

The Clerk read the statement.
The conference report and statement are as follows:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. NO. 905)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate numbered 45 and the amendment of the House thereto to the bill (H.R. 7453) "making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

Amendment No. 45: That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 45, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by the Senate amendment, and the amendment of the House thereto, insert the following:

"Hereafter, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized, without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to fix the compensation of three positions under the appropriation 'Salaries, Office of the Architect of the Capitol', of one position under the appropriation 'Capitol Buildings', and of one position under the appropriation 'House Office Buildings' at a basic rate of \$7,700 per annum each: *Provided*, That this provision shall not be applicable to the positions of Architect, Assistant Architect, or Second Assistant Architect of the Capitol.

"Hereafter, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized, without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to fix the compensation of one position under the appropriation 'Senate Office Buildings', at a basic rate of \$7,020 per annum."

And the House agree to the same.

W. F. NORRELL,
MICHAEL J. KIRWAN,
CLARENCE CANNON,
WALT HORAN,
JOHN TABER,

Managers on the Part of the House.

JOHN C. STENNIS,
CARL HAYDEN,
STYLES BRIDGES,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

STATEMENT

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 45 to the bill (H.R. 7453) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to such amendment, namely:

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Amendment No. 45: Provides a basic salary rate of \$7,700 for five positions under the Architect of the Capitol instead of \$8,000 rate as proposed by the House; and includes the Senate provision for one position under the appropriation "Senate Office Buildings", at \$7,020 per annum.

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Managers on the Part of the House.

Mr. NORRELL. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report.

The conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. NORRELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks at this point in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. NORRELL. Mr. Speaker, this conference report settles the one amendment remaining in connection with the legislative branch appropriation bill for 1960. All other amendments of the Senate to the bill were agreed to in the House on June 29. The one remaining amendment covered by this report concerns certain salary provisions under the Architect of the Capitol included in the bill as it passed the House but which the Senate had stricken.

Briefly, the House bill included provision for salary adjustment on five key positions in the Architect's organization. The Senate did not agree. As explained in the statement of the managers, just read by the Clerk, we have reinstated the provision but at a lower figure than the House had believed justified. Under the circumstances, we believe the settlement is reasonable.

To summarize the whole bill at this point, the totals are as follows:

Budget estimates considered	
by House.....	\$105,480,005
House bill.....	100,279,350
House reduction.....	5,180,655
Budget estimates considered	
by Senate.....	133,648,180
Senate bill.....	128,797,380
Senate reduction.....	4,850,800
Conference total.....	128,797,380

AMENDING MINERAL LEASING ACT OF 1920—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 214)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I return herewith, without my approval, H.R. 6940, "An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 in order to increase certain acreage limitations with respect to the State of Alaska."

An unrestricted doubling of the present maximum allowable holding of oil and gas leases or options—which H.R. 6940, in the case of Alaska, would authorize—would not, in my judgment, be in the best interests of Alaska or the Federal Government.

Rather than providing an inducement to the development of oil and gas resources in Alaska, the bill would tend to produce an excessive concentration of control over such potential resources, and there is no assurance provided by the bill that the interests so held would at any time be developed.

Development contracts and unit agreements already provide relief from acreage limitations when circumstances justify their approval. Any additional con-

centration of ownership would among other things deter participation in these existing and successful programs which are designed to provide specific assurance of the expenditure of funds for exploration and development work. The need is for further progress under existing programs, not just speculative or control holding of excessive acreages, if the development of oil and gas resources on public lands is to occur and the interests of Alaska and the Nation are to be served.

I am aware that allowing increased acreage holdings might be of immediate financial importance to our 49th State, but I believe this to be a shortsighted goal for it eventually could well result in depriving both the Alaskan and Federal Governments of substantial revenues. Sacrificing sound principle and the long-run public interest in order to achieve a limited immediate gain does not seem to me to be wise.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.
THE WHITE HOUSE, August 17, 1959.

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

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill and message be referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The motion was agreed to.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AMENDING TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR VETERANS

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 268) to amend title 38 of the United States Code to provide additional compensation for veterans having the service-incurred disability of deafness of both ears.

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

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

There was no objection.

INCREASED COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERANS

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 283) to amend section 314(k) of title 38, United States Code, to provide an increased statutory rate of compensation for veterans suffering the loss or loss of use of an eye in combination with the loss or loss of use of a limb.

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

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

There was no objection.