

Joint Congressional Committee on Construction of a Building for a Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Institution.—Representatives Cannon, Brooks, Jones of Alabama, Vorys, and Curtis of Massachusetts.

Commission on Government Security.—Representatives Walter and McCulloch; and the following from private life: Mr. James L. Noel, Jr., of Texas; and Hon. Edwin L. Mechem, of New Mexico.

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Congressional Copyright: Received a communication from the Register of Copyrights relating to assignment of copyright in the musical composition entitled "Pledge

of Allegiance to the Flag" from Representative Rabaut to the U. S. Congress.

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Condolence Resolutions: Adopted H. Res. 347 and 348, expressing condolences on the deaths of Representatives John D. Dingell, of Michigan, and Vera Buchanan, of Pennsylvania, respectively, and providing for immediate adjournment as a further mark of respect to the late Members.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:17 p. m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Thursday, January 5, 1956

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses received President's message on state of Union.

Senate heard address by President-elect of Brazil.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 61-137

Bills Introduced: 103 bills and 21 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2760 to S. 2862; S. J. Res. 105 to S. J. Res. 111; S. Con. Res. 59 to S. Con. Res. 62; and S. Res. 150-159.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Summary of Activities of Committee on Banking and Currency during 1st session of 84th Congress—submitted during 1955 adjournment (S. Rept. 1306);

Summary of Activities of Committee on Post Office and Civil Service during 1st session of 84th Congress—submitted during 1955 adjournment (S. Rept. 1307);

Report of Joint Committee on the Economic Report entitled "Automation and Technological Change" (S. Rept. 1308);

Report of Joint Committee on the Economic Report entitled "Economic Statistics" (S. Rept. 1309);

Report of Joint Committee on the Economic Report entitled "Federal Tax Policy and Economic Growth and Stability" (S. Rept. 1310);

Report of Joint Committee on the Economic Report entitled "A Program for the Low-Income Population at Substandard Levels of Living" (S. Rept. 1311);

Report of Joint Committee on the Economic Report entitled "Foreign Economic Policy" (S. Rept. 1312); and

S. Res. 159, extending to January 31, 1957, the time within which Committee on Public Works may make

certain expenditures under terms of S. Res. 70 (no written report).

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Executive Communications: Numerous communications from the President and from various Government departments and agencies which have been received during the recess of the Senate were referred to appropriate committees.

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President's Message on State of Union: The President's state of the Union message was received, read, and ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.

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Board of Visitors: Vice President announced appointment during recess of Senators Hill, Morse, and Potter to the Board of Visitors to the U. S. Military Academy.

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Bills Recommitted: H. R. 7619, and its companion bill, S. 2628, Executive Pay Act amendments of 1955, were, by unanimous consent, recommitted to Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

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President-elect of Brazil: President-elect Kubitschek of Brazil delivered an address to the Senate.

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Condolence Resolutions: Senate adopted S. Res. 157 and S. Res. 158, expressing condolences on the death of Representatives Dingell and Buchanan, respectively.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:46 p. m.

Committee Meetings

FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: On Wednesday, January 4, the committee met in executive session to discuss plans for drafting farm legislation, following which it was announced that Secretary of Agriculture Benson will appear in open session before the committee on Thursday, January 12, to discuss the administration's farm program. It was also announced that leaders of the national farm organizations will be invited to meet with the committee for an informal discussion of the farm program.

CAA

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Aviation Subcommittee continued its hearings regarding the resignation of Administrator Frederick B. Lee from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, with further testimony from Mr. Lee.

On Wednesday, January 4, these hearings were begun when Mr. Lee gave testimony. The subcommittee also discussed a proposed bill to divorce the CAA from the Department of Commerce. Hearings on the Lee matter continue tomorrow.

INTERNAL SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Internal Security Subcommittee continued its hearings with regard to possible

subversion in the American press. Witnesses heard today were Otto Albertson, a printer with the New York Times; William Price, a reporter with the New York Daily News; Richard O. Boyer, a free-lance writer of New York; and Daniel Mahoney of the New York Mirror.

On Wednesday, January 4, subcommittee heard testimony on this subject from James Glaser, John T. McManus, and Allen James Aronson, all formerly of the New York Times; David Fine, of New York, presently serving as an outlet for Soviet movie films; and Clayton Knowles, Samuel Weissman, and Jerry Zalph, all presently employed by the New York Times.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEPRESSED AREAS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: On Wednesday, January 4, Subcommittee on Labor began hearings on S. 2663, to establish an effective program to alleviate conditions of excessive unemployment in certain economically depressed areas, hearing testimony from the following witnesses: Senators Smith of Maine, Kennedy, Kilgore, and Kefauver; Representatives Lane and Flood; and Mrs. William Matheson, district director, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The witnesses testified generally in favor of the principles of this proposed legislation, and discussed conditions of depressed areas in their respective States.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 81 public bills, H. R. 8098-8178; 39 private bills, H. R. 8179-8217; and 13 resolutions, H. J. Res. 458-461, H. Con. Res. 199-201, and H. Res. 353-358, were introduced.

