

S. J. Res. 177. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell certain war-built vessels.

On August 6, 1956:

S. 267. An act for the relief of certain aliens;

S. 1012. An act for the relief of Juan Jose Ramirez and George Nakamura;

S. 1184. An act for the relief of Frank R. Davis;

S. 1355. An act for the relief of William Luke Phalen;

S. 2093. An act to provide compensation for certain property losses in certain reservoir projects and for the replacement of school facilities of the Pollock Independent School District, Pollock, S. Dak., acquired by the United States for the Oahe Dam and Reservoir;

S. 2226. An act to authorize the Attorney General to dispose of the remaining assets seized under the Trading With the Enemy Act prior to December 18, 1941;

S. 2419. An act for the relief of Dr. Anton M. Lodmell;

S. 2585. An act to authorize an exchange of land at the Agricultural Research Center;

S. 2823. An act for the relief of William C. Brady and Joyce Brady;

S. 3064. An act for the relief of Thomas J. Smith;

S. 3101. An act to authorize construction by the Secretary of the Interior of the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Oregon;

S. 3113. An act to amend section 9 (c) (2) of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946, as amended;

S. 3196. An act for the relief of certain aliens;

S. 3227. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Little Wood River reclamation project, Idaho;

S. 3255. An act for the relief of certain aliens;

S. 3363. An act for the relief of Miroslav Slovak;

S. 3386. An act to amend the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt," approved July 28, 1955.

S. 3831. An act to provide for the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of West Virginia;

S. 3881. An act authorizing the demolition and removal of certain greenhouses and other structures on square 576 west in Washington, D. C., and the construction of other facilities in place thereof, at the Botanic Garden Nursery, and for other purposes;

S. 3927. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Indian tribes certain federally owned buildings, improvements, or facilities on tribal lands or on lands reserved for Indian administration;

S. 4099. An act granting the consent of Congress to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. for the construction of a dam on the North Branch of the Potomac River;

S. 4184. An act to incorporate the Boys' Clubs of America;

S. 4203. An act to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and for other purposes; and

S. J. Res. 187. Joint resolution to extend the operation of the Emergency Ship Repair Act of 1954.

On August 7, 1956:

S. 2916. An act to waive certain provisions of section 212 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in behalf of certain aliens;

S. 3616. An act to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to provide increases in benefits, and for other purposes;

S. 3732. An act to provide insurance against flood damage, and for other purposes; and

S. 4011. An act to amend section 650 of title 14, United States Code, entitled "Coast

Guard," relating to the Coast Guard supply fund.

On August 8, 1956:

S. 2379. An act to promote the fishing industry in the United States and its Territories by providing for the training of needed personnel for such industry;

S. 3275. An act to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fish and wildlife; to strengthen the fish and wildlife segments of the national economy; to establish within the Department of the Interior the position of Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife; to establish a United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and for other purposes;

S. 3879. An act to supplement the antitrust laws of the United States, in order to balance the power now heavily weighted in favor of automobile manufacturers, by enabling franchise automobile dealers to bring suit in the district courts of the United States to recover damages sustained by reason of the failure of automobile manufacturers to act in good faith in complying with the terms of franchise or in terminating or not renewing franchises with their dealers; and

S. 3956. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVED AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President of the United States, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, notified the Secretary of the Senate that, on the following dates, he had disapproved bills of the Senate of the following titles, together with his reasons for such actions:

On July 31, 1956:

RECONVEYANCE OF MINERAL INTERESTS IN CERTAIN LANDS TO THE FORMER OWNERS THEREOF

I am withholding my approval of S. 1384, a bill to provide for the reconveyance of all mineral interests in lands acquired by the United States for certain reservoir projects to former owners thereof, and for other purposes.

The purpose of this measure is to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, when he determines that the exploration for or exploitation of mineral interests underlying lands within the Arkabutla, Sardis, Enid, and Grenada Reservoir projects in Mississippi will not be incompatible with the development, maintenance, and operation of these projects, and that the reconveyance of such mineral interests to former owners thereof will be in the public interest, to convey such interests to the former owners thereof or to their legal heirs upon application made within 3 years and upon payment to the United States of an amount equal to but not in excess of the purchase price for which said interests were acquired by the United States.

The Department of the Army is nearing the completion of the acquisition of approximately 283,000 acres of land for these 4 reservoir projects in northwestern Mississippi which are an integral part of the Yazoo River Basin headwater project authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 15, 1936. Approximately 62,000 acres have been acquired subject to retention of oil and gas and minerals of like character by the owners thereof and approximately 106,000 acres of the 218,000 acres acquired in fee simple for 3 of the reservoirs are available for leasing

pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands approved August 7, 1949 (61 Stat. 913). Therefore, there is no objection to the enactment of legislation which would provide for the conveyance of oil and gas and mineral interests of like character underlying some of the lands within these reservoirs to the former owners thereof under conditions provided for in section 2 of the bill.

