read in the papers any day that King Peter was recalled to London to serve notice on him that henceforth General Mihailovich and the government in exile can no longer look to the United Nations for help, but, instead, that only Tito and the Partisans will be assisted. If this comes to pass, in my humble opinion, it will be a sad mistake and will delay the final victory in Europe.

When we established these United States we assumed a gigantic responsibility to the millions who placed their faith in America and what she stands for. Let us make sure that faith is not shattered and that we remain true to our trust.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Scott] is recognized for 20 minutes.

#### UNNECESSARY POWER PROJECTS

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I always regard it as a privilege to have an opportunity to address this House and all of the Members therein. As I say, it is always a privilege to talk to them, to give the majority party an opportunity to save a little money which otherwise would be wasted—money of the taxpayers. I am only talking here today about an opportunity to save some \$52,000,000, and I am really concerned as to where all of the 216 Members of the majority party went—is there a \$100-a-plate dinner scheduled somewhere?—and where is that 1 lone Democrat coming from who is going to move, by custom, the adjournment of the House? I have in the past had the privilege of addressing remarks on this subject of unnecessary power projects to somewhat larger audiences. At times on the majority side we have had as many as 5 present, at others 3, but unless at least 1 gentleman of the majority comes in who will have to move the adjournment of the House we may have

to waive the custom of this august body and exercise a hitherto unused privilege and request some Member of the minority to adjourn the House so that we may all go home for the day.

#### NONESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS: CONGRESS SHOULD REVIEW THE POWER PROGRAM—A THIRD REPORT

Mr. Speaker, this is my third report to the Congress on the subject of nonessential Government power projects.

On September 17, 1942, I addressed the House on the wastage of critical materials embodied in the continued construction of entirely unessential public power projects. I itemized by name the projects to which I referred. Previous criticisms of extravagant power-need estimates had already brought down on my head from the New Deal's radical wing their usual epithet of "reactionary." In the tarnished lexicon of the left, anyone who demands to be shown is a reactionary.

I again addressed this House on December 2, 1942, at which time I reported on steps I had taken to publicize the unnecessary character of these projects and to bring about their abandonment. I reported that work on the projects had, after some maneuvering around, been suspended, thus releasing an immense quantity of critical materials for use in the building of warships, planes, and other war materials.

In my first speech on this subject, of September 17, 1942, I said:

The continuance of these nonessential projects involves the expenditure of a great deal of the taxpayers' money, which expenditure could well be deferred until the institution of the public-works program after the war, since money, too, is ammunition and ought not to be spent for any but the most essential purposes in wartime. To spend it for nonessential public-works projects is, in effect, to throw it away, in view of the crisis in the battle of production which now impends.

I am addressing the House today because I have information that the same crowd of New Deal spendthrifts whose efforts have been balked from time to time are at it again, and they plan to seize certain unexpended funds and to waste them upon nonessential public-works projects, not for the war effort but to promote their own particular post-war ideology. I am in a position to say, upon excellent authority, that the construction these boondogglers have in mind will provide power for which there will be no need whatsoever, at the very least, until 1952.

In this first speech I also warned:

The whole history of these projects warrants the public in concluding \* \* \* that those who are charged with the completion of the projects can be expected to use every sort of pressure to raise the priority rating later and to wangle critical materials from every nook and corner in order to keep these New Deal projects going, and thus to assure the continuance of their nonessential, non-war jobs. \* \* \* Thus, by its insistence upon the building of certain dams and completion of certain generator units at high priority ratings—while construction of other generator units continues at a presumably slower pace—our bureaucrats, to whom the war must seem very distant indeed, are actu-

ally depriving the war effort of materials of a most critical nature. Thus the completion of these dams means that some ships will not be built, some planes will not fly, some tanks will not roll.

#### WARSHIPS POWERED BY EQUIPMENT SAVED ON POWER PROGRAM

The last words proved prophetic: When I said that the completion of these unnecessary dams would mean that some ships would not be built, I necessarily had in mind the converse of that statement as well, namely, that if these nonessential projects could be halted more critically needed ships than ever could be constructed, and more planes and more tanks. As it turned out, successful halting of these non-essential projects had precisely the predicted effect. The *Electrical World* of February 19, 1944, in an article, quoted in full at the end of these remarks, said, in part:

The reddest face must be that of the New Republic magazine, which in April 1942, carried an article titled "The Power Lobby Comes Back," reading in part:

"Constantine Bary of (W. P. B.'s) Power Unit, is playing into the hands of reactionary Congressmen who gobble up the shortsighted power-need estimates he hands them, refusing to consider as war projects any which cannot be completed within the next 2 years. Bary and his pals are gambling thousands of lives on this bet that our war needs will be a thing of the past 2 years from now."

No doubt the Marshall's invasion fleet includes craft which are powered by the turbines, boilers, and generators which W. P. B. decided not to install at Ottumwa and points west—the power capacity saved in the big program slash of mid-1942 which was based, among other things, on Bary's short-sighted power-need estimates.

On December 2, 1942, I reported to the House that the Power Branch of the War Production Board having exhibited no interest in the statements made by me on an earlier occasion, I then communicated with the Acting Chief of the Power Branch on October 6, 1942, and October 20, 1942, demanding information as to whether these unnecessary power projects were continuing and if so, why? On the day following my last letter, namely, October 21, 1942, Chairman Donald M. Nelson, of the War Production Board, announced in an official press release the revocation of priority assignments "on a large part of nonmilitary construction" and on October 24, 1942, the Acting Chief of the Power Branch confirmed to me that the cancellation of nonessential Government projects referred to more euphemistically as "non-military construction," included the projects itemized by me in the September speech as the T. V. A. and Department of the Interior projects and further advised me that he had been personally informed by the Corps of Engineers that they had also halted work on their projects. All of these statements were confirmed to me by the Acting Chief of the Power Branch in a letter dated October 27, 1942.

On October 28, being convinced that it would be advisable to make absolutely certain of the intention to abandon these

projects, I wrote the acting chief of the power branch:

Does this mean that all projects enumerated in the press release of August 22 (copy of which list I enclose) have been definitely abandoned for the duration of the war?

The acting chief of the Power Branch replied by letter dated October 29, 1942:

As to the projects listed in the press release of August 22 under the heading "Government projects proceeding on low priorities or unrated," as indicated in my letter of October 27, priorities have either been revoked or, as I understand it, are in the process of being revoked by action of the facilities committee.

I doubt whether anyone could say with absolute assurance whether or not it might be necessary before the close of the war to reinstate some of these projects. That question should depend upon future developments in the situation with respect to power supply and requirements.

You will note the escape clause contained in the last sentence. I have been wondering whether the future developments referred to with respect to power supply and requirements warranted the construction of additional power projects.

#### PRESENT CONSTRUCTION ADEQUATE

The facts show that present construction has proved entirely adequate to meet the power needs of the country and that the termination of these nonessential projects was both wise and timely. It develops, as will be seen at more length in the article from the *Electrical World*, which is included hereafter, that the power estimates of the War Production Board proved to be accurate within thirteen one-hundredths of 1 percent. The power program, during this period of expansion, was in direct competition with the program for warships, synthetic rubber, high octane gasoline plants, and other critical programs. As the result of the able Mr. Constantine Bary's remarkably accurate estimate of the Nation's power needs, it is now clear that the power program in this competition with other essential war materials received and used just about what it needed. This means that because of the decision to suspend the unnecessary projects, it did not take steel, copper, plant space, or skilled manpower which it did not need, and thus did not use them to the disadvantage of competing programs.

