S. 219. An act for the relief of Ahmet Suat Maykut;
S. 223. An act for the relief of Mary Freda Powell Smith;
S. 239. An act for the relief of Apostolos Vassil Perra;
S. 315. An act for the relief of Isaac Glickman, Regina Glickman, Alfred Clamaru, and Anna Clamaru;
S. 388. An act for the relief of Petre and Lublita Ionucele;
S. 393. An act for the relief of Chelo Sukuri;
S. 554. An act for the relief of Meysja Janaulek;
S. 730. An act granting the consent of the States of Kansas and Oklahoma to negotiate and enter into a compact relating to their interests in, and the apportionment of, the waters of the Arkansas River and its tributaries as they affect such States;
S. 732. An act to promote public cooperation in the rehabilitation and preservation of the Nation's important historic properties in the New York City area, and for other purposes;
S. 997. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Coast and Geodetic Survey, to assist the States of Maryland and Delaware to reestablish their common boundary;
S. 1044. An act for the relief of Edward Naarite;
S. 1189. An act to permit national banks to make 20-year real-estate loans, and to modify and simplify the registration provisions relating to such loans;
S. 1337. An act for the relief of Joseph Vysko;ci;
S. 1363. An act for the relief of Mrs. Jeannette S. Hamilton;
S. 1367. An act for the relief of Antonio Jaque;
S. 1901. An act granting the consent of Congress to the States of California and Nevada to negotiate and enter into a compact, and to use the waters of the Truckee, Carson, and Walker Rivers, Lake Tahoe, and the tributaries of such rivers and lake in such States;
S. 1935. An act to amend the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton," approved August 20, 1954;
S. 214. An act for the provision and improvement of rural community facilities and services for the purpose of promoting economic, social, and educational development in rural areas of the United States;
S. 274. An act for the provision of homestead and rural housing to families displaced by natural disasters;
S. 2370. An act for the relief of Nadia Noland and Samia Ouafa Noland;
S. 2295. An act to amend section 313 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, with respect to tobacco allotments;
S. 2296. An act to amend section 313 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, with respect to tobacco allotments;
S. 2312. An act for the relief of certain Korean war orphans;
S. 2575. An act for the relief of Mrs. Gertrud Hildegard Nichols;
S. 2594. An act to increase the borrowing power of Commodity Credit Corporation; and
S. J. Res. 73. Joint resolution to establish a commission to formulate plans for a memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

On August 12, 1955:
S. 541. An act for the relief of Martin Aloysius Hines;
S. 550. An act for the relief of John Axel Arvidson;
S. 706. An act to authorize the appropriation of accumulated receipts in the Federal aid to wildlife restoration fund established by the Pittman-Robertson Act and to authorize the expenditure thereof for the benefit of wildlife restoration projects for a State under such act for the management of wildlife areas and resources;
S. 1077. An act to provide for settlement of claims resulting from the disaster which occurred at Texas City, Tex., on April 16 and 17, 1947;
S. 1849. An act to provide for the granting of career-conditional and career appointments to certain qualified employees;
S. 2168. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 in order to increase the national minimum wage, and for other purposes;
S. 2233. An act to reemphasize trade development as the primary purpose of title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954;
S. 2501. An act to provide grants to assist States in establishing, administering, and operating state vocational rehabilitation programs, and for other purposes;
S. 2575. An act for the relief of Mrs. Gertrude Hines;
S. 2740. An act to amend section 161 of title 31, United States Code, relating to the payment of attorney fees in connection with the settlement of claims resulting from the disaster which occurred at Texas City, Tex., on April 16 and 17, 1947;
S. 351. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to the provision and improvement of the rights of survivors of members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and for other purposes.

On July 20, 1953, I submitted a message to the Senate (S. Doc. No. 62, 83d Cong.) returning without my approval S. 152, 83d Congress, a bill identical to this bill except that S. 204 eliminates the payment of attorney fees in connection with the claim. No new evidence has been submitted in the interim, and the legislative history of the current bill contains no information which would justify a change in my position in the matter.

Under the circumstances and for the reasons set forth in my earlier message, I could take no other action than to withhold approval of S. 204.

