

COASTWISE TRADE—VESSELS

Committee on Rules: Considered but did not complete hearing on H. R. 11122, to promote the development and rehabilitation of the coastwise trade and to encourage the construction of new vessels. Supporting witnesses were Representatives Bonner and Tollefson. Committee will resume hearing on this bill on Tuesday.

EXCISE TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Completed review of draft of legislation embodying recommendations of the Subcommittee on Excise Tax Technical and Administrative Problems and agreed that Representative Forand would introduce the bill as soon as it is ready so that it will be available to the public for comment during adjournment.

HIGHLIGHTS

House adopted rules on eight sundry bills.

Senate**Chamber Action**

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the following:

Without amendment—H. R. 5337, to broaden the provisions of law relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities; H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases; H. R. 9339, authorizing exchange of certain U. S. lands in Union County, Ga., for lands in Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga.; H. R. 11873, to eliminate delay in the start of watershed projects; and H. R. 11346, a private bill; and

Amended—S. 3429, to improve and simplify the credit facilities available to farmers and to amend the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act; S. 2216, to permit use and occupancy of land within the national forests; S. 3133, conveyance of certain real property of U. S. to Boise, Idaho; and H. R. 7723, a private bill.

Joint Committee Meetings**AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION**

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittee on Agreements for Cooperation held an executive session to discuss international agreements for cooperation. Witnesses heard in this session were Chairman Lewis L. Strauss, and Dr. Willard F. Libby, Thomas E. Murray, and Harold S. Vance, members, all of the Atomic Energy Commission.

D. C. TRANSIT

Conferees continued in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 3073, the D. C. transit bill, but did not conclude their work and will meet again Wednesday, July 11.

Tuesday, July 10, 1956

APPROPRIATIONS—SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued its hearings on H. R. 12138, supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1957, hearing testimony as follows: On funds for the Federal Facilities Corporation—with testimony from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Laurence B. Robbins;

On GSA items—with testimony from Administrator Franklin G. Floete; and

On funds to discharge the Labor Department's responsibility under Federal Highway Act of 1956—with testimony from Stuart Rothman, Solicitor, Department of Labor.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

GENERAL TWINING—VISIT TO U. S. S. R.

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in executive session to hear Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Nathan F. Twining present an account of his recent visit to the Soviet Union.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported without amendment S. 3911, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide safeguards against bank mergers; and with amendment S. 3832, to provide for the dis-

posal of the Government-owned synthetic rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio, and S. 3868, to extend the life of the Export-Import Bank of Washington to June 30, 1963, from June 30, 1958 (amendment would require the bank to contribute its fair share toward the cost of the civil-service retirement and disability fund on the basis of billings by the Civil Service Commission, and the cost of the employees' compensation fund on the basis of billings by the Department of Labor).

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the following:

Without amendment—S. 2648, to encourage discovery, development, and production of tin in the U. S., its Territories and possessions; S. 4039, to encourage discovery, development, and production of manganese-bearing ores and concentrates in the U. S., its Territories and possessions; S. 3508, providing for establishment and operation of a mining and metallurgical research establishment in Minnesota; H. R. 6501, to permit the disposal of certain reserve mineral deposits under U. S. mining laws; H. R. 5838, reimbursement to certain members of the Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe for damages suffered as a result of establishment of Pine Ridge aerial gunnery range; S. 3968, providing for termination of Federal supervision over property of Peoria Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma; S. 3969, providing for termination of Federal supervision over property of Ottawa Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma; S. 3970, providing for termination of Federal supervision over property of Wyandotte Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma; H. R. 11611, providing for establishment of the Pea Ridge National Military Park in Arkansas; and H. R. 11766, providing

for establishment of the Horseshoe Bend National Military Park in Alabama; and

Amended—S. 3728, providing for construction of San Angelo Federal reclamation project, Texas; S. Res. 281, conservation and development of land and water resources; S. 3594, authorizing construction of Farwell unit, Nebraska, of the Missouri River Basin project; and S. 4086, to determine the rights and interests of the Navaho and Hopi Indian Tribes in certain lands.

