

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the unanimous-consent request? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE MEETING DURING SENATE SESSION

On request of Mr. BIBLE, and by unanimous consent, the Air Forces Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services was authorized to meet during the session of the Senate today.

ORDER FOR TRANSACTION OF ROUTINE BUSINESS

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, following a brief executive session, there may be a morning hour for the presentation of petitions and memorials, the introduction of bills, and the transaction of other routine business, and that statements in connection therewith be limited to 2 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business, and take up the nominations on the Executive Calendar, starting with "New Reports."

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

As in executive session, The following favorable reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Livingston T. Merchant, of the District of Columbia, a Foreign Service officer of the class of career minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Canada, vice R. Douglas Stuart; and

Kenneth A. Byrns, of Colorado, and sundry other persons, for appointment and promotion in the foreign and diplomatic service.

By Mr. O'MAHONEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Arthur Wilbur Crocker, of Maryland, to be First Assistant Commissioner of Patents, to fill an existing vacancy.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. If there be no further reports of committees, the nominations on the Executive Calendar will be stated.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Chief Clerk read the nomination of Floyd Sherman Bryant to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

The Chief Clerk read the nomination of Lewis E. Berry, Jr., to be Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

UNITED STATES ARMY

The Chief Clerk read the nomination of Lt. Gen. George Henry Decker to be a general.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

ARMY NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Chief Clerk proceeded to read the nominations of Kenneth M. Abagis and 4,888 officers for promotion, transfer, or appointment in the Regular Army of the United States, which nominations had been placed on the Vice President's desk without printing.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Army nominations be considered en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the nominations in the Army will be considered en bloc, and, without objection, they are confirmed.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I ask that the President be immediately notified of the nominations today confirmed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the President will be notified forthwith.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate resume the consideration of legislative business.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate resumed the consideration of legislative business.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TERRITORY OF ALASKA TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS—RETURN OF ENROLLED BILL

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 234, which was read, as follows:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the President of the United States is requested to return to the House of Representatives the enrolled bill (H. R. 4781) to authorize the Territory of Alaska to incur indebtedness, and for other purposes. If and when said bill is returned by the President, the action of the Presiding Officers of the two Houses in signing said bill shall be deemed rescinded; and the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed, in the reenrollment of said bill, to make the following correction: In section 4 of the bill strike out the figure "\$12,500,000" and insert in lieu thereof the figure "\$20,000,000."

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, it is my understanding that this concurrent resolution relates to a bill in which the figures were changed in two places, but that in the third instance the bill was not made to conform with the action already taken. Is that correct?

Mr. BIBLE. That is exactly correct; the purpose is simply to make the correction in the third instance.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 234) was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following letters, which were referred as indicated:

REPORT ON OVEROBLIGATION OF AN APPROPRIATION

A letter from the Secretary of Defense, reporting, pursuant to law, on the overobligation of an appropriation (with accompanying papers); to the Committee on Appropriations.

DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED SYNTHETIC RUBBER RESEARCH LABORATORIES, AKRON, OHIO

A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C., transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the disposal of the Government-owned synthetic rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio (with accompanying papers); to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS

A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize an appropriation to provide for certain costs of United States participation in the International Bureau for the Publication of Customs Tariffs (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

CONVEYANCE TO INDIAN TRIBES OF CERTAIN FEDERALLY OWNED BUILDINGS, ETC.

A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Indian tribes certain federally owned buildings, improvements, or facilities on tribal lands or on lands reserved for Indian administration (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

A letter from the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the creation of additional positions in the professional and scientific research field in the United States Department of the Interior (with an accompanying paper); to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

Petitions, etc., were laid before the Senate, or presented, and referred as indicated:

By the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore:

A concurrent resolution of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on the Judiciary:

"House Concurrent Resolution 8

"Concurrent resolution making an application to the Congress of the United States pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United States for a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States

"Resolved by the house of representatives (the senate concurring), That the Legislature of the State of Michigan, pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United



States, hereby makes application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in lieu of article V:

“Article —

“SECTION 1. The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States shall call a convention for proposing amendments; or the legislature of any State, whenever two-thirds of each house shall deem it necessary, may propose amendments to this Constitution by transmitting to the Secretary of State of the United States and to the secretary of state of each of the several States a certified copy of the resolution proposing the amendment, which shall be deemed submitted to the several States for ratification when certified copies of resolutions of the legislatures of any 12 of the several States by two-thirds of each house shall have been so transmitted concurring in the proposal of such amendment; which, in any case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States; *Provided*, That no State, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

“SEC. 2. The act of proposal, concurrence in a proposal, or ratification of an amendment, shall not be revocable.

“SEC. 3. A proposal of an amendment by a State shall be inoperative unless it shall have been so concurred in within 7 years from the date of the proposal. A proposed amendment shall be inoperative unless it shall have been so ratified within 15 years from the date of its submission, or shorter period as may be prescribed in the resolution proposing the amendment.