This is not to say that the ideological New Deal public-power advocates deserve any credit; it is abundantly clear that constant pressure was exercised to obtain the completion of the additional and unnecessary power projects on which construction was stopped. Had new dealers succeeded with their extended power program, based upon erroneous estimates of the Federal Power Commission, then the power program would have taken away for nonessential uses vital war materials needed elsewhere.

I concluded my remarks on December 2, 1942, by saying:

One final word of warning: We can look for efforts from now on to get some of the suspended projects put back on the active list of projects to be completed, notwithstanding war demands. This will be done under the guise of war necessity, but they

will be the same Government projects which have been heretofore terminated as wasting critical materials and skills. \* \* \* Without eternal vigilance we will certainly lose some of the ground gained.

I was right about the need for eternal vigilance.

On January 17, 1944, I wrote to the Bureau of the Budget to inquire as to status of appropriations unexpended but held in active condition presumably to meet emergency war requirements of electric power.

On February 1, 1944, I received a letter from the Director of the Budget enclosing copies of correspondence, which I set forth at this point in chronological order:

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD,  
Washington, D. C., January 12, 1943.  
The Honorable HAROLD D. SMITH,  
Director, Bureau of the Budget,  
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SMITH: As you know, the War Production Board has recently found it necessary to stop work on certain electric generating projects of the Department of the Interior, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the War Department. All of these projects had been authorized by the Congress and appropriations had been made for them.

Major new electric projects are among the chief competitors with our most urgent and important war programs, such as rubber, aviation gasoline, heavy bombers, warships, merchant ships, ammunition, and lend-lease. Because of the exceedingly tight situation as to critical materials, manufacturing facilities, and manpower for such programs, it has been necessary for us to operate and plan on the basis of close margins in the electric field.

In consequence, if changing conditions at any time during the next 6 months should dictate expansion of our existing power program, it would be necessary to reinstate some of the halted Federal projects on very short notice. In that event, any delay in resuming work might prevent completion of the project in time to meet power requirements in the area affected. We have planned our power program with a high degree of flexibility so that we shall be able to meet all contingencies, provided only that the operating Government agencies which we count upon to provide expansion will themselves be in a position to act with promptness.

In order that we may be prepared for quick action, as circumstances may require, I should like to enlist the cooperation of the Bureau of the Budget in measures to make funds available to the Government power agencies so that the moment the War Production Board decides that any particular project must be reinstated, the money for that purpose will be immediately available. Until just before the decision to reinstate any project it is impossible to specify the projects or the total capacity which it might be necessary to have. However, on the basis of present outlook, there is a possibility that at some time prior to the end of this fiscal year, we should want to reinstate as much as several hundred thousand kilowatts of capacity for the Department of the Interior, several hundred thousand for the Tennessee Valley Authority, and a substantial—although lesser amount—for the War Department, all to be selected from among the projects recently halted.

I shall greatly appreciate your advice as to what steps are necessary to be prepared, from a budgetary standpoint, for such a program. We shall, of course, be glad to go over this matter with you in detail; and, if desirable, I shall be glad to present to the appropriate committees of the Congress the urgent necessity for the measures I am recommending.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Sincerely,

DONALD M. NELSON.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1943.  
Hon. DONALD M. NELSON,  
Chairman, War Production Board,  
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. NELSON: We have your letter of January 12, 1943, advising of the possibility of renewing construction on some of the Federal projects recently halted by orders of the War Production Board. We have reviewed the funds available to the Department of the Interior, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the War Department for the authorized electric-generating projects and find that sufficient sums are available to make the obligations necessary for renewing and continuing construction until such supplementary appropriations as may be required are obtained.

As you know, work on projects stopped by the war production order is being brought to a close and men and construction material will soon be moved to other sites or disposed of completely. In the interest of economy, the saving of material and skilled labor, and the speedy completion of those projects necessary to meet war-connected needs, it seems to me that an early decision should be made with respect to those projects that are to be reinstated. You may be assured of my full cooperation in connection with the financing of such projects, whether by the release of presently reserved funds or by recommending supplemental appropriations.

Very truly yours,

WAYNE COY,  
Assistant Director.

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD,  
Washington, D. C., January 28, 1943.  
Mr. WAYNE COY,  
Assistant Director,  
Bureau of the Budget.

MY DEAR MR. COY: Mr. Nelson has requested me to reply to your letter of January 21 with reference to the funds required for renewing construction on Federal power projects recently halted by the War Production Board, should circumstances warrant such construction at a later date. We are pleased that you have found sufficient sums for this purpose until such supplementary appropriations as may be required are obtained.

It is recognized that some time and money have been lost through the halting of these projects, but in view of the greater need for materials and equipment in connection with other urgent programs, this sacrifice was a necessary one. We do not expect the situation will change sufficiently during the next several months to warrant any new decision, but we are following conditions as they develop. Before the middle of the year we will have better information as to whether some of these projects should be reinstated. We shall keep you advised concerning developments.

Very truly yours,

J. A. KRUG,  
Power Director.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, D. C., February 1, 1944.  
Hon. HUGH D. SCOTT, Jr.,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SCOTT: I have received your letter of January 17, 1944, in which you request advice as to the status of appropria-

tions which Mr. Donald Nelson requested be held in active condition to meet emergency war requirements of electric power. Your letter also requests copies of correspondence between Mr. Nelson and this office.

In the period of preparedness, prior to the declarations of war, funds were appropriated to the War Department, the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority to permit those agencies to construct various flood-control, reclamation, and navigation projects, at which appreciable amounts of hydroelectric power would be developed. However, as a result of the critical situation which arose in connection with materials, facilities, equipment, and manpower, many of these projects which did not lend themselves to early completion were suspended. Under date of January 12, 1943, Mr. Donald Nelson, Chairman, War Production Board, recommended that the appropriations for those projects be held for immediate use in the event the Board found it essential to the war program to proceed with the construction of any of the facilities involved.

Mr. Nelson's request has been adhered to by the Bureau of the Budget insofar as it has not been in conflict with the administration's fiscal program. The appropriations were generally made available solely for specific projects and available until expended. By and large, these funds were placed in reserve for obligation as needs developed. Certain of the appropriations, however, have been available for general programs rather than limited to specific projects, and, as it has not been consistent with budgetary policy to build up unnecessary balances of unobligated funds, these appropriations have, with the consent of Congress, been used to finance other projects which have been considered immediately urgent and essential to the prosecution of the war but which do not involve hydroelectric power development. This has been particularly true with respect to funds appropriated to the War Department.

The Budget for 1945 indicates that the Tennessee Valley Authority will have approximately \$19,262,298 unobligated on June 30, 1944, the greater portion of which is for power facilities, and the Bonneville Power Administration will have about \$24,969,339 for the construction of power transmission facilities. Most of the funds available to the Bureau of Reclamation for power facilities have been released to meet schedules approved by the War Production Board. The unobligated balance to be available to the War Department for power projects at the end of the fiscal year is estimated at \$7,525,883.

In accordance with your request, there are enclosed copies of the correspondence on this subject between this office and the War Production Board.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD D. SMITH, Director.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE \$52,000,000

Mr. Speaker, it will be noted that the unobligated balances referred to in the Budget letter total \$51,757,520.

These unobligated balances amounting to nearly \$52,000,000 present an almost irresistible temptation to the public power planners who are hopeful that these balances can continue to be retained until such time as labor, material, and equipment are available for the construction of more and more unnecessary and presently unusable power projects.

