

VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met in executive session on various bills. Meeting will continue tomorrow.

RAILROADS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on H. R. 3369, to treat certain predecessor and successor railroad corporations as the same taxpayer for the purposes of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Committee agreed to report out a new bill incorporating the provisions of H. R. 3369 with certain clarifying amendments to be incorporated into a new bill.

REPORT ON JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: In executive session, committee held an administrative meeting to discuss the Atomic Energy Commission budget.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

(New Law)

(For last listing of public laws, see p. D205)

H. R. 3245, Second Deficiency Appropriation. Signed May 26, 1947 (P. L. 76).

Tuesday, May 27, 1947

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate defeated community property tax amendment; House completed general debate on Agriculture appropriations bill for 1948.

Both Houses received Housing Reorganization Plan.

SEC nomination reported to Senate.

Bills on export control, increased veterans' subsistence allowance, and return of military dead from overseas ordered reported to House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5816-5819.

Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1351-S. 1355. Pages 5818-5819

Bills Reported: Bills and a report were reported, as follows:

S. 753, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to defer collection of certain irrigation construction charges (S. Rept. 206);

H. R. 2237, to correct an error relating to naturalization court fees (P. L. 428 of 78th Cong.) (S. Rept. 207); and

Report from the Committee on the Reduction of Non-essential Expenditures (no report number). Page 5817

Housing Reorganization: Received Presidential Reorganization Plan No. 3 (H. Doc. 270) and message thereon dealing solely with housing. The message provides for a grouping of "nearly all of the permanent housing agencies and functions of the Government, and the remaining emergency housing activities, in a Housing and Home Finance Agency with the follow-

ing constituent operating agencies: (a) A Home Loan Bank Board to administer the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and the functions of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and its members; (b) a Federal Housing Administration with the same functions as now provided by law for that agency; and (c) a Public Housing Administration to take over the functions of the United States Housing Authority and certain remaining emergency housing activities pending the completion of their liquidation. * * *

The following agencies would be abolished: Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Board of Directors of HOLC, Board of Trustees of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, together with the offices of the members of these boards, and the offices of the Federal Housing Administrator and the U. S. Housing Authority.

Proposal was referred to Committee on Banking and Currency. Pages 5819, 5868-5869

Tax Bill: Senate adopted all committee amendments to H. R. 1, reduction of personal income taxes.

Amendment of Senator McClellan, seeking to give to residents of noncommunity property States the bene-

fits now allowed to citizens of community property States for the purpose of determining individual income taxes, was defeated by 29 yeas to 51 nays.

Pages 5819, 5821-5865

Reports on Committee Meetings

FERTILIZER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The following witnesses testified in support of S. 1251, national soil fertility policy and program: Edward A. O'Neal, president, and Dr. George D. Scarseth, director of research, both of the American Farm Bureau Federation; L. I. Jones, State College of Mississippi; Alfred G. Lunn, president of Massachusetts Farm Bureau; and Charles H. Marshall, president of Nebraska Farm Bureau. Tomorrow committee continues these hearings and meets in executive session on Land Bank Commissioner loans.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continuing on H. R. 3123, Interior Department appropriation bill, heard testimony from Representative Ellsworth and officials of the Bureau of Mines.

NATIONAL DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session on S. 758, to create a National Defense Establishment, the committee tentatively agreed to sections 110-114, inclusive, relating to the War Council, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Staff, Munitions Board, and Research and Development Board, as well as a revised form of section 106, affecting the Marine Corps and naval aviation. Committee continues tomorrow.

SEC MEMBER

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session approved the nomination of Edmund Hanrahan, of New York, to be a member of the SEC.

CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Civil Service: Committee met in executive session.

D. C. BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: The following bills were approved for reporting to the Senate: H. R. 1624, car pay allowances to three D. C. police inspectors; H. R. 1997 and S. 924, seniority benefits to veterans on D. C. Police and Fire Departments; S. 1191, to make changes in Methodist Home certificate of incorporation; S. 966, to establish District Educational Agency for Surplus Property; S. 1124, to amend D. C. Boiler Inspection Act; S. 1125, exemption of certain property from D. C. taxes; S. 1265, to amend D. C. Code on liability of causing death by wrongful act; and S. 1266, relating to admissibility of certain testimony.

