the foregoing bill, requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. Fulbright, Mr. Sparkman, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Morse, Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Moorer, and Mr. Carlson to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a joint resolution of the following date, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 53. Joint resolution to establish a tercentenary commission to commemorate the advent and history of Father Jacques Marquette in North America, and for other purposes.

DANIEL WALTER MILES—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. Doc. No. 204)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable the Speaker,
House of Representatives:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith a sealed envelope addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the President of the United States, received in the Clerk's Office at 4 p.m. on June 14, 1965, and said to contain H.R. 1867, an act for the relief of Daniel Walter Miles, and a veto message thereon.

Respectfully yours,
RALPH R. ROBERTS,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

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. 1867, for the relief of Daniel Walter Miles.

This legislation would authorize the payment of $1,000 to Daniel Walter Miles, of Brockton, Mass. The payment would be in full settlement of Mr. Miles' claim against the United States under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 for compensation for certain property losses suffered by him in raids.

Mr. Miles' claim was evaluated by the Philippine War Damage Commission under the orderly procedures authorized by the Congress for the handling of such claims. There is no indication that the Commission failed to give this claim an adequate hearing or to follow the established procedures as it considered the case. In fact, the record shows that as the result of an appeal from the original decision, the Commission reconsidered the claim and rejected it a second time.

Mr. Miles was afforded still another opportunity to have his claim reviewed under Public Law 87-846 enacted in 1962 which, in effect, provided for further consideration of certain Philippine claims. However, he failed to file a claim under that statute prior to the deadline of January 15, 1963.

Under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, awards aggregating almost $500 million were paid in settlement of those claims found to be meritorious from among the more than one million claims filed. Many thousands of awards were made in amounts substantially below those sought by the claimants, and some 91,000 claims were denied in their entirety.

I can see no basis for going behind the settlement made by the Commission in this case. The record here contains no evidence which was not known to and considered by the Commission.

Under these circumstances and at this late date, to set aside the judgment of the Commission would entitle other disappointed claimants under that program to seek similar relief through private legislation. The result could be the reopening of this vast claims program, a result which I strongly believe to be neither desirable nor justified. If the bill did not lead to this result, it would have the concomitant unjustified effect of granting preferential and discriminatory treatment to Mr. Miles.

For the foregoing reasons, I cannot approve H.R. 1867.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON.


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

Without objection, the bill and message will be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON NASA AUTHORIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1966

Mr. MILLER submitted a conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 7717) to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for research and development, construction of facilities, and administrative operations, and for other purposes.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following Members failed to answer to their names:

[Roll No. 137]

By unanimous consent, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1966

Mr. DENTON. Mr. Speaker, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 6767) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and urge the adoption of this report by unanimous consent that the statement of the managers on the part of the House be read in lieu of the report.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The adoption of the report to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the statement.

The conference report and statement are as follows:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. Rept. No. 513) of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6767) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and for other purposes, reported a conference report, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 8, 17, 19, 20, 21, 46, 47, 50, and 52.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 4, 6, 12, 14, 24, 30, 31, 33, 38, 41, 42, 44, 49, 51, and 54, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "$40,080,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "$105,846,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 5: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "$84,815,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "$17,446,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "$90,900,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 11: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "$90,177,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

On this rollcall 387 Members have answered to their names, a quorum.