Why unnecessary? Why presently unusable? Because the Government's own power forecasts assure that it will take 2 to 3 years after the end of the war to reach post-war electric loads higher than those which actually obtained in 1943. In some regions where the load

growth during the war has been very high, and this has especial application to the regions such as T. V. A. and Bonneville where most of the load growth during the war has been caused by war industries, it may take considerably more than 3 years after victory to produce loads higher than actually obtained in 1943. These conclusions are based on present construction without contemplating any additional construction whatever.

Why should these fifty-two millions of unobligated balances be held to tempt the spending brigades who are putting in a lot of time in Washington hotel rooms trying to find some way to use this money without regard to any war need but rather to a view to carrying out a long-range program of Government domination through control of public power?

As far back as January 12, 1943, it will be noted that Mr. Nelson referred to the possibility of the need for reinstatement of several hundred thousand of kilowatt capacity for the Department of the Interior, several hundred thousand for the Tennessee Valley Authority, and a substantial although lesser amount for the War Department, all to be selected from among the projects recently halted. As a matter of fact, as of February 11, 1944, 13 months later, no additional kilowatt capacity has had to be reinstated for the War Department or for the Department of the Interior and only 130,000 kilowatts of capacity for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Why should these \$52,000,000 continue to be kept in escrow? These funds were appropriated by Congress at a time when the duly appointed agencies of the Government were concerned about the adequacy of power supply and so advised Congress. The shortage of power supply reported by the Federal Power Commission—see reports of 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942—was based on the power requirements of national defense and later war production. Congress, supporting the requests of duly constituted executive agencies, appropriated funds in amounts consistent with the seriousness of the situation. As reported by Mr. Nelson in all reports on power supply in late 1942 and in 1943, there is ample power supply to meet all needs through 1945. The funds were appropriated for war needs. There are no unsatisfied needs for war. There is therefore no reason for the funds to be held further.

Should not the unexpended appropriations be returned? They should be returned. Any use of these funds now in the type of facility for which they were appropriated will not be in accordance with the intent of Congress in making the funds available. Under the laws of this country executive agencies point out, a Government agency having appropriations must, as promptly as possible, proceed with the work. And the only reason the work is not in progress now is because priorities for releases must be had from the War Production Board. Any release of material, labor, or equipment would be the signal for the agencies holding these appropriations to proceed, citing existing authorizations as their au-

thority. This temptation to proceed at the earliest possible opportunity should be removed. The result of such construction will be in the interest of long-range Government power planning rather than the creation of power needed for war purposes. The original intent of Congress in making the appropriation, could thus be subverted.

#### TIME TO REVIEW THE POWER PROGRAM

Is not this the time to review the projects on their merits? Depending on war developments and timing of major offensives, the period will come when the only restrictions—those of the War Production Board—will be removed and all unexpended balances will be available for use as soon as labor, material, and equipment can be mobilized. For Congress to delay its review can well mean substantial loss of the taxpayer's money where facilities are started under the war emergency appropriations, only to be canceled belatedly by congressional action.

Much of the power capacity installed by the various agencies has been unable to provide under low-water conditions energy required to meet the needs of three-shift, 7-day week working programs. They were installed as war facilities, but with adverse water conditions were unable to meet the requirements of war without costly help from others. They have peaking capacity, but under adverse water conditions lack the energy—water—to make that power keep flowing as long as the war plants need it.

The United States Government has spent billions of dollars in this type of facilities during the war. The Government-owned power facilities have been expanded to almost 150 percent of their pre-Pearl Harbor installation. Congress has not investigated the propriety of these expenditures.

It has not compared the cost per kilowatt of net firm capacity against any other installed presently available means of generating power. Congress has not compared original estimates with actual additional amounts spent on individual irrigation, flood control, or waterway projects to combine power generation with the fundamental purpose of the installations.

#### TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE POWER PROGRAM DESTROYING SOURCES OF TAXATION?

Congress has not checked the effect on tax collections brought about by the nationalization of power facilities, formerly owned by tax-paying corporations and individuals and covering large portions of many of the States.

#### NEED FOR REVIEW NOW

Certainly the projects stopped by the War Production Board and for which funds are now being held, should be reviewed to ascertain their merit and that review should take place before the only key log in the dam, the authority held by the War Production Board, is released.

The determination of the merit of these projects, and of future projects, will require a review and evaluation of the expenditures that have been made, particularly because of the amounts of

money that have been spent in the war rush with no review by Congress.

Reverting to my earlier warning that this whole program will continue to call for checking and rechecking on Government bureaus, I have sent a letter under date of March 13, 1944, to Mr. J. A. Krug, Director, Office of War Utilities, War Production Board, in which I have requested certain up-to-date information, as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, D. C., March 13, 1944.  
Mr. J. A. KRUG,  
Director, Office of War Utilities,  
War Production Board,  
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. KRUG: The Government projects on the list attached to this letter were referred to in a press release on August 22, 1942, as "proceeding on low priorities or unrated."

On October 21, 1942, an official press release, duly carried by the Associated Press, stated that Chairman Donald M. Nelson, of the War Production Board, had given instructions to revoke priority assignments to a large part of nonmilitary construction for the Federal Government. On October 24, 1942, the Acting Chief of the Power Branch advised me that the cancellation on nonessential Government projects related to the T. V. A. and Department of the Interior projects referred to on the attached list and that he had been personally advised by the Corps of Engineers that they had halted work on their projects. This he confirmed in a letter to me dated October 27, 1942.

I should like specific information on the following points:

1. Has work ever been resumed on any of the projects on the attached list?
2. If so, when was the work resumed and to what extent has the work progressed?
3. From what source were such funds obtained and in what amounts?
4. What priorities were allowed on such construction and by whom?
5. If construction was resumed, what reason was given for the resumption and who approved it?

I would appreciate a detailed reply to this request at your earliest possible convenience.

With assurance of my best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

HUGH D. SCOTT, Jr.

AGENCY, PLANT, AND LOCATION

Tennessee Valley: Wilson Nos. 15, 16, Alabama; Watts Bar No. 4 (steam), Tennessee; Pickwick No. 5, Tennessee; Fort Loudon Nos. 3, 4, Tennessee; Guntersville No. 4, Alabama; Chickamauga No. 4, Tennessee; Wautaga Nos. 1, 2, Tennessee; Wheeler Nos. 5, 6, Alabama; South Holston Nos. 1, 2, Tennessee; Wilson (steam), Alabama; Fontana No. 3, North Carolina; Kentucky Nos. 3, 4, 5, Kentucky.

United States Engineers: Bluestone, W. Va.; Markham Ferry, Okla.; Wolf Creek, Ky.; Center Hill, Tenn.; Allatoona, Ga.; Norfolk No. 2, Arkansas; Fort Peck No. 2, Montana; Fort Gibson, Okla.; Denison No. 2, Texas-Oklahoma.

United States Bureau of Reclamation: Colorado-Big Thompson, Colorado; Anderson Ranch, Idaho; Keswick No. 3, California; Davis Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Arizona-Nevada.

Federal Works Agency: Pensacola, Okla.; High Point, N. C.

Bonneville Administration: Grand Coulee Nos. 7, 8, 9, Washington.

Numbers designate generator units in hydroelectric developments.

I will advise the House of any information received in reply to this request. I suspect that some of these proj-

ects were revived since it was felt that pressure on the Hill had lightened up somewhat and it will be interesting to see whether this is true. Perhaps I am unduly suspicious, but past experience would lead me to believe that my suspicions may be justified.

I also submit at this point the article in the Electrical World to which reference has been made.

WASHINGTON COMMENT

(By R. N. LARKIN)

ON THE NOSE

Stories of industrial miracles achieved under pressure of the war are legion. An equally astounding performance, concerning the electric power industry, came to light February 7, through a Federal Power Commission release listing the peak load on principal utility systems in 1943.