INVESTMENT BILL

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on S. 515, Prudent-Man Investment Act, heard favorable testimony from Jo V. Morgan, chairman, special committee of D. C. Bar Association; Mayo A. Shattuck, Boston attorney; S. William Miller, president, D. C. Bankers Association; John A. Reilly, president, Washington Board of Trade; and 6 representatives of local banks.

ILO AMENDMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee approved S. J. Res. 117, agreeing to amendments to the constitution of the International Labor Organization.

It was announced that hearings set for June 2 and 3 on Executive H of the 79th Congress, Anglo-American oil agreement, would be continued approximately 2 weeks later if all witnesses were not heard in the original 2-day session.

RAILROAD FINANCING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on S. 249, railroad financing bill, heard favorable testimony from B. C. Forbes, Forbes Magazine; Robert T. Purcell, C. & O. Railway; Joseph B. Ely, Old Colony Railway; Nathaniel Tilden, representative of Massachusetts General Court; R. J. Morfa, Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway; and L. H. Rothchild, L. H. Rothchild Co. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard the following Senators testify in support of their respective joint resolutions to amend the Constitution: Senator Kilgore on S. J. Res. 25, to authorize the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Vice President in case of vacancy in office; Senator Hatch on S. J. Res. 26, lengthen term of office of Representatives to 4 years; Senator Fulbright, accompanied by Thomas Finletter, on S. J. Res. 29, providing that Congress, by concurrent resolution, or President, by Executive order, may call election at any time to choose the President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives in Congress; Senator Lodge filed statement on S. J. Res. 91, election of President and Vice President by direct vote; Senator Tydings, on behalf of himself and Senator Bridges, on S. J. Res. 61, relating to fiscal matters to limit appropriations not to exceed budget estimates, except in time of war or by three-fifths vote of each House; and Senator Langer, on behalf of himself and Senator Taylor, on S. J. Res. 106, relating to term of office of the President and providing for his popular election.

SOLICITOR GENERAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of Philip B. Perl-

man, to be Solicitor General of the United States: Philip B. Perlman; Senator Tydings; Judge W. Conwell Smith, Supreme Bench of Baltimore; Samuel K. Dennis, former judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore; Judge Charles Markell, Maryland Court of Appeals; and one Maryland State senator.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Indian Subcommittee heard two Indians from the Fort Berthold Reservation testify in support of S. 1133, to make per capita payments in settlement of certain claims to Indians of that reservation in North Dakota.

AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Public Works: Committee approved without amendment H. R. 1412, to grant American Legion Post No. 38 in Belzoni, Miss., reversionary interest in certain lands. Subcommittee meets tomorrow on stream pollution bill.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE COUNSEL

Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program: On May 26, in executive session, committee appointed William Pierce Rogers as its chief counsel to replace George Meader, whose resignation was accepted.

Committee meets on Thursday jointly with the Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments to consider basic magnesium.

SMALL BUSINESS—STEEL

Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business: Continuing hearings on steel shortages affecting smaller manufacturers and users, Steel Subcommittee heard Edgar Kaiser, accompanied by Frederick Lord, Kaiser-Frazer Corp., Willow Run, Mich., discuss sources of steel supply for his new business; and C. M. Riefkin, sales manager, Newport Rolling Mills Division, International Detrola Co., Newport, Ky., discuss distribution of steel products of his company. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 3623-3639; five private bills, H. R. 3640-3644; and one resolution, H. Res. 219, were introduced. Page 5914

Bills Reported: Bills were reported as follows:

H. R. 1389, amending the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, by clarifying wording relating to "active duty" in the United States armed forces (H. Rept. 465);

H. R. 2005, amending act of April 21, 1932 (47 Stat. 88), authorizing 15-year lease extensions and renewals on lands containing coal and asphalt deposits owned by Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian Nation in Oklahoma (H. Rept. 466);

H. R. 2411, authorizing patenting of certain lands to Public Hospital District No. 2, Clallam County, Wash., for hospital purposes (H. Rept. 467);