FOREIGN AIR TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Aviation Subcommittee held hearings on section 1 of S. 3914, to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 regarding foreign air transportation. Testimony in opposition to this section of the bill was heard from Thorsten V. Kalijarvi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and Louis S. Rothschild, Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Committee on the Judiciary: The Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency held hearings to explore the possibility of using surplus military installations for Boys' Town-type projects. Testimony was heard regarding the possible use for such purposes of a portion of the naval air station at Squantum, Mass., from Gordon K. Hurd, chairman of the advisory committee, Boys Town of Massachusetts; Starr King, former superintendent of schools, Beverly, Mass.; Dr. Emil M. Hartl, director of the Charles Hayden Goodwill Inn for Boys of Morgan Memorial of Massachusetts; William Footit, Jr., police chief of Shutesbury, Mass.; and William H. Browne, acting probation officer of district court of western Hampden County, and trustee of Boys Town of Massachusetts, representing Hampden County, Mass.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H. R. 12166-12177; 3 private bills, H. R. 12178-12180; and 8 resolutions, H. J. Res. 680-683, H. Con. Res. 263, and H. Res. 584-586, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 584, waiving all points of order against provisions of H. R. 12138, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1957 (H. Rept. 2648);

Seven private bills, S. 1154, 1708, 3150, 1243, 1324, 1627, and 3009 (H. Repts. 2649-2655, respectively);

H. Res. 585, providing for consideration of, and 2 hours of debate on, H. R. 12080, omnibus rivers and harbors flood control bill (H. Rept. 2656);

H. Res. 586, providing for consideration of, 1 hour of debate on, and making in order a committee substitute amendment to, S. 3982, to provide for maintenance of production of tungsten, asbestos, fluorspar, and columbium-tantalum in the United States (H. Rept. 2657);

Eleven private bills, S. 3473, 3579, H. J. Res. 662, H. R. 2952, 4464, 5586, 7162, 8056, 9028, 11822, and H. J. Res. 642 (H. Repts. 2658-2668, respectively);

H. R. 5519, authorizing exchange of lands between the United States and El Paso, Tex., amended (H. Rept. 2669);

S. 976, authorizing the release of certain conditions and uses of land in West Virginia (H. Rept. 2670);

H. R. 8617, validation of payments of sea-duty pay to certain members of the naval service, amended (H. Rept. 2671);

H. R. 8265, relating to use of storage space in Buford Reservoir for providing Gwinnett County, Ga., a regulated water supply, amended (H. Rept. 2672);

H. R. 8940, relating to sale of water from Hulah Reservoir to the city of Bartlesville, Okla., amended (H. Rept. 2673);

H. R. 11702, providing for sale of lands in reservoir areas under the jurisdiction of Department of the Army for cottage-site development and use (H. Rept. 2674);

H. R. 11907, fixing U. S. marshals' fees (H. Rept. 2675); and

S. 1358, to authorize modification of the flood-control project for Missouri agricultural levee unit 513-512-R, Richmond County, Nebr. (H. Rept. 2676). *Page 12239*

Private Resolutions: H. J. Res. 456, 580, and 616, all private resolutions, were cleared for the President by House agreement to Senate amendments. *Page 12224*

Private Bill: H. R. 11677, a private bill, was considered, passed without amendment, and sent to the Senate. *Page 12225*

Committees To Sit: Permission was granted to the Committee on the Judiciary to sit during the sessions of the House on Wednesday and Thursday. Similar permission was granted the Committee on Public Works for Wednesday. *Page 12225*

Rules Adopted: The House considered and adopted the following rules providing for the consideration of, and debate on, the following bills:

Medical research: H. Res. 577, 1 hour of debate on S. 849, to provide assistance to certain non-Federal institutions for construction of facilities for research in crippling and killing diseases;

Public health personnel: H. Res. 580, 1 hour of debate on S. 3958, to amend Public Health Service and Vocational Education Acts by increasing number of professional public health personnel and assisting in care and treatment of mentally ill;

Dental research: H. Res. 579, 1 hour of debate on S. 3246, to increase amount authorized for erection and equipment of buildings and facilities for National Institute of Dental Research;

Washoe reclamation: H. Res. 581, 1 hour of debate on H. R. 10643, relating to construction of the Washoe reclamation project, Nevada and California;

Vessel loan: H. R. 582, 1 hour of debate on H. R. 11613, relating to loan of naval vessels to certain friendly foreign nations;

Military: H. Res. 526, 1 hour of debate on H. R. 7992, to enact certain provisions now included in the Depart-

ment of Defense Appropriation Act and the Civil Functions Appropriation Act;

Trip-lease: H. Res. 578, 1 hour of debate on S. 898, trip-leasing bill; and

Perishable agricultural commodities: H. Res. 556, 1 hour of debate on H. R. 4054, relating to the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:26 p. m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H. R. 8384, to amend section 8c (2) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended; and

H. J. Res. 642, to quitclaim certain property in Coahoma County, Miss.

The committee also approved various pending watershed projects.

MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisitions and Disposals considered 12 Air Force real-estate projects, recommending approval of 10 and withholding action on 2; also approved additional increment in the guarantee rental housing program overseas and recommended approval of several Capehart housing projects for the Air Force. Witnesses heard were Don Black, Real Estate Division, and Norman Dole, Housing Division, Department of the Air Force.

BRANDEIS MEDAL

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 11000, providing for the striking of medals in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis. The committee also considered but took no final action on S. 3732, to provide insurance against flood damage.

AID TO BLIND

Committee on Education and Labor: Special subcommittee met on H. R. 3136 and H. R. 11754, to authorize wider distribution of books and other special instructional material for the blind, and to increase the appropriations authorized for this purpose. Witnesses heard were Representatives Robson; Clarence P. Scandlebury, Special Assistant to Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare; Edmund Baxter, HEW; Finis E. Davis, superintendent, American Printing House for the Blind; Kathern Gruber, assistant director, American Federation for the Blind; Dr. Lester N. Myer, National Association of State Directors of Special Education; and Mrs. Hazel McIntire, director, special education, Ohio State Department of Education.

CIVIL AVIATION

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs continued hearings on Monday and Tuesday on the role of the Federal Government in civil aviation. Witnesses, all representing the CAA, were Charles J. Lowen, Administrator; Joseph Blatt, Director, Program Planning; David Thomas, Director, Air Traffic Control; J. H. Tippets, Director, Air Navigation Facilities; William Davis, Director, Aviation Safety; Herbert Howell, Director, Airports; and Robert P. Boyle, General Counsel.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Government Information continued hearings on the policies of Federal agencies in withholding information from the Congress and the public. Witnesses, all representing the Department of Defense, were Robert T. Ross, Assistant Secretary of Defense; Philip Allen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; Leonard Niederlehner, Deputy General Counsel; and C. Herschell Schooley, Director, Public Information. Hearings continue on Thursday.

LAND CONVEYANCE

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Government Activities met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee the following bills:

S. 3316 (amended), conveying certain property to the city of Roseburg, Oreg.; and

S. 3195 (amended), conveying certain lands to the town of North Kingstown, R. I.

INTERIOR MISCELLANY

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Ordered the following bills favorably reported to the House with amendment:

H. R. 10252, to amend the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands regarding appointment of marshal and deputy marshal;

H. R. 10183, to convey certain Indian tribal lands to the U. S.;

H. R. 8474, to quiet title to certain property in Alabama;

H. R. 7181, to provide that Mikveh Israel Cemetery in Philadelphia shall be a national shrine; and

H. R. 10371, to provide that withdrawals or reservations of more than 5,000 acres of public lands of the United States for certain purposes shall not become effective until approved by act of Congress.

The committee also ordered favorably reported to the House without amendment S. 2395, to exclude certain lands from Acadia National Park, Maine.

ANTITRUST

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 5 continued and concluded hearings on S. 3879 and H. R. 11360, to supplement the U. S. antitrust laws to enable

automobile dealers to bring suit against automobile manufacturers regarding termination of franchise. The following witnesses were heard: William Hufstadter, vice president in charge of sales, General Motors; Lloyd Halvorson, National Grange.

JUDICIARY

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 8617 (amended to include provisions contained in H. R. 11125), to validate certain payments of sea-duty pay made to naval personnel serving on board vessels in the Great Lakes during the period November 1, 1950, to October 31, 1953.

PLEASURE BOATS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Held hearing to determine the necessity or desirability of additional Federal legislation to regulate pleasure boating in the United States. Testimony was received from Ralph G. Klieforth, president, National Association of Engine & Boat Manufacturers, accompanied by Wesley Wheeler, director, John Trumphy, Jr., vice president, Gordon Rule, counsel; and John B. Tanner, commodore, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, San Diego, Calif.

RETIREMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Resumed hearings on S. 2875, to revise the Civil Service Retirement Act. Witnesses heard were Russell R. Reagh, John P. Jones, member, Board of Actuaries; Joseph Campbell, Comptroller General; and Charles I. Schottland, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control ordered favorably reported to the full committee the following bills:

H. R. 12093, reconveying certain lands acquired for reservoir projects located in State of Texas to former owners thereof; and

S. 2093 (amended), authorizing the granting of certain property damages as a result of construction of the Oahe, Gavins Point, and Fort Randall dams and reservoir projects, Missouri River.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Committee on Rules: Granted rule waiving points of order on H. R. 12138, supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957. Representatives Taber and Mahon were heard in support of the rule.

STATES RIGHTS

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 2 hours of debate on H. R. 3, establishing rules of interpretation governing questions of the effects of acts of Congress on State law. Representative Celler opposed the bill but favored a closed rule. Representative Keating testified in support of the rule and bill as amended.

SHIPPING

Committee on Rules: Concluded hearings but took no action on request of rule on H. R. 11122, to promote the development and rehabilitation of the coastwise trade and encourage the construction of new vessels. Supporting witnesses were Representatives Robeson, Allen of California, and Boykin; opposing the rule was Representative Zelenko.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Committee on Rules: Continued but did not complete hearing on request of rule on S. 1644, to prescribe policy and procedure in connection with construction contracts made by executive agencies. Representatives Celler and Keating were heard in support of the rule.

BLACKLISTING

Committee on Un-American Activities: Heard John Cogley, director of a recently published survey by the Fund for the Republic on the subject of "blacklisting" of alleged or acknowledged Communists in the entertainment industry. Hearings continue on Wednesday.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Committee on Ways and Means: Authorized the establishment of the following subcommittees:

1. A subcommittee on internal revenue taxation for the purpose of investigating and studying the operation and effects of the internal revenue laws as to substantive policy, technical adequacy, and administration, and making recommendations with respect thereto.

2. A subcommittee on customs, tariffs, and reciprocal trade agreements, to conduct an investigation and study of all aspects of our customs, tariffs, and reciprocal trade agreements laws and the administration thereof.

It was agreed to broaden the jurisdiction of the existing Subcommittee on Excise Tax Technical and Ad-

ministrative Problems to include an overall study of excise taxes.

WAYS AND MEANS MISCELLANY

Committee on Ways and Means: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H. R. 10177, providing for the free importation of certain shoe lathes; and

H. R. 9396, providing for the duty-free importation of guar seed, was ordered favorably reported with technical amendments.

The committee also considered the following bills:

H. R. 10578, relating to the tax treatment of employee contributions to the railroad retirement fund was referred to the Subcommittee on Internal Revenue Taxation;

H. R. 11952, relating to the classification of corduroy in the Tariff Act of 1930, was passed over with the understanding that the interested executive departments would submit a further report within a week on the legislation; and

H. Res. 475, relating to the settlement of a tax case involving the American Distilling Co., was discussed and a memorandum relating to this case was being presented to the committee upon adjournment.

The committee will next meet at 10 a. m. on Thursday, July 12, 1956.

Joint Committee Meetings

SURVIVORS' BENEFITS

Conferees began in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H. R. 7089, to provide benefits for the survivors of servicemen and veterans, but made no announcements and will meet again tomorrow.

Wednesday, July 11, 1956

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed measures providing for foreign-aid studies and transmission to Senate of international agreements, and ratified International Wheat Agreement and treaties with Iran, Nicaragua, and Netherlands.

House passed mutual security appropriation bill.

Conferees agreed to file report on survivors' benefits bill.

Senate

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 3832, providing for disposal of the Government-owned synthetic rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio, with amendment (S. Rept. 2486);

S. 3868, to extend the life of the Export-Import Bank of Washington to June 30, 1963, from June 30, 1958, with amendments (S. Rept. 2487);

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 14 bills and 5 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4190-S. 4203; S. J. Res. 191-S. J. Res. 193; and S. Res. 310-S. Res. 311. *Pages 12250-12251*