This is a story of long-range planning and estimating, of calculated chance-taking whose tangible results can be measured in fighting ships now in action—or almost ready to fight—which otherwise would be months away from the water, in rubber and high-octane gasoline plants producing for war instead of being merely under construction.

F. P. C. dispute

In October 1941 there was furious dispute as to the war requirements of electric power. The Office of Production Management, whose Power Division was then small, was arrayed against F. P. C. and other Federal agencies which foresaw only disaster unless power equipment was rushed to completion in tremendous amounts. F. P. C. had predicted a 1943 peak load of 42,715,000 kilowatts. O. P. M. set it at 37,400,000 kilowatts. The abuse which rained down on O. P. M.'s figure was heavy.

F. P. C.'s recent release set the 1943 peak load at 37,063,961 kilowatts. For the purposes of power supply calculation, however, the actual 1943 peak load was 37,252,000 kilowatts, which is the sum of all noncoincident peaks at the end of the year. Area peaks were attained from August through December. Since area power supply must be calculated on the number of kilowatts which will be required in a given area in a given year, the sum of all area peaks at the end of the year is the more valid figure for O. W. U. W. P. B.'s 1943 peak, calculated 27 months in advance, was high by four-tenths of 1 percent. F. P. C.'s prediction 30 months in advance was 14.6 percent high on O. W. U.'s actual peak.

Seventeen months after its original estimate of 1943 peak, in February 1943, a W. P. B. review came up with a 1943 peak of 37,250,000 kilowatts, so close to the actual 1943 sum peak that the difference can hardly be figured.

Again in July 1943, 6 months before totals were in, W. P. B. recalculated its estimated 1943 peak, setting it this time at 37,310,000 kilowatts. This estimate proved to be 13/100 of 1 percent high.

The significance of these predictions is immediately apparent when it is realized that the power program was in direct competition with such programs as fighting and cargo ships for boilers, turbines, valves, and generators, with synthetic rubber and high-octane gasoline plants for pumps, valves, and boilers. It competed with everything for steel, copper, plant space, and skilled manpower at a time when these things were tightest.

Acknowledgments

This long-term sharpshooting of such phenomenal accuracy was almost entirely the work of the Power Forecast Section of W. P. B.'s Power Division, later O. W. U., headed by Constantine Bary, on loan from the

Philadelphia Electric Co.<sup>1</sup> He credits five factors for its accuracy.

Part of it was luck. The original estimates, for instance, included 100,000 kilowatts of aluminum capacity, 100,000 kilowatts of steel capacity, and 100,000 kilowatts of special ordnance work which failed to materialize in 1943. The resulting overestimate was offset by cancellation of the coastal military dim-outs which added 300,000 kilowatts to the 1943 peak. There were other similar instances of sheer luck.

Part of the credit goes to executives of several operating utility companies who had the "pre-war vision" to finance the slow and painstaking research work on class-of-load characteristics over a wide range of energy use which was necessary for the calculations to have any basis of merit. It was as a result of this pre-war research that authentic relationships were established which were of real value in appraising the behavior of war loads.

Dr. Maurice Levin, formerly of O. P. M. and W. P. B., gets part of the credit. It was in several conversations with Dr. Levin that Bary got his ideas on the interrelationship between war loads and civilian load displacement which played a significant part in the forecasting of 1943 power requirements.

Part of the credit goes to F. P. C. which made available to W. P. B. comprehensive historic statistical data on utility system loads and energy output. This data was invaluable for trend analysis.

Part of the credit is due Bary for having developed methods of making load forecasts.

J. A. Krug, then chief of W. P. B.'s Power Division, and his staff brought to their jobs broad operating and engineering experience and the knowledge of the industry's problems which comes only with that experience. Their predictions and programs were assailed by some public and even a few private systems when W. P. B. compared its estimates with those of major groups of electric systems.

The power lobby

The reddest face must be that of the New Republic magazine, which, in April 1942, carried an article titled "The Power Lobby Comes Back," reading in part:

"Constantine Bary, of (W. P. B.'s) Power Unit, is playing into the hands of reactionary Congressmen who gobble up the shortsighted power-need estimates he hands them, refusing to consider as war projects any which cannot be completed within the next 2 years. Bary and his pals are gambling thousands of lives on this bet that our war needs will be a thing of the past 2 years from now."

No doubt the Marshalls invasion fleet includes craft which are powered by the turbines, boilers, and generators which W. P. B. decided not to install at Ottumwa and points west—the power capacity saved in the big program slash of mid-1942 which was based, among other things, on Bary's "shortsighted power-need estimates."

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Congress of the United States, through appropriate committees, should review the entire power program, that the Congress should regain control over these unobligated balances, and should impose such further controls as would seem desirable on future spending for the construction of additional power projects. No longer can the argument of military necessity be used to justify the wildest kind of

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Bary is the author of the analytical study of the behavior of electricity system loads following the war which appeared in the January 8 issue of Electrical World under the title "Post-War Loads on Electric Utility Systems."

estimates and excessive construction of various petty projects requested by administration favorites and diverted to favored sections of the country.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in the RECORD and include therein certain letters and correspondence referred to, together with certain lists of Government power projects and an article from the Electrical World.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and include therein certain figures pertaining to shipments on the Missouri River.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous special order, the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. ROGERS] is recognized for 10 minutes.

#### SOLDIER VOTE

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks in the RECORD and to include therein the law that was passed in the 1943 session of the general court regarding the bill passed to allow the soldiers, the men and women absentee voters, the privilege of voting, and also two letters of thanks from men who were overseas, because they were allowed to vote in the municipal election at Brookline, Mass.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, in the 1943 session of the general court, Massachusetts passed, so far as I know, the first law and blazed the trail which allows the absentee men and women overseas of our fighting forces to vote in all of the Federal, State, and municipal elections. It is a very fine thing that they did in blazing the trail. You will note that Massachusetts, as a result of popular demand and foresight, accomplished the very thing that supporters of the Federal ballot proposal have argued States would not do.

The Massachusetts act provides for the registration of men who reach the voting age while serving abroad or at distant camps. Their relatives can record them as voters. It also permits servicemen's relatives to have ballots mailed to servicemen who do not personally apply for them. When the special session of the general court advances the date of the primaries—a certainty—Massachusetts will have made it possible for all servicemen everywhere to vote.

The experience of the town of Brookline is informative and inspiring. In a recent Brookline municipal election, in which there were few contests and no unusual interest, 242 servicemen voted. A ballot sent to a soldier in London was back in 5 days; a ballot sent to a com-

missioned officer in India was back in 26 days; a ballot sent to a man in north Africa was back in 11 days; a ballot sent to a sailor on the Pacific Fleet flagship was back in 17 days; a ballot sent to a marine in the Solomons was back in 23 days; a ballot sent to a soldier in Alaska was back in 14 days.

In brief, Brookline reached the most distant points of the globe, and did it all in less than a month. If this had been a national election, with the Federal Government speeding the movement of the ballots, the time for the transmission of each could have been shortened by several days.

There can be no doubt about the honesty of the system which Massachusetts has demonstrated to be practical and appealing to the servicemen.

There is a very strong probability that the Green-Lucas bill is unconstitutional. It seems to me that the Green-Lucas bill is unconstitutional because the Constitution of the United States clearly and specifically gives exclusive control of ballots to the States and in no circumstances and for no purpose permits Federal control. Besides, the servicemen want and deserve a complete ballot and the right to vote for all persons listed as candidates.