H. R. 2572, with amendment, permitting sale of liquor to Indians outside Indian country (H. Rept. 468);

H. R. 2852, providing for addition of certain surplus Government lands to Otter Creek recreational demonstration area, Kentucky (H. Rept. 469);

H. R. 3465, amending Federal Crop Insurance Act relating to insurance for any insured commodity loss, while in the field, due to unavoidable causes (H. Rept. 470);

H. R. 3604, authorizing the D. C. Methodist Home to make certain changes in its certificate of incorporation with respect to stated objects (H. Rept. 471);

H. R. 3547, authorizing funds for ceremonies in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 472);

H. R. 3611, regulating salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the District of Columbia Board of Education (H. Rept. 473);

H. R. 3252, authorizing Secretary of Navy to convey to the city of Long Beach, Calif., land easements within the Navy Housing Project for street purposes (H. Rept. 474);

H. R. 3053, authorizing Secretary of Navy to convey to the District of Ewa, Territory of Hawaii, land easements for public utility and highway purposes (H. Rept. 475); and

H. R. 3056, authorizing Secretary of Navy to convey to city of Macon and Bibb County, Ga., land easement within Bibb County for public utility and road purposes (H. R. 476). Pages 5913-5914

Military Cooperation: Received Presidential message on proposed legislation to authorize a program of military cooperation with other American nations. This proposal was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Pages 5869-5870

Housing: For details of Presidential message transmitting Reorganization Plan No. 3, dealing solely with housing, see Senate *Chamber Action* in this Digest. This message was referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments and ordered printed as a House document. Pages 5819, 5868-5869

Order of Business: On motion of Mr. Halleck, by unanimous consent, the House agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 28. Page 5870

District Day: On motion of Mr. Halleck, by unanimous consent, the House agreed to make in order the business of the District of Columbia Committee, Thursday, May 29, following completion of H. R. 3601, Agriculture appropriations for 1948. Page 5870

Agriculture Appropriations: Adopted, by roll-call vote of 189 yeas to 170 nays, H. Res. 218, rule waiving all points against any provisions of H. R. 3601, Agriculture appropriations bill for 1948.

After adoption of the rule, in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, completed nearly 6 hours of general debate on the measure and read the first paragraph, thus preparing to read the bill for amendment under the 5-minute rule. Pages 5871-5913

Employment of Counsel: Considered and agreed to S. J. Res. 107, relating to the employment of counsel by the Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program. Page 5913

Reports on Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session and voted to report H. R. 3465, crop insurance bill, with a minor amendment.

MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported the following bills: H. R. 3049, export control; H. R. 3251, Naval Retiring Board; H. R. 3053, H. R. 3056, and H. R. 3252, easement bills; H. R. 1845, military leave for Federal employees; H. R. 3191, Philippine Missing Persons Act; H. R. 2314, lump-sum payment bill; H. R. 1380, 6 months' gratuity bill; H. J. Res. 96, posthumous promotion for Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger; H. R. 3055, utilities bill; H. R. 3394, return of remains from overseas to home of next of kin; H. R. 3484, transfer of remount service to Department of Agriculture.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on consumer credit control (Regulation W) and heard Representative Davis; M. I. Behrens, Jr., of Ludwig Bauman Co., New York; W. E. Kimbrell, of Kimbrell's Inc., Charlotte, N. C.; J. I. McMahon, of McMahon Furniture Co., Santa Monica, Calif.; Myron R. Bone, vice president, American Industrial Bankers Association; and Gary M. Underhill, executive director, Consumer Bankers Association, all of whom testified in favor of repeal of Regulation W. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on the District of Columbia: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills: H. R. 3611, teachers' salary bill; H. R. 3547, funds for District of Columbia Commissioners to use for municipal purposes in entertaining foreign dignitaries; and H. R. 3604, to authorize changes in incorporation papers of the Methodist Home.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Education Subcommittee continued hearings on bills pertaining to Federal aid to education, and heard Dr. Beatty Dimit, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pa., representing Pennsylvania State Grange, who testified against the pending legislation; Dr. Worth McClure, executive secretary, American Association of School Administrators; Dr. Benjamin Fine, educational editor, New York Times, both of whom testified in favor of the bills; and Edgar G. Brown, director, National Negro Council, who testified against the bills, with qualifications. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

REORGANIZATION—SURPLUS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Held hearings on Reorganization Plans No. 1 and No. 2, and heard R. T. Compton, National Association of Manufacturers; Harry Crozier, Unemployment Compensation Commission, State of Texas; Ben T. Huett, Labor Commissioner, State of Georgia; James T. Graham, Unemployment Compensation Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of Connecticut; and H. F. Garrett, Unemployment Compensation Director of State of Idaho.

