

H. Con. Res. 139. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of the two Houses on Monday, April 19, 1948, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba; and

H. Con. Res. 140. Concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Committee on the Observance and Celebration of the Victory Over Spain.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed, with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H. R. 3503. An act to permit the issuance of unrestricted deeds for town-site lands held by Alaska natives, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 111. An act for the relief of Donat and Laura Laroche;

S. 511. An act for the relief of Francisco Gamboa Glcochea;

S. 936. An act for the relief of Burnett A. Pyle;

S. 981. An act for the relief of Carl W. Sundstrom;

S. 1037. An act to authorize the revision of the boundaries of the Caribou National Forest in the State of Idaho;

S. 1395. An act for the relief of Jose Maria Gerardo de Amusatagel and Ramon de Amusatagel;

S. 1706. An act to limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code and section 190 of the Revised Statutes of the United States with respect to counsel in certain cases;

S. 1782. An act to provide for selection of superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious and trustworthy members of the armed forces who have been disabled in line of duty for active field service;

S. 1795. An act to repeal section 1 of the act of April 20, 1874, prescribing regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements made by disbursing officers of the Army (18 Stat. 33; 10 U. S. C. 184);

S. 1801. An act to authorize attendance of civilians at schools conducted by the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and joint-service schools, and for other purposes; and

S. 1990. An act to provide a means for the orderly continuation and completion of the Deer Creek and aqueduct divisions of the Provo River project, Utah.

The message also announced that the President pro tempore has appointed the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. YOUNG, and the Senator from New Mexico, Mr. CHAVEZ, members of the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the ceremonies in Habana, Cuba, on February 15, 1948, in connection with the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the sinking of the U. S. battleship *Maine*.

The message also announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 198):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and extreme regret the announcement of the death of Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, who served in the United States Senate from the State of New Jersey from March 4, 1917, to March 3, 1923.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased, together with a transcript of remarks made in the Senate in praise of his distinguished service to the Nation.

The message also announced that the President pro tempore has appointed Mr. LANGER and Mr. CHAVEZ members of the joint select committee on the part of the Senate, as provided for in the act of August 5, 1939, entitled "An act to provide for the disposition of certain records of the United States Government," for the disposition of executive papers in the following departments and agencies:

1. Departments of the Army and the Air Force.
2. Department of Justice.
3. Department of the Navy.
4. Department of the Treasury.
5. Federal Security Agency.
6. National Archives.
7. Veterans' Administration.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. LECOMPTE, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had on the following dates examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles:

On February 3, 1948:

H. R. 1634. An act to amend section 1, and provisions (6), (7), and (8) of section 3, and provision (3) of section 4 of chapter V of the act of June 19, 1934, entitled "An act to regulate the business of life insurance in the District of Columbia," and to add sections 5a, 5b, and 5c thereto.

On February 9, 1948:

H. R. 1366. An act to facilitate procurement of supplies and services by the War and Navy Departments, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that, pursuant to the authority granted on February 9, 1948, the Speaker did, on February 11, 1948, sign the following enrolled bills:

H. R. 1634. An act to amend section 1, and provisions (6), (7), and (8) of section 3, and provision (3) of section 4 of chapter V of the act of June 19, 1934, entitled "An act to regulate the business of life insurance in the District of Columbia," and to add sections 5a, 5b, and 5c thereto.

H. R. 1366. An act to facilitate procurement of supplies and services by the War and Navy Departments, and for other purposes.

CONTESTED-ELECTION CASE—AVID J. WILSON AGAINST WALTER K. GRANGER

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

FEBRUARY 12, 1948.

The Honorable the SPEAKER,
House of Representatives.

SIR: The Clerk has received from Frank W. Otterstrom, the officer before whom testimony was taken in the contested-election case of David J. Wilson against Walter K. Granger, for a seat in the Eightieth Congress from the First Congressional District of the State of Utah, letters dated January 10, February 3, and February 6, 1948, with reference to the transmission of testimony and exhibits in the aforesaid case.

The letters from this officer, together with the two express packages, the air-mail package, and exhibit No. 109 referred to therein, as well as copies of all other papers heretofore filed with the Clerk relating to this case, are transmitted to the House for its action.

Very truly yours,

JOHN ANDREWS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The communication will be referred to the Committee on House Administration.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

FEBRUARY 12, 1948.

The Honorable the SPEAKER,
House of Representatives.

SIR: The attached sealed envelope indicating on its face that it contains a message from the President of the United States, and addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, was received in the Office of the Clerk on February 10, 1948.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN ANDREWS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

SUBMARGINAL LANDS—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 527)

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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. 3153, "to provide for the sale or other disposal of certain submarginal lands located within the boundaries of Indian reservations in the States of Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota."

During the drought period of 1932 to 1938 the United States acquired in the drought areas, out of funds appropriated under the statutes referred to in H. R. 3153, approximately 10,000,000 acres of submarginal lands, much of which is suited only for carefully limited and controlled grazing use. Of the submarginal lands so acquired in the States of Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota, approximately 245,000 acres were in 1938 and 1939 placed by Executive order under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in order to facilitate their use for the benefit of the Indian tribes occupying reservations in the same localities. The underlying purpose of H. R. 3153 appears to be that of making provision by law for the permanent disposition of these lands, through the transfer to Indian tribal ownership of those lands needed for and adapted to Indian grazing use, through the transfer to individual Indians of those lands needed for and adapted to Indian agricultural use, and through the transfer to individual veterans of the other agricultural or grazing lands upon appropriate conditions as to price and future use. While this underlying purpose is sound, the manner in which the bill attempts to provide for its accomplishment seems to me to be altogether unsound from several aspects.

First, the bill would grant to local disposal committees absolute authority, not merely to determine factual matters, but also to decide the entire policy question of how these submarginal lands should be disposed of, without any effective guidance in the form of statutory standards to channel and control the discretion of their members. Nor does the bill provide any means whereby the decisions of the local disposal committees may be reviewed. On the contrary, it expressly directs the Secretary of the Interior "to make such transfers of title