If servicemen will vote in India for a school-committee aspirant in Brookline, surely they will vote for Congressmen and Senators.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read a letter sent by a serviceman to Mr. Arthur J. Shinners, town clerk, Brookline, Mass. This serviceman is somewhere in Sicily:

I guess that you must be wondering what the reason is for you to be receiving a letter from somewhere in Sicily, and so here 'tis.

If you will notice, I have left out the line which is to be filled in with some sort of address, to which the official absent voting ballot is to be mailed, for my address is a little larger than the room on the application.

I must say that it really was a pleasure in receiving the ballot, for it is really wonderful the way the old town remembers all of us in the distant lands of the world. I can now brag even more about my town, for I really have the proof of the pudding in the application for the absent voter's ballot. Please let me thank you and wish you all well.

It will be seen that this letter expresses an appreciation of an opportunity to vote in just a municipal election.

The other letter addressed to Mr. Shinners thanks him very much for sending an application for an absentee ballot and states that the writer will be very glad to have one sent to him.

The letter is as follows:

JANUARY 13, 1944.

DEAR MR. SHINNERS: Thank you very much for sending me an application for an absentee ballot. I shall be very glad to have one sent to me here.

I am now at Pearl Harbor, and the scenery here is very nice.

I hope you are well and that everything is O. K. in the town.

I will be very glad when this war is over and I can return to my old home town.

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Sincerely yours.

If there is anyone has any doubt about the success of mailing a complete ballot

to the service men and women in order that they mark their ballots for every candidate running for office, I think this information proves that that person is wrong, and that the men and women will be overjoyed to have an opportunity to take part in the next election, which is only their just due. The Federal ballot would cheat the service men and women of two-thirds of their right to vote.

The Massachusetts absentee-voting law is as follows:

#### Chapter 390

An act relative to absent voting by residents of Massachusetts serving in the armed forces of the United States during the present war and to the qualification of such residents as voters at certain elections

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Except as herein provided, words and terms used in this act shall be construed in accordance with the definitions set forth in chapter 50 of the General Laws. For the purpose of this act, the word "kindred" shall mean spouse, father, mother, sister, brother of the whole or halfblood, son, daughter, adopting parent or adopted child, stepparent or stepchild, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew.

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of general or special law, any legal resident of the Commonwealth while serving in the armed forces of the United States during the existing war between the United States and any foreign country and whose name is included in the current annual register of voters of any city or town therein, or who may be determined to be qualified as a voter thereof in accordance with section 8 of this act, may be furnished with an official absent voting ballot prepared in accordance with clause (a) of section 87 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, for, and may vote by means of such ballot at any regular biennial State election or at any regular annual or biennial city or town election at which absent voting is permitted, provided an application therefor is filed with the clerk of the city or town of which he is such legal resident and the same is certified by the registrars of voters thereof, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. Application for an official absent voting ballot to be furnished to such resident for any such election may be made to the clerk of the city or town in which such resident is registered as a voter, or in which he has been determined to be qualified to vote as provided in said section 8, by any registered voter of the Commonwealth who is a kindred of such resident. The applicant shall state therein his name and that of the city or town in which he is registered as a voter, together with the street and number of his address, if any, the name of the resident in whose behalf the application is made, the place of his legal residence on January 1 of the current year, or on such subsequent date when he first became a legal resident of such city or town, and the address to which such ballot is to be mailed. The applicant shall also make a statement of his relationship to such resident, shall make oath to the truth of all statements in such application, and shall sign the same.

Sec. 4. The State secretary, or the clerk of each city and town subject to this act, as the case may be, shall seasonably prepare, prior to each regular biennial State election or regular annual or biennial city or town election, in such quantities as he shall deem necessary, all of the papers prescribed by said section 87 of said chapter 54, as amended, with such changes therein as may be required to give effect thereto. On the envelopes prepared for returning the official absent voting ballots furnished to any person determined to be qualified to vote under said section 8,

except as to his ability to sign his name and to read, there shall be provided a space for him to sign his name and there shall be printed five lines of the constitution of the Commonwealth in English. There shall be included in the jurat to be executed by the officer in whose presence such person makes his affidavit a statement setting forth that the affiant has signed his name in the officer's presence, and has read the said five lines in such a manner as to show that he was neither prompted nor reciting from memory, or was prevented by a physical disability from doing either.

SEC. 5. When an application is made for an official absent voting ballot as provided in section three and the same is filed with the city or town clerk, it shall be transmitted by said clerk forthwith to the registrars of voters of such city or town and, if they are satisfied that the statements therein are true and that the person in whose behalf the application is made is a duly registered voter of such city or town or has been determined to be qualified to vote therein at such election as provided in said section 8, they shall so certify thereon and return such application to the city or town clerk. If the person in whose behalf such an application is made is a duly registered voter, the clerk shall cause to be placed upon the voting list to be used at the election, to vote at which such application is made, the letters "SAV," in capitals, opposite the name of such voter. The said clerk shall then mail, postage prepaid, to such resident at the address designated in such application, such ballot together with all blank forms and envelopes required.

SEC. 6. Any such resident who has received an official absent voting ballot furnished in accordance with this act may vote by mailing the same to the clerk of the city or town where he resides. He shall mark such ballot in the presence of a commissioned officer in the armed forces, in a municipality or place other than the city or town in which it is determined that such voter is qualified to vote. Before marking his ballot he shall exhibit it to said officer, who shall satisfy himself that it is unmarked, but he shall not allow such officer to see how he marks it. Such officer shall hold no communication with such voter, nor he with such officer, as to how he votes. After marking his ballot he shall enclose it in the proper envelope provided for the purpose and shall execute in the presence of such officer the affidavit thereon. He shall then seal the envelope with the ballot therein and shall mail the same, postage prepaid, to the city or town clerk, on or before the day of the election in a municipality or place other than the city or town in which he has been determined to be qualified as a voter. The postmark, if legible, shall be evidence of the time and place of mailing.

SEC. 7. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the provisions of sections 86 to 103A of chapter 54 of the general laws relating to absent voting, and of sections 27 and 34 of chapter 56 of the general laws prescribing penalties for violations of laws relating to absent voting, shall, where pertinent, apply to absent voting under this act.

The provisions of section 95 of said chapter 54 relating to the duties of election officers at polling places with respect to absent voting ballots shall apply to ballots cast under this act. In addition to the duties prescribed by said section 95, the warden or his deputy shall, in comparing the statements appearing in the affidavits upon the envelopes in which such ballots are enclosed with the applications therefor, determine whether the statements appearing in such affidavits conform to those appearing in such applications, and whether the persons signing such affidavits have been determined to be qualified to vote at such election. All envelopes, opened and unopened, enclosing ballots re-

turned by persons determined to be qualified to vote at such election in accordance with said section 8 shall, instead of being retained and returned with the ballots cast, be enclosed and sealed in an envelope provided for the purpose of returning the same to the city or town clerk, and said clerk shall retain such envelope as long as he retains the ballots cast, after which he shall transmit the same to the registrars of voters who shall preserve such envelope for 5 years from the date of such election.

