

## PRESIDENTIAL APPROVALS

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Miller, his secretary:

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States approved and signed on July 31, 1953, the following acts:

S. 143. An act for the relief of Hanni Marie Matuschke;

S. 196. An act for the relief of Alejandro de la Cruz Hernandez;

S. 615. An act for the relief of Altoon Saprichian;

S. 630. An act to authorize the conveyance for public-school purposes of certain Federal land in Gettysburg National Military Park, and for other purposes;

S. 873. An act to amend the District of Columbia Credit Unions Act;

S. 1433. An act to extend the benefits of certain provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to the Arch Hurley Conservancy District, Tucumcari reclamation project, New Mexico;

S. 1981. An act to continue in effect certain provisions of section 6 of the act of February 4, 1887, as amended, relating to military traffic in time of war or threatened war, for the duration of the national emergency proclaimed December 16, 1950, and 6 months thereafter, or until such earlier date as may be established by concurrent resolution of Congress; and

S. 2078. An act to provide for the orderly transaction of the public business in the event of the death, incapacity, or separation from office of a disbursing officer of the military department.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its clerks:

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6481) to authorize the issuance of 217,000 special quota immigrant visas, and for other purposes.

CONSIDERATION OF UNOBJECTED BILLS—  
RESUMED

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 1524) to facilitate the management of the national park system and miscellaneous areas administered in connection with that system, and for other purposes; and the reported amendments having been agreed to,

*Ordered,* That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That it pass.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills; and no amendment being made:

H. R. 2019. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land

to Ted B. Landoe and Roderic S. Carpenter;

H. R. 2011. An act to authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the Alaska Council of Boy Scouts of America for a campsite and other public purposes;

H. R. 2013. An act to authorize the sale of certain land in Alaska to the Calvary Baptist Church, of Anchorage, Alaska, for use as a church site; and

H. R. 1880. An act to authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the Catholic bishop of northern Alaska for the use as a mission school.

*Ordered,* That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

*Resolved,* That they pass.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

## PAYMENT OF CERTAIN WAR CLAIMS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BRICKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment heretofore received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the text of the bill (S. 2315) to authorize payment of certain war claims, together with the amendment to the title, providing that the same read as follows: "An Act to amend section 39 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended."

On motion by Mr. DIRKSEN,

*Resolved,* That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill and ask a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

*Ordered,* That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Presiding Officer; and

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed Mr. DIRKSEN, Mr. LANGER, and Mr. KEFAUVER.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF UNOBJECTED  
BILLS ON CALENDAR MODIFIED

On motion by Mr. KNOWLAND, and by unanimous consent,

*Ordered,* That the order heretofore agreed to for the consideration of bills on the calendar to which there is no objection be modified to continue the call through Order No. 827.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 121) for admitting the State of Ohio into the Union; and no amendment being made,

*Ordered,* That the joint resolution pass to a third reading.

The said joint resolution was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That it pass, and that the preamble be agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 1055) to eliminate certain discriminatory legislation against Indians in the United States; and the reported amendments having been agreed to,

*Ordered,* That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That it pass.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 62) to establish the Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown Celebration Commission, and for other purposes; and the reported amendments having been agreed to,

*Ordered,* That the joint resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said joint resolution was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 2069) to amend the Federal Reserve Act so as to authorize national banking associations to make loans on forest tracts, having been reached,

The Senate proceeded by unanimous consent, to consider the bill (H. R. 5603) of an identical title; and no amendment being made,

*Ordered,* That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That it pass.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

*Ordered,* by unanimous consent, That the bill S. 2069 be postponed indefinitely.

ADMISSION OF CERTAIN ALIENS UNDER SPECIAL  
QUOTA IMMIGRANT VISAS

Mr. WATKINS submitted the following conference report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6481) to authorize the issuance of two hundred and seventeen thousand special quota immigrant visas, 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 House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following: *That this Act may be cited as the "Refugee Relief Act of 1953."*

## Definitions

Sec. 2. (a) "Refugee" means any person in a country or area which is neither Communist nor Communist-dominated, who because of persecution, fear of persecution, natural calamity or military operations is out of his usual place of abode and unable to return thereto, who has not been firmly resettled, and who is in urgent need of assistance for the essentials of life or for transportation.

(b) "Escapee" means any refugee who, because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion or political opinion, fled from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or other Communist, Communist-dominated or Communist-occupied area of Europe including those parts of Germany under military occupation by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and who cannot re-