and Georgia, being administered by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; H. R. 11702. An act to provide for the sale of lands and mineral areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army for cottage site development and use; H. R. 10494. An act relating to the Atomic Energy Commission for acquisition or disposal of real property or any facilities, or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, and for other purposes; H. R. 11834. An act to allow a charitable deduction for certain bequests; H. J. Res. 472. Joint resolution for the relief of certain aliens; H. J. Res. 546. Joint resolution to amend the act of August 29, 1954, establishing a commission for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton; H. J. Res. 617. Joint resolution to waive certain subsections of section 212 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in behalf of certain aliens, and for other purposes; H. R. 367. Joint resolution to waive the provision of section 212 (a) (9) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in behalf of certain aliens; H. J. Res. 667. Joint resolution to waive certain subsections of section 212 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in behalf of certain aliens; H. J. Res. 667. Joint resolution to provide for the maintenance of public order and the protection of life and property in connection with the presidential inaugural ceremonies; and H. J. Res. 681. Joint resolution to waive the provision of section 212 (a) (9) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in behalf of certain aliens.

On August 7, 1956: H. R. 3897. An act for the relief of Pauline H. Corbett; H. R. 7634. An act to provide that amounts which do not exceed 60 cents shall be exempt from the tax imposed upon amounts paid for the transportation of persons; H. R. 8750. An act to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act; H. R. 8974. An act to authorize Canadian vessels to be employed in the coastwise transportation of coal to Ogdensburg, N. Y.; H. R. 11153. An act to amend provisions of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to facilitate private financing of merchant vessels in the interest of national defense; and for other purposes; H. R. 11677. An act to provide for the advancement of Maj. Gen. Harold MacNider, Army of the United States (retired), to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; H. R. 11742. An act to extend and amend laws relating to the provision and improvement of housing and the conservation and development of urban communities, and for other purposes; H. R. 11833. An act to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 to provide for a Great Plains conservation program; and H. R. 12152. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide for the allowance, deductions, of contributions to medical research organizations.


HOUSE BILLS DISAPPROVED AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The message further announced that the President had disapproved the following bills of the House; his reasons for such actions are as follows:

IMPROVEMENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

H. R. 4993. I have witheld my approval of H. R. 4993, to authorize the District of Columbia to permit certain improvements to two business properties situated in the District of Columbia.

The two properties involved, owned by private corporations, are occupied as gasoline filling stations in a residential use district. Under the zoning regulations promulgated pursuant to the act of March 1, 1920, as amended by the act of June 25, 1930, no alterations of these nonconforming uses can be physically extended, enlarged, or improved. At present there are approximately 5,000 nonconforming uses in the District of Columbia.

The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the National Capital Planning Commission have had underway for the past 3 years a study looking to a complete revision of the zoning regulations for the District of Columbia. That study is almost completed, and when completed will doubtless include provisions dealing with the problem of nonconforming uses. We should not single out two of these now by special legislation and provide benefits for them which cannot be enjoyed by any of the other many nonconforming uses. To do so would constitute an invitation for the generous treatment of the circumstances, I am convinced that the President had disapproved H. R. 3300 because (2) all methods of control of lake levels and protection of property on the Great Lakes should be considered before arbitrarily proceeding with the proposed diversion, and (3) the diversion authorized without reference to negotiations with Canada, and (4) the legitimate interests of the United States of Wisconsin, Ohio, and New York. Although I am fully aware of the seriousness of some of the problems confronting the Chicago area and the State of Illinois, the record on H. R. 3210 affords no basis for me to change my position in this matter. Accordingly, under the circumstances, I am convinced that the bill should not be approved.

I am asking the State Department to engage in discussions with the Canadian Government in an attempt to work out a solution to these problems as soon as all pertinent facts are available.

Dwight D. Eisenhower,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, August 9, 1956.

TAXES, REAL-ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS

H. R. 4392. I am withholding my approval from H. R. 4392, entitled "An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide a special method of taxation for real-estate investment trusts."

Under existing law, real-estate trusts and associations are generally taxed as ordinary corporations on their entire taxable income. The enrolled bill would extend to such organizations, under certain conditions, the conduit or pass-through treatment.