SEC. 8. Any legal resident of the Commonwealth who is serving in the armed forces of the United States during the existing war between the United States and any foreign country and who has the qualifications for voting prescribed by the constitution of the Commonwealth, but whose name is not included in the current annual register of the city or town of his legal residence, may be qualified for voting at any regular biennial State election or at any regular annual or biennial city or town election at which absent voting is permitted upon the personal application of a registered voter of the Commonwealth of the kindred of such resident made to the registrars of voters of the city or town in which the right of such resident to vote may be claimed. Such application may be made not less than 20 days before the day of such election at any time during regular business hours or at sessions held for the purpose of registering voters for such election, and shall be upon a form prescribed by the State secretary. The person making such application shall state thereon his name, and that of the city or town in which he is registered as a voter, with the street and number of his address, if any; the name of the person in whose behalf the application is made, his place of legal residence when he entered the service, on January 1 of the preceding year, on January 1 of the current year or on such later date when he first became a legal resident of such city or town, and at the time of making such application, and the place and date of his birth, and shall make a declaration that such resident has legally resided in the Commonwealth 1 year, and in the city or town in which his right to vote is claimed 6 months, next preceding the election at which such right is claimed. The applicant shall also make thereon a statement of his relationship to the resident in whose behalf such application is made, shall make oath to the truth of the statements therein and sign his name thereto.

If the resident in whose behalf such an application is made claims to be a naturalized citizen, or to derive United States citizenship through the naturalization or citizenship of some other person, the applicant shall produce for inspection papers of naturalization, certificate of citizenship made under Federal authority, or any other papers upon which he relies to prove the citizenship of the resident, and, if the registrars are satisfied that the resident is a citizen, they shall make upon such papers a memorandum of the date of such inspection.

The registrars shall make and certify on the application made under this section a statement of their determination as to whether or not the resident in whose behalf the application is made appears to be entitled to be registered, except the ability to sign his name and to read in the manner prescribed by article XX of the amendments to the Constitution. In case it is determined that such resident is not entitled to be registered, the registrars shall give written notice thereof to the applicant and give him an opportunity to be heard.

If the registrars certify that the resident has the qualifications entitling him to registration, except that his ability to sign his name and to read as prescribed by article XX of the amendments to the Constitution has not been determined, he shall, nevertheless, be entitled to receive an official absent voting

ballot and application therefor may be made in the manner provided in section 3 of this act. Before permitting him to mark his ballot, the officer referred to in section 6 of this act shall require him to sign his name if he is physically able to do so, and to read in his presence and in such a manner as to show that he was neither prompted nor reciting from memory the five lines of the Constitution printed on the return envelope as provided in section 4 of this act. If he is unable to do either, and is not prevented by physical disability from so doing, the officer shall so certify on said envelope, and shall not permit him to vote but shall return the envelope with the ballot enclosed and unmarked, and the ballot shall not be counted.

Applications for qualification of residents as voters under this section shall be preserved by the registrars for 5 years and the registrars shall cause a suitable index to be made containing the name of each person determined to be so qualified, his place of legal residence, with street and number of his address, if any, at the time of making such application, the name of the military or naval unit in which he is then serving, and his rank, his place and date of birth, and, if he is a naturalized citizen or has derived United States citizenship through the naturalization of some other person, the facts appearing in such application relating thereto. Such index shall be preserved as a public record, but shall not be deemed to be a part of the general register of voters.

Persons registered under this section shall be subject to the provisions of sections 48 and 49 of chapter 51 of the general laws and, except as herein otherwise provided, to all of the provisions of said chapter 51 prescribing qualifications for voting. The provisions of sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of chapter 56 of the general laws prescribing penalties for offenses concerning the listing or registration of voters shall, so far as pertinent, apply to persons applying for registration under this section.

SEC. 9. The registrars of voters may cause an investigation of any application under this act to be made by a police officer who shall forthwith after such investigation report to them his findings with respect thereto, and for this purpose the board or officer in charge of the police force of each city or town shall give the registrars such assistance as they may require.

SEC. 10. The registrars of voters shall include in the voting lists prepared in accordance with section 55 of chapter 51 of the general laws for use at each regular biennial State election and at each regular annual or biennial city or town election at which absent voting is permitted the names and residences on January 1 preceding, or subsequently, as the case may be, of all residents of their respective cities and towns who have been registered at any such election as provided in section 8 of this act and shall cause to be placed opposite the name of each such resident the letters "SAV" in capitals. They shall forthwith, following the twentieth day preceding any such election, give written notice to the State secretary, or the city or town clerk, as the case may be, of the number of residents who have been registered under this act in such city or town, and in each ward and precinct therein, and shall likewise furnish the said secretary with mailing lists of such residents before each such State election.

SEC. 11. The provisions of section 46 of chapter 51 of the general laws shall apply to all applications for registration under this act on behalf of persons who have all the qualifications of a voter, except that of age, and who will, on or before the day of the next regular biennial State election or next regular annual or biennial city or town election at which absent voting is permitted, as the case may be, attain the age of 21 years.

SEC. 12. The State secretary shall forthwith, after the effective date of this act, prepare in such quantities as he may deem necessary, the following papers:

(a) Blank forms for registration application worded substantially as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a duly registered voter of the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of applicant)

(Name of city or town where applicant is registered as a voter)

residing at \_\_\_\_\_ in such (Street and number)

city or town, do hereby make application for an official absent voting ballot for the \_\_\_\_\_ to be held in \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of election)

(Name of city or town)

on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of person in service)

serving in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the (Name of unit)

rank of \_\_\_\_\_, and a duly qualified voter for such election at \_\_\_\_\_ in (Street and number)

the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of city or town)

and, as I believe, entitled to vote at said election in ward \_\_\_\_\_, precinct \_\_\_\_\_, in the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_, said ballot to be mailed to \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby further declare that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person in whose behalf (Relationship)

this application is made.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_, (Date) \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Not to be filled in by applicant)

Personally appeared before me the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ and made oath that the foregoing statements are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Registrar of voters)

We, the undersigned, a majority of the registrars of voters of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby (Name of city or town)

certify that \_\_\_\_\_, in whose behalf (Name of person in service)

the foregoing application has been made, has been determined to be a duly qualified voter at the \_\_\_\_\_ election to be held in ward \_\_\_\_\_, precinct \_\_\_\_\_, of the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_, and is entitled to vote therein at such election.

(Four blank lines for signatures of registrars.)

(b) Blank forms of affidavit to be printed on envelope for enclosing official absent-voting ballot furnished to person whose name is included in current annual register of voters and serving in the armed forces of the United States, worded substantially as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, serving in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the rank of \_\_\_\_\_, (Name of military or naval unit)

do hereby make oath that I am a registered voter in the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_, Mass., at \_\_\_\_\_ in precinct \_\_\_\_\_, (Street and number)

ward \_\_\_\_\_; that the place where I now am is not the municipality in which I am registered as a voter; that I have carefully read the instructions forwarded to me with the ballot herein enclosed; and that I have marked and sealed the within ballot as stated hereon by the person taking my oath.

(Signature of voter)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_; and I hereby certify that when I was alone with the affiant he showed me the ballot herein enclosed unmarked, and then in my presence marked the same without my seeing how he marked

it, after which he sealed said ballot in this envelope. I had no communication with the affiant as to how he was to vote.

(Seal, if any)

(Name of Officer)

(Unit)

(Military or naval rank)

(c) Blank forms of affidavit to be printed on envelope for enclosing absent-voting ballot furnished to resident determined to be qualified to vote as provided in section 8, worded substantially as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, serving in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the rank of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby make oath that at the time I entered the military or naval service or on the 1st day of January I was a legal resident of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_; that (City or town and Street and number) \_\_\_\_\_ State)

on the first day of January of this year I was a legal resident of \_\_\_\_\_ at (City or town and State)

and that I am now a legal (Street and number) resident of \_\_\_\_\_ at (City or town and State)

\_\_\_\_\_; that I was born on (Street and number)

\_\_\_\_\_ in (Date of birth) (City or town and State or country)

that I am a citizen of the United States, and that I have been a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1 year and of the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_ 6 months next preceding the election at which I claim this right to vote.

(The voter shall then sign his name and read the following aloud to the officer taking his oath.)

