

House Resolution 659: The refusal of Robert Lehrer to answer questions before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

House Resolution 660: The refusal of Alfred James Samter to answer questions before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

House Resolution 661: The refusal of Victor Malis to answer questions before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

To the United States attorney, western district of New York:

House Resolution 662: The refusal of Sidney Turoff to answer questions before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

House Resolution 663: The refusal of Sidney Herbert Ingerman to answer a question before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

To the United States attorney, district of Massachusetts:

House Resolution 664: The refusal of Paul Rosenkrants to answer a question before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS—REPORT ON H. R. 11749

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means have until midnight August 5 to file a report on the bill H. R. 11749.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR IMPROVED METHODS OF STATING BUDGET ESTIMATES AND ESTIMATES FOR DEFICIENCY AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. FASCELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H. R. 8002) to provide for improved methods of stating budget estimates and estimates for deficiency and supplemental appropriations, with amendments of the Senate thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Page 2, line 2, after "expenditures," insert "The President may include in the budget with any such proposed limitation on annual accrued expenditures, proposals for provisions authorizing the head of a department or establishment to make transfers, within his department or establishment, between such limitations on annual accrued expenditures; and such provisions may limit by amount or by per centum the size of any transfer so proposed."

Page 2, line 11, after "lapse", insert "except that whenever any liabilities are incurred within the limitation provided for in any fiscal year (whether or not recorded or reported in such fiscal year), nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the making of payment therefor in any subsequent fiscal year."

Page 2, strike out lines 12 to 17, inclusive.

Page 2, line 18, strike out "(f)" and insert "(e)."

Page 3, line 1, strike out "(g)" and insert "(f)."

Page 3, line 1, strike out "(f)" and insert "(e)."

Page 3, lines 10 and 11, strike out "provisions pertaining to the availability of any appropriations or funds previously made

available" and insert "to include in any such bill or joint resolution provisions authorizing the head of a department or establishment to make transfers, within his department or establishment, between such limitations on annual accrued expenditures; and such provisions may limit by amount or by per centum the size of any transfer so provided for."

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

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, I regard this as one of the most dangerous bills that has ever been proposed to the Congress, and I feel obliged to object and I do object.

The SPEAKER. Objection is heard.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (H. DOC. NO. 429)

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. 11574, making appropriations for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, and for other purposes.

This is a major appropriation measure, providing funds for operation of many important agencies, and I withhold my approval most reluctantly. I do so, however, because of my strong conviction that Congress should reconsider its action appropriating over half a billion dollars not presently needed in the civil service retirement and disability fund.

There is no sound justification whatever for adding unnecessarily over half a billion dollars to a deficit which may reach \$12 billion this fiscal year.

If this appropriation had been required to meet a current obligation of the Government, I would have requested it. However, \$8 billion is now on hand in the fund. Receipts of the fund will exceed outgo during the current year and for years to come. As provided by the civil service retirement law, the departments and agencies of the Government this year will make direct payments of \$645 million to the fund. This amount, matched by employee contributions, plus interest collected on the fund's balance, will provide total receipts of over \$1.5 billion to the fund in 1959. On the other hand, payments of claims and refunds this year will total less than \$800 million.

It is true that this favorable balance in the fund will not continue indefinitely. However, while there may be compelling reasons for full funding of private pension plans to insure employees that they will receive earned benefits even though the employer goes out of business, no such eventuality faces the employees of the Federal Government. The Retirement Act promises to make certain payments under specified conditions, and regardless of the size of the balance in

the retirement fund at any particular time, these benefits will be paid because the promise to do so is backed by the Government. To assume otherwise is to call into question the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, August 4, 1958.

The SPEAKER. The objection of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message and the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

AMENDING CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ACT

Mr. MURRAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H. R. 4640) to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act with respect to payments from voluntary contributions accounts, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment as follows:

Page 1, line 6, strike out all after "provided" down to and including "of" in line 9, and insert "application for payment is filed with the Commission prior to receipt of any."

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, will the gentleman explain the amendment?

Mr. MURRAY. The Senate amendment is merely a clarifying amendment. It in no way affects the substance of the bill.

Mr. MARTIN. It does not change the bill in the slightest?

Mr. MURRAY. Not at all.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The SPEAKER. This is Consent Calendar day. The Clerk will call the first bill on the calendar.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS

The Clerk called the resolution (S. J. Res. 85) to amend the act of Congress approved August 7, 1935 (Public Law 253), concerning United States contributions to the International Council of Scientific Unions and certain associated unions.

There being no objection the Clerk read the resolution as follows:

Resolved, etc., That Public Law 253, 74th Congress, is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$9,000" in the section dealing with the International Council of Scientific Unions and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "\$65,000."