On March 29, 1956, I approved H. R. 7097, 84th Congress, which provides for the reconveyance of oil and gas and mineral interests in lands within the Demopolis lock and dam project, Alabama, by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to reconvey oil and gas and mineral interests to former owners thereof at the current fair market value of such oil and gas and mineral interests and subject to such reservations and restrictions as in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army are necessary. However, S. 1384 differs significantly from this legislation in that it provides for "payment to the United States of an amount equal to but not in excess of the purchase price for which said interests were acquired by the United States." This provision constitutes a departure from the principle established in other legislation requiring payment of fair market value for minerals disposed of by sale or lease. Furthermore, it is predicated on the fallacious assumption that there was a determination of the "purchase price" of the minerals separate and apart from surface and other interests at the time fee title to the land was acquired by the United States. While the known presence of minerals and any trading in oil and gas leasehold interests were considered in arriving at the appraised fair market value of lands acquired in fee simple for these projects, no separate valuation was assigned to minerals except in those few instances in which a separate estate in minerals had been previously created. Therefore it would be impossible at this time to determine, in most instances, the "purchase price" paid for the minerals. Under these circumstances, I believe that the job of administering this legislation would be confusing and unsatisfactory to all concerned. However, in withholding my approval, I am hopeful that the Congress may yet enact legislation relating to the mineral interests in these lands similar to H. R. 7097, 84th Congress (Public Law 459, 84th Cong.), referred to above.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 31, 1956.

On August 1, 1956:

JEAN PFEIFER

I am withholding my approval of S. 277, for the relief of Jean Pfeifer.

The bill would permit the payment of a lump-sum death payment under section 202 (i) of the Social Security Act to Mrs. Jean Pfeifer in connection with the death of her son, John S. Inches, without regard to the statutory limitation on the period within which an application for such payment may be filed.

The facts in the case are as follows:

Mr. Inches died on August 7, 1951. His mother, Mrs. Pfeifer, paid burial costs in connection with her son's death. She