(Print five lines of the State constitution here)

I do hereby further make oath that the place where I now am is not the municipality in which I claim this right to vote; that I have carefully read the instructions forwarded to me with the ballot enclosed, and that I have marked and sealed the within ballot as stated by the person taking my oath. (Signature of voter)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above affiant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_; and I hereby certify that such affiant has signed his name in my presence, or was prevented by physical incapacity from so doing, read aloud the five lines of the State constitution appearing hereon in such a manner as to show he was neither prompted nor reciting from memory, and that when I was alone with him, he showed me the ballot herein enclosed, unmarked, and then in my presence marked the same without my seeing how he marked it, after which he sealed the said ballot in this envelope. I had no communication with the affiant as to how he was to vote.

(Seal, if any)

(Name of Officer)

(Unit)

(Military or naval rank)

(d) Blank forms of application for qualification of person in service as a voter as provided in this act, worded substantially as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a duly registered (Name of applicant)

voter of the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_,

residing at \_\_\_\_\_ hereby (Street and number)

make oath that \_\_\_\_\_ is now (Name of person in service)

serving in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United (Name of unit)

States \_\_\_\_\_; that on January 1 of last year he was a legal resident of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town and Street and number) \_\_\_\_\_ State)

and, on January 1 of this year, of \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town and Street and number)

now a legal resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town and Street and number) \_\_\_\_\_ State); that he was born

in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town and State or country)

and that he has legally resided in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 1 year and in the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_ for 6 months next preceding the election at which his right to vote is now being claimed.

I hereby further declare that I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the person herein named in (Degree of relationship) whose behalf this application for qualification as a voter at said election is claimed. (Signature of applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Registrars of voters)

(If the person in whose behalf the application is made is a naturalized citizen or has derived United States citizenship through the naturalization of another, the registrars shall record in the space below, from the papers presented by the applicant, the facts required to show the citizenship of the person in service.)

(Not to be filled in by applicant)  
We, the undersigned, a majority of the registrars of voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ of

(City or town) \_\_\_\_\_, acting under authority of (Name of city or town)

section \_\_\_\_\_ of chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the acts of 1943, do hereby determine that \_\_\_\_\_ is (Name of person in service)

(is not) qualified to vote at the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of election)

to be held in ward \_\_\_\_\_, precinct \_\_\_\_\_ of the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Four blank lines for signatures or registrars)

(e) Blank forms of report of police investigation, worded substantially as follows:

This is to certify that, after investigation, I find that, on January first of this year,

(Name of person in whose behalf application for qualification as voter is made) was a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, and that he is (City or town and State)

now a legal resident of \_\_\_\_\_ at (City or town and State)

This information was furnished to me by \_\_\_\_\_ residing at (Name of informant)

(Place of residence of informant)  
(Signed)

(Police officer)  
(f) Suitable forms of certificates of listing, notices of omitted, additional or corrected listings to assessors and collectors of taxes and notices to registrars of voters of other cities or towns.

Sec. 13. The registrars of voters in the preparation of their annual register shall remove therefrom the name of each person registered under the provisions of this act who does not re-register in person as a voter within 6 months of the time of his or her discharge from the armed forces of the

United States or of the termination of the existing states of war between the United States and certain foreign countries.

Sec. 14. If any part of this act, or section thereof, shall be declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining parts thereof shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 15. This act shall remain in force only during such period as the existing war between the United States and certain foreign countries shall continue and until a declaration of the termination thereof by the President of the United States.

Approved June 2, 1943.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows:

To Mr. JONKMAN (at the request of Mr. MICHENER), for 1 week, on account of illness.

To Mr. HERTER (at the request of Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts), for today, on account of illness.

To Mr. HARLESS of Arizona, for several weeks, on account of official business.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 22 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 14, 1944, at 12 o'clock noon.

#### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ROADS

Hearings will be continued on H. R. 2426 in the Roads Committee room, 1011 New House Office Building, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, March 14, 1944.

##### COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

The Committee on Immigration and Naturalization will hold hearings at 10:30 a. m. on Wednesday, March 15, 1944, on H. R. 2522 and H. R. 4350.

##### COMMITTEE ON INVALID PENSIONS

The Committee on Invalid Pensions will hold hearings on Thursday, March 16, 1944, at 10:30 a. m., in the committee room, 247 House Office Building, on S. 1225, entitled "An act granting a pension to Constance Eager," which was introduced by Senator TYDINGS, and S. 662, entitled "An act to authorize pensions for certain physically or mentally helpless children, and for other purposes," which was introduced by Senator BILBO.

##### COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

There will be a meeting of the land grants subcommittee of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at 10 a. m. Thursday, March 16, 1944.

Business to be considered: To begin hearings on H. R. 4184 entitled "To amend section 321, title III, part II, Transportation Act of 1940, with respect to the movement of Government traffic."

##### COMMITTEE ON THE POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS

There will be a meeting of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads on Thursday, March 16, 1944, at 10:30 a. m., to consider H. R. 2328 and H. J. Res. 49 (to declare certain papers, pamphlets, books, pictures, and writings non-mailable). Hearings will be held.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1285. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget for the Selective Service System for the fiscal year 1945 containing estimates of appropriation amounting to \$63,573,000 (H. Doc. No. 492); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1286. A letter from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting a copy of amendment No. 1 covering the personnel requirements of the National Archives for the quarter ending March 31, 1944; to the Committee on the Civil Service.

1287. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a short interim report of the operations of the Farm Credit Administration during the calendar year 1943; to the Committee on Agriculture.

1288. A letter from the Commissioner, Federal Home Loan Bank Administration, transmitting the Tenth Annual Report of the Federal Home Loan Bank Administration for the period July 1, 1941, through June 30, 1942 (H. Doc. No. 493); to the Committee on Banking and Currency and ordered to be printed.

1289. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, dated December 16, 1943, submitting a report, together with accompanying papers and an illustration, on a preliminary examination and survey of Chehalis River and tributaries, Washington, authorized by the Flood Control Act approved on June 22, 1936, and by an act of Congress approved on June 18, 1934 (H. Doc. No. 494); to the Committee on Flood Control and ordered to be printed, with an illustration.

1290. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, dated January 5, 1944, submitting a report, together with accompanying papers and illustrations, on a review of reports on Cumberland River and Yellow Creek, with a view to improvement of Yellow Creek, in the vicinity of Middlesborough, Ky., requested by a resolution of the Committee on Flood Control, House of Representatives, adopted on March 25, 1940 (H. Doc. No. 495); to the Committee on Flood Control and ordered to be printed, with two illustrations.

