

Announcement was made of the appointment of a Special Subcommittee on Presidential Inability. Members are Representatives Celler, chairman, Walter, Lane, Reed of Illinois, and Keating.

#### AMVETS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Rudolph G. Pesata, national commander of AMVETS, appeared before the committee and presented the legislative program of his organization for 1956.

#### FARM MACHINERY GAS TAX

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full committee continued consideration of H. R. 8336, and related bills, to relieve farmers from the excise tax on gasoline and lubricating oils used exclusively in farm machinery.

### Joint Committee Meetings

#### COMMUNITY DISPOSALS

*Joint Committee on Atomic Energy:* Subcommittee on Community Disposals held an executive session, but made no announcements and adjourned subject to call.

#### D. C. REVENUE

*Joint meeting:* Subcommittees on Fiscal Affairs of Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia continued joint hearings on H. R. 8168, to provide revenue for the D. C., hearing testimony from Senator Johnston, who urged an increased annual Federal payment to the D. C. Testimony on this bill was also received from representatives of labor unions, civic associations, citizens' associations, PTA's, and representatives of other D. C. organizations.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call.

#### AL SARENA MINE CO.

*Joint meeting:* Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight Functions of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Subcommittee on Public Works and Resources of the House Committee on Government Operations continued joint hearings with regard to the awarding by the Department of the Interior to the Al Sarena Mine Co., of Mobile, Ala., of patents on certain mining claims in the Rogue River National Forest near Medford, Oreg. Further testimony was heard from Richard N. Appling, Jr., mining engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 18, 1956

### HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on natural gas bill.

House passed small business disaster loan bill.

House committee approved home disaster relief bill.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages 740-752*

**Bills Introduced:** 13 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2961-S. 2973; and S. Res. 187.

Pages 740, 743

**Bills Referred:** 16 House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

Pages 735-736

**Natural Gas:** Senate continued debate on S. 1853, relating to the exemption of producers and gatherers from regulation under the Natural Gas Act.

Pages 752-755, 759-783

**Confirmations:** Three civilian nominations were confirmed, including those of Max Waldo Bishop, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to Thailand, and of Walter

A. Gordon, of California, to be Governor of Virgin Islands, along with 234 in the Diplomatic and Foreign Service.

Pages 811-812

**Nominations:** 3 civilian, 3 Army, and numerous Navy and Marine Corps nominations were received.

Pages 786-811

**Recess:** Recessed at 5:59 p. m.

### Committee Meetings

#### FARM PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:* Committee continued its hearings on proposed legislative changes in the farm program, hearing testimony today from the following witnesses: James G. Patton, president, accompanied by his assistant, John A. Baker, both of the National Farmers Union; Patrick B. Healy, assistant secretary, National Milk Producers Federation; Charles B.

Shuman, president, who was accompanied by John C. Lynn, legislative director, and Frank K. Woolley, legislative counsel, all of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Herschel Newsom, master, who was accompanied by Joseph O. Parker, counsel, and Gordon Zimmerman, research assistant, all of the National Grange. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported with amendments S. 2884, to amend the wheat marketing quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

## HOUSING

*Committee on Banking and Currency:* Subcommittee on Housing, in executive session, ordered favorably reported to the full committee S. J. Res. 113, to permit FHA title I repair assistance to new homes damaged by major disasters, and H. R. 6298, to permit transfer of certain war housing projects to city of Moses Lake, Wash., and to other communities similarly situated.

Subcommittee deferred action on its annual report.

## INVESTIGATIONS—COMMUNIST SCHOOLS

*Committee on Government Operations:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held open hearings with regard to four schools, approved to train veterans, which reportedly were or are now owned by Communists. Witnesses heard today were Paul J. Tierney, assistant counsel of the subcommittee staff; John J. Huber, of New York City, Herman E. Thomas, Allentown, Pa., and Lt. Thomas S. H. McGuire, of New York

City detective squad, all of whom were former undercover agents for the FBI; Silas Rhodes and Burne Hogart, president and vice president, respectively, and half owners of the Cartoonists & Illustrators School, Inc., New York City, and M. M. Freedland, Allentown, Pa., part owner and administrator of the Radio and TV Technical School of Allentown, Pa., all three of whom refused to answer any questions relating to their activities prior to August 1947 (fifth amendment); and Leo D. Rhodes, an anti-Communist who is director and half owner of the Robert Louis Stevenson School in New York City.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

## REFUGEES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Refugees held hearings on S. 2248, to amend the Refugee Relief Act to provide 20,000 visas for persons of ethnic Armenian origin from certain countries. Testimony favoring enactment of this bill was heard from Senator Saltonstall; Representative Derounian; Gregory Adamian, attorney from Cambridge, Mass.; Archbishop Mample Calfayan, of New York, primate of the Armenian Church of North America; James M. Igoe, chief of police of Watertown, Mass.; Mrs. Aroxie LeVin, Dickran Boyajian, and Dicran Simsarian, all of Massachusetts; and Dorothy Baldanian, Collingswood, N. J.