The White House, August 12, 1955.

AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ACT

S. 1041. I am withholding approval of S. 1041, a bill to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, to provide for the inclusion in the computation of annuity payments of a period of service rendered States or instrumentalities of States, and for other purposes.

This bill would provide additional retirement benefits to those Federal and District of Columbia employees who also have been, are now, or in the future may become employees of the States or of State instrumentalities on Federal-State programs financed either wholly or in part by Federal funds, in five types of agricultural programs and in programs of vocational education.

The bill is not approved because it would (1) make improper use of Federal funds to pay for services never received by it, (2) result in an unsound shifting of fiscal responsibility from States to Federal Government, (3) set an undesirable precedent, and (4) constitute an unsound approach to a desirable goal of increased employee mobility.

First, and most important, these additional retirement benefits would not be based upon Federal employment but on State employment. States and State in-
intermittently are responsible for paying for services rendered to them, and there is no assertion that such obligations are not met. Federal retired pay is a basic element in the compensation system provided by the Federal Government in exchange for work performed by the individual employee. Such a system is a proper manner.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of August 2, 1955, the Senate appointed a joint subcommittee, the following names being furnished: Mr. NEWELL, from the Senate Armed Services Committee; Mr. Symington, from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Mr. MURPHY, from the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, and Mr. MUNDT, from the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The joint subcommittee, pursuant to the order of the Senate of August 2, 1955, held a hearing in the Senate Reception Room, Mr. Johnson of Texas, chairman, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. MANSMFIELD, Mr. MILLIKIN, and Mr. BRICKER.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. CARRELL, one of its clerks, announced that

The joint subcommittee, pursuant to the order of the Senate of August 2, 1955, submitted a report of that committee entitled "Summary of Activities," which was ordered to be printed.

INTERIM REPORT OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (S. DOC. NO. 69)

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of July 30, 1955, Mr. MUNDT, on September 20, 1955, submitted an interim report of the Alexander Hamilton Bicentennial Commission, pursuant to section 6, Public Law 801, 83d Congress, to establish a Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Alexander Hamilton, which was printed.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE SUBMITTED AFTER ADJOURNMENT SINCE DIE (S. REPT. NO. 1307)

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted a report that the committee entitled "Summary of Activities," which was ordered to be printed.

APPOINTMENTS AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 1955, the Vice President, subsequent to the sine die adjournment, made appointments to the following commissions, joint and special committees, and subcommittee authorized by law or resolution of the Senate:

To the Boston National Historic Sites Commission: Mr. SALTONSTALL.
To the District of Columbia Auditorium Commission: Mr. Neely, Mr. McNamarra, Mr. Beall, Mr. George Johnston, Dean of Howard University Law School; Mr. Barney Balaban of New York, Mrs. Eugene Meyer of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. James H. Rowe, Jr., of Washington, D.C.
To the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission: Mr. Ives, Mr. Case of New Jersey, Mr. Humphrey, and Mr. Lehman.
To the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission: Mr. O'Mahoney and Mr. Munro.
To the Joint Congressional Committee on Construction of a Building for a Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Saltonstall, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Humphrey, and Mr. Martin of Pennsylvania.
To the Committee on Disarmament: Mr. Humphrey, chairman, Mr. Barkley, Mr. Sparkman, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Hickenlooper, and Mr. Knowland, from the subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, as appointed by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations; Mr. Bryan, Mr. Symington, Mr. Bridges, and Mr. Saltonstall, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. Pastore and Mr. Broder, from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.
To the Special Committee on the Senate of August 1, 1955, Mr. Fulbright, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, on August 10, 1955, submitted a report of that committee entitled "Summary of Activities," which was ordered to be printed.

The House met at 11 o'clock a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Wilt Thou continue to give us the glad assurance that no need of blessed will Thou ever withhold from us if we do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord.

We thank Thee for the high and holy privilege we have had of working together in the service of our God, our country, and humanity.

Grant that when we come to the closing hour of this session of the Congress we may receive the benediction of Thy grace, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

May the Lord bless us and keep us; may the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; may the Lord lift upon us the light of His countenance and give us peace.

Humbly.

Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that...