

board of harbor commissioners, and also representing Great Lakes Harbors Association, Milwaukee; and Fred S. LeBlanc, attorney general of Louisiana. Hearings continue tomorrow when Senator Daniel will testify on his similar bill, S. 294.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—TREATIES AND EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Continuing its hearings on S. J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the U. S., relative to the making of treaties and executive agreements, and S. J. Res. 43, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the U. S., relating to the legal effect of certain treaties, subcommittee heard testimony generally in favor of the principles of this proposed legislation from Frank Ober, American Peace and Law Committee Through the U. N., American Bar Association; Enid Griswold, National Economic Council; Mrs. Lucas, DAR; Mrs. Merwyn Fenner, Afton, N. Y.; and Rev. D. M. Scott, appearing for the American Council of Christian Churches of California. Those appearing in opposition were Bernard Bernstein, B'nai B'rith; and Theodore Pearson and Dana Backus, both of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATION—LABOR DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Labor and Public Welfare:* Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lloyd D. Mashburn, of California, to be Under Secretary of Labor, prior to which, committee, in open session, heard the nominee testify in behalf of his own nomination.

#### COMMITTEE PROGRAM

*Select Committee on Small Business:* Committee, in executive session, met to discuss its future program and also to establish subcommittees, which are as follows:

- (1) Subcommittee on Taxes;
- (2) Subcommittee on Finance;
- (3) Subcommittee on Military Procurement;
- (4) Subcommittee on Monopolies;
- (5) Subcommittee on Relation of Business with Government; and
- (6) Subcommittee on Retailing, Distributing, and Fair Trade Practices.

Also, committee voted to sponsor continuation of the Small Defense Plants Administration until June 30, 1954. Committee recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 35 public bills, H. R. 3287-3321; 39 private bills, H. R. 3332-3360; and 5 resolutions, H. J. Res. 198, H. Con. Res. 71, and H. Res. 149-151, were introduced.

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**Bills Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 160, to increase title I loan insurance authorization of the FHA from \$1,250,000,000 to \$1,750,000,000 (H. Rept. 78); and

H. Res. 143, providing for the payment of certain death and burial benefits to the widow of a recently deceased employee of the House (H. Rept. 79).

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**Second Supplemental Appropriation:** Passed, 369 yeas to 2 nays, H. R. 3053, making appropriations to supply certain supplemental and deficiency appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, after rejecting, 180 yeas to 201 nays, a recommittal motion designed to increase by \$10 million the funds for the Veterans' Administration for administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services.

The bill, as reported from the Committee on Appropriations, provided \$904,672,920 in new funds, a reduction of \$1,409,046,670 below the budget estimates of \$2,313,719,590.

Adopted an amendment that restored \$20,500,000 to the Office of Education for payments to school districts in federally impacted areas.

Rejected amendments designed to—

Provide \$259,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Education in connection with the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952.

Authorize transfer of \$145,000 to the General Services for supervision of construction of certain school facilities.

Increase by \$10 million the Veterans' Administration funds for administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services.

Earmark \$729,000 of the funds provided for the Veterans' Administration for contractual hospital beds for certain veterans' hospitals in Pennsylvania.

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**Civil Service:** Passed by a voice vote H. R. 3073, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, with respect to the survivorship benefits granted to Members of Congress.

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**Death Gratuity:** Adopted H. Res. 143, providing for the payment of certain death and burial benefits to the widow of a recently deceased employee of the House.

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**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 5:29 p. m.

## Committee Meetings

### D. C. NARCOTICS STUDY

*Committee on the District of Columbia:* The Miller Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation met executive on H. R. 2123, a bill which would require compulsory hospital treatment for users of narcotics in the District of Columbia. It was decided that a clean bill would be introduced in the House and considered in lieu of the amended version of this original measure.

### TAFT-HARTLEY LAW

*Committee on Education and Labor:* At today's hearings on the committee's study of proposed amendments and changes to the Labor-Management Relations (Taft-Hartley) Act, Representative Chenoweth testified on behalf of his bill (H. R. 1920) which would amend the act with respect to collective-bargaining contracts that have been in existence for a continuous period of 25 years or more. Mr. Chenoweth mentioned such organizations as the printing trades unions and the amicable employer relationship they have enjoyed for more than half a century. He stated that much of the controversy over the act stems from the fact that it has legislated away many collective-bargaining privileges that had been satisfactorily worked out between labor and industry for decades prior to either the Taft-Hartley Act or the Wagner Act.

The second Member of the House to testify was Representative Kearns, author of H. R. 3146, which would amend the act so as to equalize legal responsibilities of labor organizations and employers. He also recommended an increase of membership on the National Labor Relations Board from 5 to 9, to be appointed for 5-year terms.

The last Member to testify was Representative Roosevelt who directed most of his testimony to an analysis of H. R. 2545, a bill introduced by Representative Lucas. The Lucas measure would allow industrywide bargaining between employers and employee representatives, but would prohibit industrywide strikes and lockouts if the bargaining conversations should stalemate. Mr. Roosevelt spoke in opposition to the proposed Lucas amendment stating that it would throw thousands of stable and constructive collective-bargaining relationships into chaos.