- S. J. Res. 183. Joint resolution authorizing an appropriation to enable the United States to extend an invitation to the World Health Organization to hold the 11th World Health Assembly in the United States in 1958; and S. J. Res. 186. Joint resolution authorizing an appropriation for expenses of the Pan American games to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1959.
- On July 31, 1956:
- S. 1893. An act for the relief of Harold D. Robison; and
- S. 3768. An act to amend section 158 of the Revised Statutes, of the United States, as amended, so as to include the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare among the executive departments there listed, and for other purposes.
- On August 1, 1956:
- S. 497. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Washoe reclamation project Nevada and California;
- S. 985. An act to establish an Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission;
- S. 1161. An act to abolish the Fossil Cycad National Monument, S. Dak., and for other purposes;
- S. 1400. An act to protect the integrity of grade certificates under the United States Grain Standards Act;
- S. 1873. An act to increase the minimum postal-savings deposit, and for other purposes;
- S. 2569. An act to provide certain basic authority for the Department of State;
- S. 2634. An act relating to the transportation of mail by highway post office service, and for other purposes;
- S. 3009. An act for the relief of certain aliens;
- S. 3116. An act to provide for the promotion and strengthening of international relations through cultural and athletic exchanges and participation in international fairs and festivals;
- S. 3149. An act to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 in order to permit air carriers to grant reduced rate transportation to ministers of religion;
- S. 3195. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey certain lands in the State of Rhode Island to the town of North Kingstown, R. I.;
- S. 3316. An act authorizing the Administrator of General Services to convey certain property which has been declared surplus to the needs of the United States to the city of Roseburg, Oreg.;
- S. 3361. An act for the relief of Egbert Carlsson;
- S. 3658. An act to amend the act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347), so as to authorize, by agreement, the subsurface storage of oil or gas in restricted Indian lands, tribal or allotted;
- S. 3820. An act to increase the borrowing power of Commodity Credit Corporation;
- S. 3897. An act to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures, and for other purposes;
- S. 3970. An act to provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma and the individual members thereof, and for other purposes;
- S. 3998. An act to provide for the development of the Federal fish hatchery known as the Holden Trout Hatchery, at Pittsford, Vt.;
- S. 4058. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to extend and renew to Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Co. for the term of 10 years a lease of a tract of land in the United States Department of Agriculture Range Livestock Experiment Station, in the State of Montana, and for a right-of-way to said tract, for the removal of gravel and ballast material, executed under the authority of the act of Congress approved June 26, 1946;
- S. 4060. An act to amend section 607 of the Postal Field Service Compensation Act of 1955, to include employees in the Motor Vehicle Service;
- S. 4215. An act to amend the act of July 15, 1954, authorizing the sale of certain vessels to Brazil;
- S. J. Res. 165. Joint resolution approving the relinquishments of the consular jurisdiction of the United States in Morocco; and
- S. J. Res. 199. Joint resolution to authorize an additional position of Assistant Director in the Bureau of the Budget.
- On August 2, 1956:
- S. 218. An act for the relief of the town of Clayton, N. Mex.;
- S. 912. An act to amend the act of April 23, 1930, relating to a uniform retirement date for authorized retirements of Federal personnel;
- S. 1456. An act to amend sections 212, 219 (a), 221 (a), and 410 (a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended;
- S. 1637. An act to extend the time limit within which awards of certain military and naval decorations may be made;
- S. 1915. An act to provide for further effectuating the act of May 15, 1862, through the exchange of employees of the United States Department of Agriculture and employees of State political subdivisions or educational institutions;
- S. 2887. An act to further protect and assure the privacy of grand or petit juries in the courts of the United States while such juries are deliberating or voting;
- S. 3259. An act to amend the act to promote the education of the blind, approved March 3, 1879, as amended, so as to authorize wider distribution of books and other special instructional material for the blind, to increase the appropriations authorized for this purpose, and for other purposes;
- S. 3556. An act to amend Public Law 551, chapter 616, 83d Congress, 2d session;
- S. 3779. An act to amend the act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868), with respect to the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah;
- S. 3958. An act to improve the health of the people by assisting in increasing the number of adequately trained professional and practical nurses and professional public health personnel, assisting in the development of improved methods of care and treatment in the field of mental health, and for other purposes;
- S. 3968. An act to provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Peoria Tribe of Indians in the State of Oklahoma and the individual members thereof, and for other purposes;
- S. J. Res. 71. Joint resolution to commend the foundation known as the Memorial to the American Indian Foundation for its project to establish a permanent memorial in honor of the North American Indians;
- S. J. Res. 93. Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift from the Ericsson Memorial Committee of the United States; and
- S. J. Res. 105. Joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week.
- On August 3, 1956:
- S. 898. An act to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, with respect to the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the use by motor carriers (under leases, contracts, or other arrangements) of motor vehicles not owned by them, in the furnishing of transportation of property;
- S. 938. An act to provide for the payment and collection of wages in the District of Columbia;
- S. 1135. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to establish Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to extend aid to Civil Air Patrol in the fulfillment of its objectives, and for other purposes";
- S. 1154. An act for the relief of Hal Marchant;
- S. 1243. An act for the relief of certain aliens;
- S. 1324. An act to waive certain provisions of section 212 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in behalf of certain aliens;
- S. 1833. An act to amend the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended;
- S. 2060. An act to amend the act of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1449), as amended, to incorporate in the Organic Act of the National Bureau of Standards the authority to use the Working Capital Fund, and to permit certain improvements in fiscal practices;
- S. 2567. An act to authorize the appointment and retirement of Darrell C. Williams as a lieutenant commander, United States Navy;
- S. 2834. An act for the relief of Yue Yin Wong (also known as William Yueyin Wong);
- S. 3266. An act to authorize officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey to act as notaries in places outside the United States;
- S. 3314. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation;
- S. 3347. An act for the relief of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Webb;
- S. 3391. An act to provide for the regulation of the interstate transportation of migrant farm workers;
- S. 3416. An act relative to employment for certain adult Indians on or near Indian reservations;
- S. 3430. An act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act, and for other purposes;
- S. 3467. An act to authorize the conveyance of tribal lands from the Shoshone Indian Tribe and the Arapahoe Indian Tribe of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming to the United States;
- S. 3468. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend certain contracts providing for the furnishing of water to the city of Rapid City, S. Dak., for municipal purposes;
- S. 3594. An act to reauthorize construction by the Secretary of the Interior of Farwell unit, Nebraska, of the Missouri River Basin project;
- S. 3650. An act for the relief of the town of Freeport, Maine;
- S. 3787. An act relating to the management of the Red Lake Indian Forest and sawmill;
- S. 3821. An act to authorize the construction of one prototype ship and the conversion of one Liberty ship, by the Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce;
- S. 3875. An act to amend section 4 (a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended;
- S. 3903. An act to amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, so as to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for purposes of title I of the act, and for other purposes;
- S. 3969. An act to provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Ottawa Tribe of Indians in the State of Oklahoma and the individual members thereof, and for other purposes;
- S. 4116. An act to increase the membership of the Senate Office Building Commission;
- S. 4164. An act to provide for the appointment of a Federal Highway Administrator in the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes;
- S. 4221. An act to amend the International Wheat Agreement Act of 1949;
- S. 4228. An act to provide for a President's Advisory Commission on Presidential Office Space;
- S. J. Res. 114. Joint resolution to change the name of Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor to Liberty Island; and