1291. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an estimate of appropriation for the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs of the Office for Emergency Management for the fiscal year 1945, amounting to \$19,174,000 and contract authorization for the fiscal year 1945 amounting to \$2,500,000 (H. Doc. No. 496); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1292. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Security Agency, transmitting the Second Quarterly Report of the United States Commissioner of Education on the Education and Training of Defense Workers, covering the period beginning October 1, 1943, and ending December 31, 1943; to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

1293. A letter from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting the text of a message received in the Department of State and directed to the Congress of the United States from the Congress of the Political Parties held at Bari, Italy, January 28-30, 1944; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar as follows:

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. H. R. 2116. A bill to amend the laws of the District of Columbia relating to exemption of property from judicial process, the assignment of salary or wages, and the advance payment of salary or wages for the purpose of preventing attachment or garnishment; with amendment (Rept. No. 1254). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. VINSON of Georgia: Committee on Naval Affairs. H. R. 4377. A bill authorizing the President to present, in the name of Congress, a Distinguished Service Medal to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, United States Navy; without amendment (Rept. No. 1253). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. VINSON of Georgia: H. R. 4381. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

H. R. 4382. A bill to facilitate the settlement of claims arising from terminated war contracts of the Navy Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. BENNETT of Michigan: H. R. 4383. A bill to extend the benefits of title II of the Social Security Act to employees of States, political subdivisions thereof, and instrumentalities of States or political subdivisions, and to self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOLEY: H. R. 4384. A bill to simplify and improve credit services to farmers and promote farm ownership by abolishing certain agricultural lending agencies and functions, by transferring assets to the Farmers' Home Corporation, by enlarging the powers of the Farmers' Home Corporation, by authorizing Government insurance of loans to farmers, by creating preferences for loans and insured mortgages to enable veterans to acquire farms, by providing additional specific authority and directions with respect to the liquidation of resettlement projects and rural rehabilitation projects for resettlement purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FLANNAGAN: H. R. 4385. A bill to define the term "agriculture"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HOPE: H. R. 4386. A bill to define the term "agriculture"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KLEBERG: H. R. 4387. A bill to define the term "agriculture"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LEA: H. R. 4388. A bill to define the term "agriculture"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PHILLIPS: H. R. 4389. A bill to define the term "agriculture"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SHERIDAN: H. R. 4390. A bill to repeal the act entitled "An act to prevent pernicious political

activities," approved August 2, 1939, as amended and extended; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUDLOW:

H. R. 4391. A bill to amend section 409 (e) of the Social Security Act approved August 14, 1935, as amended; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KEFAUVER:

H. R. 4392. A bill to create an office of demobilization, establish general policies for the operation of that office, provide for the settlement of claims arising from terminated war contracts, prescribe the jurisdiction of courts in connection therewith, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Utah:

H. R. 4393. A bill authorizing the Shoshone-Goshup Bands of Shoshone Indians to sue in the Court of Claims; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

H. R. 4394. A bill authorizing the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians to sue in the Court of Claims; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. VINSON of Georgia:

H. Res. 468. Resolution for the consideration of H. R. 4134, a bill to reestablish the grade of admiral of the Navy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

#### MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to pass House bill 4003; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, memorial of the Legislature of the State of Colorado, memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to pass Senate bill 1617; to the Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BROOKS:

H. R. 4395. A bill for the relief of Glassell-Taylor Co., Robinson & Young; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. CALVIN D. JOHNSON:

H. R. 4396. A bill for the relief of Mrs. Alberta Harvey; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MONRONEY:

H. R. 4397. A bill for the relief of W. S. Burleson; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. VINSON of Georgia:

H. R. 4398. A bill to authorize Lewis Hobart Kenney, Charles Garner, Charles Clement Goodman, and Henry Charles Robinson to accept decorations and orders tendered them by the Government of the United States of Brazil; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

H. R. 4399. A bill authorizing the President to present, in the name of Congress, a Distinguished Service Medal to Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, United States Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. WALTER:

H. R. 4400. A bill for the relief of the Transit Investment Corporation; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. WEAVER:

H. R. 4401. A bill for the relief of Verge McClure; to the Committee on Claims.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

5235. By Mr. DOUGLAS: Petition of 1,560 citizens of the Thirty-third Congressional

District of the State of New York, protesting against any legislation which will prohibit or restrict the sale or manufacture of alcoholic beverages; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5236. By Mr. FELLOWS: Petition of Mabel Hamlin and 35 others, and Stuart K. Stairs, of Caribou, Maine, and 21 others, favoring enactment of House bill 2082; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5237. By Mr. GWYNNE: Petition of Mrs. B. L. Haug and many other residents of Marshalltown, Iowa, urging enactment of House bill 2082, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5238. Also, petition of Alletta L. Dillon and many other residents of Cedar Falls, Iowa, urging enactment of House bill 2082, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcoholic liquors in the United States for the duration of the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5239. By Mr. GRAHAM: Petition of 21 residents of Butler, Pa., requesting the enactment of House bill 2082 which would stop the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages for the duration of the war and during demobilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5240. By Mr. LUTHER A. JOHNSON: Petition of Carl H. Hammack, of Bryan, and Mrs. Mabel Robertson, of Austin, Tex., favoring House bill 4269; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

5241. By Mr. McGREGOR: Petition of members of Harry Higgins Post, No. 83, the American Legion, Ashland, Ohio, to immediately enact the Legion omnibus bill now pending on World War veterans' legislation; to the Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation.

5242. By Mr. ROLPH: Petition of Genevieve Parlor, No. 132, Native Daughters of the Golden West, regarding evacuated Japanese; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

5243. Also, petition of the San Francisco Auxiliary, No. 1, B'nai B'rith, urging abrogation of Chamberlain White Paper; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5244. By Mrs. SMITH of Maine: Petition of the Ladies Aid Society, of Bremen, Maine, urging enactment of House bill 2082, for greater efficiency and less absenteeism in defense plants, and better protection of men in training camps from effects of alcoholic liquors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5245. Also, petition of Alma Bishop and 50 other signers of Skowhegan, Maine, urging action to stop the manufacture, sale, and transportation of beverages for the duration by enacting into law the Bryson bill (H. R. 2082); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5246. Also, petition of Hattie White and 27 other citizens of Wayne, Maine, urging favorable action on House bill 2082 for greater efficiency and less absenteeism in defense plants and better protection of our men in training camps from effects of alcoholic liquors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1944

(*Legislative day of Monday, February 7, 1944*)

The Senate met at 11 o'clock a. m., on the expiration of the recess.

The Reverend Hunter M. Lewis, B. D., associate minister, Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., offered the following prayer:

Most gracious Lord, who didst come to save all men, redeeming them out of tawdriness into beauty, and out of heavy-

ness into joy: Look, we beseech Thee, with the eyes of Thy mercy, upon a wretched world forgetful of Thy redemptive love. Though it has failed Thee in Thy purpose, help it to confront failure with courage, and to find in imperfection, not disillusionment but opportunity, not a fact in which to acquiesce but a problem to be solved under Thy guidance, knowing that because of Thy grace no failure need be final.

Thou knowest, O Lord, the enemies that surround us, the temptations that beset us, the darkness that engulfs us. Increase our valor in all conflicts of this mortal life. Renew our courage after every failure, that we may rise from the dust with a double portion of Thy grace to rededicate our lives to the ideals of justice and mercy, peace and love, with which Thou hast ennobled us, until as sons of God we come at last to Thine eternal Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

On request of Mr. BARKLEY, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the calendar day Monday, March 13, 1944, was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT—APPROVAL OF JOINT RESOLUTION

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Miller, one of his secretaries, and he announced that on March 13, 1944, the President had approved and signed the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 78) to provide cash awards to personnel of the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration for useful suggestions to improve administration of their activities.

#### NOTICE OF ADDRESS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE LATE SENATOR McNARY

Mr. VANDENBERG. Mr. President, I wish to give notice that when the Senate convenes on Thursday I shall hope to be recognized to speak briefly about the services of the late Senator from Oregon, Charles L. McNary.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PETROLEUM RESOURCES

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair, upon the recommendation of the respective chairmen of the committees as will be indicated, appoints as members of the Special Committee to Investigate Petroleum Resources, authorized by Senate Resolution 253, agreed to March 13, 1944, the following:

From the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Senator from Texas [Mr. CONNALLY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. VANDENBERG]; from the Committee on Interstate Commerce, the Senator from Colorado [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. MOORE]; from the Committee on Commerce, the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MALONEY] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. BREWSTER]; from the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys, the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. O'MAHONEY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. GURNEY]; and on his own initiative the Chair also appoints the