“SEC. 4. Controversies respecting the validity of an amendment shall be justiciable and shall be determined by the exercise of the judicial power of the United States; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That such amendment shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution of the United States when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That as the power of the sovereign States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States by convention under article V has never been exercised and no precedent exists for the calling or holding of such convention, the State of Michigan hereby declares the following basic principles with respect thereto: That the power of the sovereign States to amend the Constitution of the United States under article V is absolute; that the power of the sovereign States to propose amendments to the Constitution by convention under article V is absolute; that the power of the sovereign States extends over such convention and the scope and control thereof and that it is within their sovereign power to prescribe whether such convention shall be general or shall be limited to the proposal of a specified amendment or of amendments in a specified field; that the exercise by the sovereign States of their power to require the calling of such convention contemplates that the applications of the several States for such convention shall prescribe the scope thereof and the essential provisions for holding the same; that the scope of such convention and the provisions for holding the same are established in and by the applications therefor by the legislatures of the two-thirds majority of the several States required by article V to call the same, and that it is the duty of the Congress to call such convention in conformity therewith; that such convention is without power to transcend, and the delegates to such convention are without power to act

except within the limitations and provisions so prescribed; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That such convention shall be called and held in conformity with the following limitations and provisions, and that the Congress, in the call for such convention, hereby is requested to and shall prescribe:

“(1) That such convention shall be held in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania on the first Monday of the first December following transmission to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of application for such convention by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States and, in honor of the Nation's founders and for invocation, shall convene at Constitution Hall, at Independence Square, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the morning of such day, and thereupon adjourn to more commodious quarters within said city for session as the convention shall determine;

“(2) That the several States shall have equal suffrage at such convention; that each of the several States shall be entitled to 3 delegates thereat and that each of such delegates shall be entitled to 1 vote; that the delegates to such convention from the several States shall be the highest officer of the senate and the highest officer of the house of representatives of their respective legislatures at the time of such convention, except that in States where the lieutenant governor is president of the senate, the president of the senate pro tempore or other highest officer from the membership of the senate shall be such delegate from the senate and in States having a unicameral legislature the 2 highest officers of its legislature shall be such delegates, which 2 delegates in each of the several States shall jointly designate a citizen of such State at large who shall be the third delegate from such State to such convention; that in case of a vacancy in the office of any delegate during such convention, not otherwise filled pursuant to law or by legislative act or as herein provided, such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor of such State from the senate or house of its legislature or the State at large, respectively, as the case may be; that during such vacancy and during the absence of a delegate from the floor of the convention the delegates present from such State shall be empowered to exercise the vote of the absent delegate or delegates from such State; that the legislature of any State may choose its delegates to such convention, other than hereinabove designated, in which case the delegates so chosen shall be certified to the convention by the secretary of state of such State and shall constitute the delegates of such State at such convention in lieu of the delegates otherwise hereinabove designated;

“(3) That such convention shall be limited and restricted specifically to the consideration and proposal of such amendment to article V, the choosing of officers and adoption of rules of procedure for the conduct of such convention and the maintenance of order thereat, the determination of any issue respecting the seating of delegates, adjournment from day to day and to a day certain and from place to place within said city as may be convenient, and adjournment sine die; and such convention shall not be held for any other purpose not have any other power, and the delegates thereto shall have no power other than within the limitations herein prescribed;

“(4) That a permanent record shall be made of the proceedings of such convention, which shall be certified by the secretary of the convention, the original of which shall be placed in the Library of Congress and printed copies of which shall be transmitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress, to the Secretary of State of the United States, and to each

house of the legislature and to the secretary of state of each of the several States;

“(5) That the powers of such convention shall be exercisable by the States, represented at such convention by duly constituted delegates thereat, by majority vote of the States present and voting on such proposal, and not otherwise; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That this application shall constitute a continuing application for such convention under article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States shall have made like applications and such convention shall have been called and held in conformity therewith, unless the Congress itself propose such amendment within the time and the manner herein provided; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That proposal of such amendment by the Congress and its submission for ratification to the legislatures of the several States in the form of the article hereinabove specifically set forth, at any time prior to 60 days after the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States shall have made application for such convention, shall render such convention unnecessary and the same shall not be held; otherwise such convention shall be called and held in conformity with such applications; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That as this application under article V of the Constitution of the United States is the exercise of a fundamental power of the sovereign States under the Constitution of the United States, it is requested that receipt of this application by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States be officially noted and duly entered upon their respective records, and that the full context of this resolution be published in the official publication of both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to each Senator and Representative in the Congress from this State, and to the Secretary of State of the United States, and to each house of the legislature and to the secretary of state of each of the several States, attesting the adoption of this resolution by the legislature of this State.

“Adopted by the house March 22, 1956.

“Adopted by the senate April 4, 1956.”

A bill (No. 236) petitioning the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds for the improvement of the harbors at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, and Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States, adopted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Appropriations:

“Bill No. 236

“Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds for the improvement of the harbors at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, and Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States

“Whereas the dredging of the harbor of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas was, upon recommendation made by the Chief of Army Engineers, authorized by Congress in the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1937, pursuant to House Document No. 200, 75th Congress, 1st session, to consist of: (a) Provision of an entrance channel 36 feet deep and generally 600 feet wide; (b) removal of Scorpion Rock to a depth of 36 feet; (c) provision of an anchorage area 33 feet in depth; and (d) breakwater 700 feet long between Rupert Rock and the mainland; and

“Whereas the improvement of the Christiansted, St. Croix Harbor was, upon recommendation of the Chief of Army Engineers, authorized by Public Law 516, 81st Congress, pursuant to House Document No. 771, 80th Congress, to consist of a channel of 25 feet