Chairman McConnell announced at the close of today's hearings that Paul M. Herzog, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board; George J. Bott, General Counsel; and Robert Denham, former General Counsel of the Board, would testify before the committee on February 24, 25, and 26 respectively. He stated that since the committee is considering all phases of the act during the current hearings, it is naturally interested in studying the practical workings of the procedures under the act. It is especially interested in determining how these procedures can be made more effective, par-

ticularly in avoiding delays in handling the cases coming before the Board.

### HAROLD E. STASSEN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Chairman Chipfield said in a statement following today's morning meeting that Harold E. Stassen, Director for Mutual Security, met with the committee in executive session to discuss his recent trip to Europe with Secretary of State Dulles.

He did not present any overall figure of the fund requirements for the next year as, he stated, this would be premature since the analysis of the policies and the evaluation of the program was now going on. He explained that this evaluation was proceeding with the departments in Washington and with the aid of a special group of evaluators who are serving without compensation and are traveling to a number of the countries that involve the largest dollar commitments. They report back on March 24.

There was some discussion of the possibilities of stimulating production of basic materials and of U. S. private investment abroad and the contributions these activities could make to building up the strength of the free world and reducing the dependence of other countries on large grants of U. S. aid. United States tariff and trade policies were also discussed in this context.

He stated that he would welcome the views and suggestions of the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, not only in this session of the committee but at any time during the administration of the program.

### NATO JOURNALISTS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* In an afternoon meeting the committee held executive session with 13 journalists from NATO countries. The writers were accompanied by Edgar Ansel Mowrer, celebrated columnist and commentator on international subjects.

### PETROLEUM

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Completed its hearings on the subject of petroleum receiving further testimony from Howard Noyes, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Gas Operations, Petroleum Administration for Defense. Mr. Noyes also testified yesterday. Other witnesses to be heard were Hugh A. Stewart, Acting Director, Oil and Gas Division, Department of the Interior; and C. J. Dwyer, Chief of the Petroleum Branch, Mutual Security Agency. Adjourned until tomorrow morning when it will hear officials and representatives of the Federal Communications Commission.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* The Special Subcommittee To Investigate the Justice Department heard testimony from four Members of the House relating to an alleged agreement between the Department of Justice and the



police department of the city of New York in connection with handling certain cases involving civil rights in that city. The four New York Representatives that testified were Messrs. Powell, Javits, Dorn, and Dolinger. Recessed subject to call of the Chair.

#### MAILS—FEDERAL RETIREMENT

*Committee on Post Office and Civil Service:* Ordered the following bills reported to the House—

H. R. 2466, to amend the act of 1950, which authorizes free postage for members of the U. S. Armed Forces in specified areas;

H. R. 3062, relating to the schedules of the arrival and departure of the mail, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to the Postal Service; and

H. R. 3073, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act with respect to the survivorship benefits granted to Members of Congress.

Also approved subcommittee report of the Gross subcommittee appointed to follow up on Public Law 513 (82d Cong.), which provided for the modernization of the mail equipment shops of the Post Office Department.

Subcommittees were appointed to study the following jurisdictional matters—the Federal civil-service system,

with Representative Hagen, chairman; postal operations, with Representative St. George, chairman; and manpower utilization, with Representative Corbett, chairman.

The latter subcommittee (Representative Corbett, chairman) was appointed to consider H. R. 3159, a bill to amend title 18, U. S. Code, to permit the transmission of firearms in the mails to or from persons or concerns having lawful use for them in connection with their businesses or their official duties.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GROUNDS

*Committee on Public Works:* The Auchincloss Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held executive discussion of pending legislation and programs in connection with those subjects.

#### VA MEDICAL PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Completed discussions relating to the medical program of the Veterans' Administration meeting further with Adm. Joel T. Boone, the VA's Chief Medical Director; and Fred A. McNamara, Assistant Division Chief, Hospital Program, Bureau of the Budget. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.



*Friday, February 20, 1953*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Senate adopted 13 resolutions from Rules Committee.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages 1290–1304*

**Bills Introduced:** 29 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1026 to S. 1054; and S. Res. 83.

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**Bills Referred:** Two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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**Resolutions Adopted:** Senate adopted the following resolutions involving death gratuities, printing, and investigations:

**Death Gratuities:** S. Res. 72, 73, 74, and 75, paying death gratuities to families of former employees of the Senate and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol;

**Printing:** S. Res. 76, authorizing printing as a document annual report of DAR, S. Res. 77, providing for printing of 2,000 copies of hearings on Senate resolutions amending so-called cloture rule, S. Res. 78, providing for printing of 2,000 additional copies of hearings on

S. 2570 (82d Cong.) to authorize Attorney General to conduct preference primaries for nomination of candidates for President and Vice President, S. Con. Res. 4, to authorize the printing of 6,000 additional copies of prayers of the former Chaplain of the Senate, the Reverend Peter Marshall, D. D. (with amendments), and S. Res. 61, authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to have printed for its use certain matters relating to the immigration laws (2,500 copies) (with an amendment); and

**Investigations:** S. Res. 62, authorizing Committee on the Judiciary to conduct investigation of national penitentiaries (\$5,000), S. Res. 45, to extend authority for study and investigation of fuel reserves and the formulation of a fuel policy for the U. S. by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (with amendments), S. Res. 44, extension of authority for investigation with respect to effectiveness of foreign information program (with an amendment), and S. Res. 56, providing for additional personnel and funds for Committee on Government Operations (\$10,400). *Pages 1304, 1306–1326*