The SPEAKER. The question is on the Senate concurrent resolution. Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Public Works may sit during general debate in the House tomorrow.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

JAIME ALEXANDER-VETO MESSAGE
(H. Doc. No. 457)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States, which was read by the Clerk:

To the House of Representatives:

I return herewith without my approval, H. R. 1128 entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue to Jake Alexander a patent in fee for certain lands in the State of Alabama."

This private bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey without consideration to Jake Alexander 194 acres of unappropriated public lands withdrawn from entry as part of the William B. Bankhead National Forest, Ala.

I feel that this special legislation is unnecessary because cases of this kind can and should be taken care of under existing law. Public Law 159, 83d Congress, broadened the Color of Title Act of December 22, 1928, specifically to cover claims similar to the one involved in H. R. 1128.

A basic requirement of the Color of Title Act is payment to the United States of the appraised value of lands patented thereunder. In this respect I feel that H. R. 1128 would discriminate against the interest of the United States, as well as other color-of-title claimants, by exempting this particular claimant from payment of any consideration.

Dwight D. Eisenhower,
The White House, June 29, 1954.

The SPEAKER. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal. Without objection the bill and the message will be referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

There was no objection.

MUTUAL SECURITY ACT OF 1954

Mr. VORYS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 6787) to promote the security and foreign policy of the United States by furnishing assistance to friendly nations, and for other purposes.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House to authorize the President to use agricultural commodities to improve the foreign relations of the United States, and for other purposes.

PERMISSION TO SIT DURING GENERAL DEBATE TOMORROW

Mr. DONDERO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Public Works may sit during general debate in the House tomorrow.