

CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FUND

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Retirement Subcommittee held hearings to consider House amendments to S. 739, relating to the rate of interest to be paid by the Treasury on money borrowed by it from

the civil service retirement fund. Witnesses heard were Representative Morrison; Robert A. Wallace, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury; Frederick J. Lawton, member, Civil Service Commission; and Phillip S. Hughes, Bureau of the Budget.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 9022-9031, and 9033; and 1 private bill, H.R. 9032, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 7692, to require certain new packages of imported articles to be marked to indicate the country of origin, amended (H. Rept. 1102);

H.R. 8876, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to permit the use of identifying numbers (H. Rept. 1103);

H.R. 4934, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to modify certain leases entered into for the provision of recreation facilities in reservoir areas (H. Rept. 1104);

H.R. 7866, to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to extend the application thereof to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 1105);

H.R. 8520, to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, to limit financial and technical assistance for drainage of certain wet lands (H. Rept. 1106); and

H.R. 9033, making appropriations for foreign assistance and related agencies for fiscal year 1962 (H. Rept. 1107).

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 6.

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Subcommittee To Sit: The Subcommittee on Printing of the Committee on House Administration was authorized to sit during general debate on Tuesday next.

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Veto Message: Received and read a veto message from the President on H.R. 4640, a private bill. The bill and message were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. 235).

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Public Works Appropriation: Agreed to make in order on Thursday, September 7, the consideration of the public works appropriation bill for fiscal year 1962.

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Program for Tuesday: Adjourned at 12:24 p.m. until Tuesday, September 5, at 12 o'clock noon. For program see Congressional Program Ahead in this DIGEST.

Committee Meetings

SUMMER FALLOW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Wheat and Subcommittee on Livestock and Feed Grains held a joint meeting and ordered reported favorably to the full committee H.R. 8914 (amended), to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act in regard to summer fallow.

CUBA

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Held a hearing on H.R. 8465, to prohibit the shipment in interstate or foreign commerce of articles imported into the U.S. from Cuba. Testimony was given by Senator Smathers; Representatives Halpern and Edmondson; Rowland Burnstan, Assistant Secretary of International Affairs, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAY ACT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, in executive session, ordered reported favorably to the full committee H.R. 8565, to permit certain Government employees to elect to receive compensation in accordance with the Federal Employees Pay Act in lieu of certain compensation at a saved rate.

Prior to taking action the subcommittee heard testimony, in an open hearing on the bill, from Department of Navy officials; and representatives of employee organizations.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of public laws, see DIGEST, p. D795, August 31, 1961).

S. 1289, to eliminate the oath requirement with respect to certain export manifests. Signed August 31, 1961 (P.L. 87-191).

S. 2034, to reorganize certain administrative functions of the FCC. Signed August 31, 1961 (P.L. 87-192).

S. 98, to provide water and sewage facilities to the Medora area adjoining the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak. Signed August 31, 1961 (P.L. 87-193).