Pages 171-173

State of Union: Heard the reading of the President's state of the Union message. The message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. 241).

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Benjamin Franklin: Adopted H. Con. Res. 199, expressing best wishes of Congress to all participating in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

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Late Report: The Committee on Banking and Currency was granted permission to file, by midnight Friday, a report on H. R. 7871, to amend the Small Business Act of 1953.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:44 p. m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Armed Services: The committee met and conducted a discussion of the business of the committee for the current session. Recessed until January 10, when amendments to the Armed Services Procurement Act will be discussed.

RESERVE FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee No. 1, in connection with reviewing the Reserve Forces Act, heard Secretary of Defense for Reserve Forces Carter Burgess; Hugh Milton, Assistant Secretary of Army; Gen. Lewis Hershey, Director of Selective Service; Brigadier General Stickney of the Marine Corps, and Assistant Secretary of Navy Elbert Pratt. The subcommittee will continue on the same subject on Friday.

SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered H. R. 7871, to amend the Small Business Act of 1953, reported

favorably to the House, with an amendment. The amendment increases the loan authorization for disaster loans from \$50 million to \$75 million. Adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: The committee met in executive session and heard Hon. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State.

PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWALS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On January 4 the committee opened public hearings on the policies and procedure relating to withdrawal of property from the public domain by hearing Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Properties and Installations Frank M. Ewing, who was accompanied by Mr. Fred H. Rooney, staff assistant to the Assistant Secretary, and Mr. Henry Pike, counsel for Properties and Installations.

Mr. Ewing's statement cited the Government's policy through the Department of Defense with regard to withdrawal of property for military reservations from the public domain.

At Thursday's meeting of the committee, on the same subject, testimony was received from Chester R. Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Army in charge of financial management; Brig. Gen. Keith R. Barney, Director of Installations; Lawson Knott, attorney with the Chief of Engineers; Col. George F. Wigger, Armed Forces special weapons project; and Brig. Gen. Clarence J. Hauck, Office of the Secretary of the Army. Recessed on this subject until Friday morning.

EXCISE TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Excise Tax Technical and Administrative Problems met in executive session but made no announcement. The subcommittee will meet again on January 10.



Monday, January 9, 1956

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses received President's message on farm program.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 216-268

Bills Introduced: 30 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2863-S. 2892; and S. J. Res. 112-S. J. Res. 114.

Pages 219-220

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Staff Report of Committee on Banking and Currency on Federal disaster insurance (S. Rept. 1313);

S. 31, 83, 133, 267, 277, 318, 499, 508, 551, 897, 1009, 1037, 1055, 1193, 1375, 1616, 1629, 1651, 1672, 1686, 1793, 1827, 2020, H. R. 938, 1015, 1022, 1145, 1183, 1219, 1667, 1752, 1768, 1910, 2273, 2278, 2296, 2466, 2467, S. 185, 419, 1067, 1182, 1244, 1616, H. R. 1146, 1447, 1637, S. 1034, 1062, and 1183, private bills (S. Repts. 1314-1363, inclusive);

S. Con. Res. 59, designating the week of January 29 through February 4, 1956, as National Junior Achievement Week (S. Rept. 1364);

H. Con. Res. 199, in commemoration of 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin (S. Rept. 1365);

S. Res. 155, authorizing Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate certain matters and providing \$100,000 therefor (S. Rept. 1366); and

S. Res. 160, authorizing additional funds of \$120,000 for study by Banking and Currency Committee of public and private housing (S. Rept. 1367).

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Resolution Referred: One House-passed concurrent resolution was referred to appropriate committee.

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Bills Re-referred: S. 796, reimbursement of certain Armed Forces members for transportation charges on shipment of household furnishings, and S. 2157, providing for inventive contributions awards, were re-referred to Committee on the Judiciary after Committee on Armed Services was discharged from their further consideration.

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President's Message—Farm Legislation: Senate received message from President transmitting recommendations for farm legislation, which message was referred to Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Pages 278, 312-318

Rivers and Harbors: Report of Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, together with accompanying papers and illustrations, dated November 1, 1955, on a review of a report on St. Joseph Harbor, Mich., was ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 95, and report of Chief of Engineers,