Subcommittee received communications, also favoring this bill, from Senator Kennedy and Governor Herter, of Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 24 public bills, H. R. 8576-8599; 15 private bills, H. R. 8600-8614; and 8 resolutions, H. J. Res. 477-479, H. Con. Res. 204, and H. Res. 377-380, were introduced.

Pages 849-850

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

Five private bills, H. R. 1892, H. J. Res. 457, H. Con. Res. 201, 202, and H. R. 6618 (H. Rept. 1649-1653, respectively);

H. R. 4656, relative to the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina (H. Rept. 1654); and

H. J. Res. 472, a private resolution (H. Rept. 1655).

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**Small Business:** Passed by a voice vote H. R. 7871, to amend the Small Business Act of 1953. A committee substitute amendment was amended to provide for increasing the limit on disaster loans to \$125 million and

increasing the revolving fund appropriation to \$375 million. H. Res. 369, the rule making in order the consideration of H. R. 7871, had been adopted previously.

Pages 812-834

**Alaska:** By a voice vote the House passed H. R. 6376, to provide for the hospitalization and care of the mentally ill of Alaska. In addition to numerous committee amendments, one floor amendment was adopted providing that income derived from lands granted to Alaska shall be used for the hospitalization and care of the mentally ill of Alaska.

Rejected an amendment requiring the matching of Federal funds by Alaska for use in hospital construction.

H. Res. 368, the rule authorizing the consideration of H. R. 6376, had been adopted earlier.

Pages 820-821, 834-846

**Commission Appointments:** Representatives Karsten, Hays of Ohio, and LeCompte were appointed to serve



on the United States Territorial Expansion Memorial Commission by the Speaker.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 4:24 p. m.

## Committee Meetings

### NAVAL VESSEL CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Heard Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, regarding H. R. 7993, authorizing the construction and conversion of certain naval vessels. Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, is scheduled to testify on Thursday.

### HOME DISASTER RELIEF

*Committee on Banking and Currency:* Ordered the following bills favorably reported to the House:

H. J. Res. 471, relating to Federal repair assistance to new homes damaged by major disasters; and

H. R. 7927, to extend time for payment by State of Louisiana on purchase of certain United States property.

Norman P. Mason, Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration, testified in support of H. J. Res. 471.

### GOVERNMENT NICKEL PLANT

*Committee on Government Operations:* Brooks of Texas subcommittee continued hearings on the expansion and operation of the Government-owned nickel plant at Nicaro, Cuba. James P. Pinkley and Baron I. Shacklette, of General Services Administration, and George Arnold, surplus property appraiser for Snare-Merritt, testified. Recessed subject to call of the Chair.

### INTERNATIONAL AND MILITARY OPERATIONS

*Committee on Government Operations:* Met and adopted two reports; the International Operations Subcommittee report entitled "Foreign Service Promotions Under the Wriston Program", and "Merger of Naval Supply Activities in the San Pedro-Long Beach Area" by the Military Operations Subcommittee.

The new Governor of the Virgin Islands, Walter Gordon, accompanied by his wife, addressed the committee briefly, commending the members on their recent trip to the Virgin Islands.

### FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:* Aspinall subcommittee ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 412, authorizing the construction of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project, Colorado, with amendments. The new Governor of the Virgin Islands, Walter A. Gordon, appeared and was introduced to the members of the committee. Next meeting of the committee subject to call of the Chair.

### CIVIL AIR POLICY

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Communication con-

tinued hearings on H. R. 4648 and H. R. 4677, to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938. J. Hall Barringer, director, Office of Transportation and Communications, Department of State, and S. G. Tipton, president, Air Transportation Association of America, Washington, D. C., testified.

### CORPORATE MERGERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee No. 5 heard Senator Sparkman and Jack Jennings, Cooperative League of America, regarding bills amending the Clayton Act relative to corporate mergers. Next meeting, Friday, 10 a. m.

### PRIVATE CLAIMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee No. 2 ordered favorably reported to the full committee 14 private claims bills (12 House and 2 Senate bills), and adversely reported 2 private claims bills of the House.

### MERCHANT MARINE REPORT

*Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries:* Committee approved report on labor-management problems in American Merchant Marine. Adopted resolution setting up four standing subcommittees as follows: Merchant Marine; Fish and Wildlife Conservation; Coast Guard-Coast and Geodetic Survey and Navigation; and Panama Canal.

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