

H.R. 3901—ELISABETH VON OBERNDORFF

I must withhold approval from H.R. 3901, "For the relief of Miss Elisabeth von Oberndorff."

This bill would direct the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice to return to Miss von Oberndorff, a German citizen, approximately \$185,000. This amount represents the proceeds from the disposition of certain property which she owned and which was vested in the Office of Alien Property during World War II.

Miss von Oberndorff resided during World War II in Luxembourg, a German-occupied country. Under these circumstances, the Trading With the Enemy Act required that the property covered by the present bill be vested in the Office of Alien Property.

When she came to this country in 1950, Miss von Oberndorff sought the return of her property. After a full hearing, her claim was denied by a hearing examiner of the Office of Alien Property because she failed to meet the strict conditions for relief for aliens established by the Congress. She was not a member of a political, racial, or religious group suffering deprivation of the rights of German citizenship by virtue of a law, decree, or regulation of the German Government. The examiner's denial was upheld on two separate occasions by the Director of the Office.

I am particularly concerned that this bill would encourage other claimants to seek similar relief. Such a result would be most unfortunate since the proceeds of vested property are, by law, deposited in the war claims fund primarily to compensate Americans for certain losses they sustained during World War II. That fund is not expected to be adequate to pay those claims in full.

The following reports for the second calendar quarter of 1966 were received too late to be included in the published reports for that quarter:

A. Charles D. Ablard, 1629 K Street NW., Washington, D.C.
 B. Magazine Publishers Association, Inc., 575 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y.
 D. (6) \$2,500. E. (9) \$45.51.

A. Active-Retired Lighthouse Service Employees Association, Post Office Box 2169, South Portland, Me.
 D. (6) \$22. E. (9) \$44.68.

A. Clarence G. Adamy, 1725 I Street NW., Washington, D.C.
 B. National Association of Food Chains, 1725 I Street NW., Washington, D.C.
 D. (6) \$500.

A. Allen & Murden, Inc., 1616 H Street NW., Washington, D.C.
 B. Committee of European Shipowners, 30-32 St. Mary Axe, London EC 3, England, and Norwegian Shipowners Association, Post Office Box 1452, Oslo, Norway.
 D. (6) \$4,000. E. (9) \$471.65.

A. Allen & Murden, Inc., 1616 H Street NW., Washington, D.C.
 B. Informal Committee of 18 European and Other Foreign Cruise Ship Lines, care of Vincent Demo, 26 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
 D. (6) \$8,750. E. (9) \$1,855.74.

A. Nicholas E. Allen & Merrill Armour, 444 Shoreham Building, Washington, D.C.

The reports of the Judiciary Committees do not challenge the propriety of the denial of Miss von Oberndorff's claim on legal grounds. These reports, however, justify the award on equitable grounds because Miss von Oberndorff was not in sympathy with the Nazi regime and because she assisted a fugitive from that regime and members of the Luxembourg resistance movement.

Miss von Oberndorff's feelings and actions were clearly commendable. They do not, however, justify special relief from a limited fund available to pay Americans who hold valid claims and a carefully defined class of aliens.

For these reasons, I am compelled to disapprove this bill.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON.
 THE WHITE HOUSE, November 14, 1966.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
 ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2838. A letter from the Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a plan for works of improvement on the watershed Rock Creek (Wells), Ind., pursuant to the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 1005, and delegated to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget by Executive Order No. 10654 of January 20, 1956; to the Committee on Agriculture.

2839. A letter from the Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a plan for works of improvement on the watershed, Neshaminy Creek, Pa., pursuant to the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 1005, and delegated to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget by Executive Order No. 10654 of January 20, 1956; to the Committee on Public Works.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

B. Music Operators of America, Inc., 228 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.
 D. (6) \$2,205. E. (9) \$153.65.

A. The American Beekeeping Federation, Minco, Okla.
 D. (6) \$7,465.50. E. (9) \$10,235.89.

A. American Carpet Institute, Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
 D. (6) \$405. E. (9) \$291.

A. American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
 D. (6) \$4,830.42. E. (9) \$4,830.42.

A. American Gas Association, Inc., 605 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y.

A. American Hospital Association, 840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill.
 D. (6) \$11,347.87. E. (9) \$11,347.87.

A. American Humane Association, Post Office Box 1266, Denver, Colo.
 E. (9) \$1,687.37.

A. American Israel Public Affairs Committee, 1341 G Street NW., Washington, D.C.
 D. (6) \$1,557.95. E. (9) \$2,020.83.

A. The American Legion, 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
 D. (6) \$6,829.13. E. (9) \$35,057.23.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. PRICE:

H.R. 18551. A bill, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to permit States, under Federal-State agreements, to provide for coverage for hospital insurance benefits for the aged for certain State and local employees whose services are not otherwise covered by the insurance system established by such title; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. PUCINSKI:

H.R. 18552. A bill for the relief of Vasiliki Angelopoulos; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACT

In compliance with Public Law 601, 79th Congress, title III, Regulation of Lobbying Act, section 308(b), which provides as follows:

(b) All information required to be filed under the provisions of this section with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate shall be compiled by said Clerk and Secretary, acting jointly, as soon as practicable after the close of the calendar quarter with respect to which such information is filed and shall be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate jointly submit their report of the compilation required by said law and have included all registrations and quarterly reports received.

A. American Library Association, 50 East Huron, Chicago, Ill.
 D. (6) \$511.75. E. (9) \$16,616.94.

A. American Mutual Insurance Alliance, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.
 E. (9) \$235.97.

A. American National Cattlemen's Association, 801 East 17th Avenue, Denver, Colo.
 D. (6) \$38,997.05. E. (9) \$7,004.07.

A. American Nurses' Association, Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y.
 D. (6) \$11,821.10. E. (9) \$11,821.10.

A. American Paper Institute, Inc., 122 East 42d Street, New York, N.Y.

A. American Pulpwood Association, 605 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y.
 E. (9) \$1,500.

A. American Surveyors, 2000 P Street NW., Washington, D.C.

A. American Taxpayers Association, 326 Pennsylvania Building, Washington, D.C.
 D. (6) \$7,380.45. E. (9) \$1,552.97.

A. American Thrift Assembly, 1028 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.
 D. (6) \$450. E. (9) \$70.41.