

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1934

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Mr. BUCHANAN, from the Committee of Conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 5389]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5389) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 9, 25, 26, and 32.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 48, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 8:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment, amended to read as follows: *and notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Administrator is authorized to expend during the fiscal year 1934 not to exceed \$2,000 for actuarial services by contract, without obtaining competition, at such rates of compensation as he may determine to be reasonable*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In line 8 of the matter inserted by said amendment strike out "\$13,950" and insert in lieu thereof \$13,110, and in the same line

strike out "\$1,800" and insert in lieu thereof \$1,530; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 33:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 33, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 36:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 36, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter inserted by said amendment and restore the matter stricken out amended to read as follows:

SEC. 10. The President is authorized, in his discretion, to suspend the extra pay or reduce the rate of extra pay allowed to commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard while on flying duty, and to distinguish between degrees of hazard in various types of flying duty and make different rates of extra pay applicable thereto.

And the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference report in disagreement amendments numbered 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 30, 34, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5389) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, and for other purposes, submit the following statement of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

The following amendments are in adjustment of totals, correction of section numbers, and of citations: Nos. 4, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, and 48.

No. 1: Appropriates \$129,000 as provided by the Senate, instead of \$112,000 as provided by the House, for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Nos. 2 and 3: Appropriate \$150,000, as proposed by the Senate, for holding field hearings in rate cases by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

No. 5: Makes the appropriation for construction of the Supreme Court Building available for the "completing" of same, as proposed by the Senate, instead of "continuing" thereof as proposed by the House.

No. 6: Strikes out the House provision, as proposed by the Senate, fixing the maximum of salaries which may be paid to any officer or employee of the United States Shipping Board or Merchant Fleet Corporation. The maximum in such cases is now fixed by the provisions of the Economy Act as continued for the fiscal year 1934.

No. 8: Restores the provision, stricken out by the Senate, which authorizes the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to procure actual services by contract, without obtaining competition, at rates of compensation to be determined by him, amended so as to limit expenditure for such purpose for the fiscal year 1934 to \$2,000.

No. 9: Provides \$5,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$15,000 as proposed by the Senate, for experimental purposes to determine the value of certain types of treatment by the Veterans' Administration.

No. 12: Strikes out the House provision that the amount to be paid for Navy pensions from the Navy pension fund shall be accounted for separately.

No. 20: Appropriates \$13,110, instead of \$13,950 as proposed by the Senate, for enforcement of the black bass law, and authorizes \$1,530 thereof for personal services in the District of Columbia, instead of \$1,800 as proposed by the Senate.

No. 22: Strikes out the House provision limiting purchases under the appropriations in this act to articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the United States. This subject is covered by permanent statute.

Nos. 25 and 26: Strikes out the Senate provision which includes the District of Columbia appropriation act and the employees of the government of the District of Columbia in the general prohibition against salary increases resulting from reallocations of positions. This prohibition has been specifically included in the District of Columbia appropriation bill as passed by Congress.

No. 29: Retains the Senate provision requiring 60 days' notice and opportunity for public hearing to parties to contracts proposed to be modified or canceled.

No. 32: Strikes out the Senate provision that any employee to whom the Civil Service Retirement Act applies, who has an aggregate period of service of at least 30 years, shall, upon voluntary retirement from the service, be entitled to full annuity irrespective of the age of such employee.

No. 33: Strikes out the House provision that, in making reductions of personnel, due regard shall be given to the apportionment of appointments as provided in the Civil Service Act, and also strikes out the Senate provision that reductions of personnel shall be made with regard both to efficiency and to apportionment of appointment by States as now provided by law, and that when new appointments are made hereafter under Civil Service regulations, and there are persons on the eligible list who are residents of States which at the time are below the quota of Civil Service appointments allotted such States by law, preference in selection and appointment shall be given to those eligible persons who are residents of States having less than their Civil Service quota.

No. 35: Strikes out the House provision authorizing the President to furlough at half pay officers of the Army, Marine Corps, Public Health Service, Coast Guard, or Coast and Geodetic Survey.

No. 36, pertaining to extra flying pay: Strikes out the Senate language, and retains the House language, amended by the elimination of the proviso limiting such extra pay to a maximum of \$1,440.

No. 39: Retains the Senate provision making the officers and employees of the Philippine Islands subject to the reduction in pay of 15 percent which has been provided in the case of employees of the insular possessions of the United States.

IN DISAGREEMENT

The committee of conference have not agreed with respect to the following amendments:

No. 7: Authorizing not to exceed \$1,000,000 in payments to State institutions for care of veterans suffering from neuropsychiatric ailments.

No. 10: Authorizing domiciliary care to men discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard for disabilities incurred in line of duty where they are suffering with permanent disabilities, tuberculosis, or neuropsychiatric ailments and medical and hospital treatment for diseases or injuries.

No. 11: Appropriating \$231,730,000 as proposed by the House and \$401,730,000 as proposed by the Senate, for pensions, gratuities, and allowances to veterans and their dependents.

No. 13: Authorizing the Attorney General to agree to judgments rendered pursuant to compromise in any suit pending on March 20,

1933, and on the date of the enactment of this act, brought under the provisions of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, on a contract of yearly renewable term insurance.

Nos. 14 and 15: Appropriate \$1,000,000 for hospital treatment for veterans, irrespective of service connection of ailment.

No. 16: Appropriating the unexpended balance of the appropriation, "Fourteenth Annual Convention of French Veterans of the World War, Washington, District of Columbia, 1933" for all expenses (including transportation to bona fide residence) incurred in connection with indigent veterans in attendance at the convention of the rank and file organization of World War Veterans held in Washington, D.C., during the month of May 1933.

Nos. 17 and 18: Being the total for the Veterans' Administration, military services, and the grand total for the Veterans' Administration.

No. 19: Appropriating \$48,500 for expenses of participation by the United States in the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy.

No. 21: Being the total of the bill.

No. 30: Authorizing and directing the Postmaster General to suspend payments upon any air mail or ocean mail contract where the payee pays any salary, or salary combined with bonus, to any officer, agent or employee, in excess of \$17,500.

No. 34: Provides for payment of full annuity to persons coming under the provisions of the Canal Zone Retirement Act if retired prior to July 1, 1935, voluntarily or involuntarily, after 30 years's service, less 5 percent until such person shall have reached the retirement age.

No. 43: Abolishing one of the existing positions of Assistant Attorney General and creating a new position of Assistant Solicitor General.

No. 44, classification of field service: Provides that where a position has been adjusted or allocated to a grade with a maximum salary below that received by the incumbent at the time of the allocation the rate of pay for such position prior to the adjustment may be continued so long as the position is held by the incumbent occupying it at the time of such allocation.

No. 45: Authorizing modification of contract for the construction of the Long Beach, Calif., post office so as to afford proper relief to the contractor for losses sustained by him on account of the earthquake.

No. 46: Authorizing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans aggregating not to exceed \$50,000,000 to or for the benefit of drainage districts, irrigation districts, and similar districts organized under the laws of any State.

No. 47: Limiting to 25 percent reductions in service-connected disability compensation of any World War veteran or the pension of any veteran of a war prior to the World War, or the pension of any widow and/or dependents of such veterans.

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