Surplus Property Subcommittee held hearings on operation of agency agreements made by War Assets Administration with private firms or individuals, and heard John Carey, Robert B. Bradford, both of Washington Office, WAA; A. E. R. Peterka, Lamson & Ses-

sions Co., Cleveland, Ohio; W. D. Wynant, Parker Appliance Co., Cleveland, Ohio; and Louis Tansey, Clary Multiplier Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and discussed committee organization.

INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings on sea-air chosen-instrument bills and heard John Slater, chairman of the board, American Overseas Airlines, Inc., New York City; C. R. Smith, chairman of the board, American Airlines, Inc., New York City; Tiery Ford, chairman, sea-air committee, National Federation of American Shipping, Washington, D. C., who testified in favor of sea-air legislation; and Lt. Comdr. Langdon P. Marvin, Jr., USNR, formerly chairman of the Interdepartmental Air Cargo Priorities Committee, speaking as a private citizen in opposition to chosen-instrument legislation, with permission of the Navy.

CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session on H. R. 3232, Civil Service retirement, and heard Warren Irons, Chief, Retirement Division, Civil Service Commission.

GUAM—SAMOA—TAXES

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions held hearings on H. J. Res. 70, H. J. Res. 80, H. R. 64, H. R. 2753, H. R. 3044, and H. R. 3563, all relating to government of Guam, and H. R. 3564, relating to government of Samoa, and heard Representative Grant of Indiana, who spoke in support of his bill, H. R. 3044; Senator Butler, who gave his observations on Guam and urged favorable action on H. R. 2753; and John Wiig, former chief of police in Guam, who testified in support of H. R. 2753. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Public Lands held hearings on H. R. 14 and other taxation bills, with particular interest shown by witnesses in H. R. 2725 and 2726, and heard Christian Kahl, president, Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County, Md.; Joseph F. Hammond, vice chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ernest H. Hodge, chairman, public lands committee of National Association of County Officials, from California; Harry Bartel, chairman, Alameda Board of Supervisors, California; Keith L. Seegmiller, Washington representative, National Association of

County Officials; L. A. Truax, supervisor, State County Auditor's Office, State of Iowa; Leo C. Hammett, chairman, Board of Supervisors Association of California; Representatives Beall, McDonough, Kee, and Blatnik; and John D. Forsyth, county chairman, Board of Supervisors, Knox County, Nebr.; Sid J. Caillavet, county judge, Orange County, Tex.; W. H. Jensen, of Idaho; George C. Miller, county attorney, Utah; Mark S. Johnson, chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Utah; Andy Matson, chairman, Board of Supervisors, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Phil A. Isley, of Arizona; Edwin J. Regan, president, Interstate Association of Public Lands Committees, California; and Joel D. Wolfson, Associate Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

HOUSE OFFICE ADDITION

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session on H. R. 3072, plans for addition to House Office Building, and ordered the bill favorably reported to the House without amendment.

Hearing dates on the water-pollution control bills are June 11, 12, and 13.

PAPER

Select Committee on Newsprint and Paper Supply: Met and heard Samuel Gailewitz of the Clinton Paper Co., N. Y.

VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported H. R. 3583, providing automobiles and other conveyances for certain disabled veterans; and H. R. 3584 with amendments, which would provide increased subsistence allowance to veterans attending school under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on tax revision, with special reference to excise taxes on transportation, and heard Delegates Farrington and Bartlett and T. L. Preston, general solicitor, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C., all of whom testified on the need for modification of excise taxes on transportation of persons and property. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

REPORT ON JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LABOR

Conferees on H. R. 3020, labor bill, met but made no announcement of action. Sessions continue tomorrow.