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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared for President excess-profits-tax extension and appropriations for Small Defense Plants Administration, ratified three NATO forces treaties, and passed numerous miscellaneous measures.

House passed supplemental appropriation bill and debated factory inspection bill.

Senate committees approved numerous bills and nominations.

House committee approved President's reorganization plans on foreign-aid functions and foreign information.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9085-9086, 9094-9098

Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows:
S. 2395 to S. 2399.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 294, continuing the availability of appropriations for the Small Defense Plants Administration for the month of July 1953 (S. Rept. 582);

S. 2383, granting consent of Congress to a compact between New York and New Jersey, known as the Waterfront Commission Compact (S. Rept. 583);

S. 711, to grant easements for rights-of-way through parkway land along the C. & O. Canal, with an amendment (S. Rept. 584);

S. 2320, to change the date for the beginning of annual assessment work on mining claims in U. S. and Alaska (S. Rept. 585);

H. R. 127 and H. R. 947, private bills (S. Repts. 586 and 587);

H. R. 1308, to amend the Color of Title Act relating to public land patents (S. Rept. 588);

H. R. 1571, to permit appointment of Federal or Territorial employees to the Alaska Game Commission if no others are available (S. Rept. 589);

H. R. 2828, providing for termination of Federal supervision over the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, with amendments (S. Rept. 590);

H. R. 3581, to facilitate public participation of sites, buildings, and objects of national significance and interest (S. Rept. 591);

H. R. 5705, providing for automatic renewal of term policies of U. S. Government and national service life insurance (S. Rept. 592).

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Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Senator Sworn In: Senator Alton A. Lennon, of North Carolina, was sworn in to fill vacancy caused by death of Senator Smith.

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Committee Appointment: Senator Lennon was appointed to Committee on the District of Columbia and Committee on Government Operations.

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Status of Forces Treaty (NATO): By 72 yeas to 15 nays, Senate adopted resolution of ratification (with an amended reservation adopted yesterday) of executive agreement between parties of NATO regarding status of their forces, signed at London on June 19, 1951 (Exec. T, 82d Cong., 2d sess.).

By voice vote, Senate then adopted resolutions of ratification on (1) executive agreement on status of NATO, national representatives and international staff, signed at Ottawa on September 20, 1951, together with signed extract from summary record of meeting of NATO deputies (Exec. U, 82d Cong., 2d sess.); and (2) protocol on status of International Military Headquarters set up pursuant to NATO treaty, signed at Paris on August 28, 1952 (Exec. B, 83d Cong., 1st sess.).

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Appropriations—SDPA: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for President H. J. Res. 294, continuing the availability of appropriations for the Small Defense Plants Administration for the month of July 1953.

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D. C. Police and Firemen's Pay: Senate took from table and passed without amendment S. 2394, to amend the D. C. Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953.

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Excess-Profits Tax: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for President H. R. 5898, to extend until December 31, 1953, the period with respect to which the

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excess-profits tax shall be effective, after rejecting, by 34 yeas to 52 nays, Williams amendment increasing excess-profits-tax exemption on corporate income from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

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D. C. Business Properties: Senate passed H. R. 3087, to permit certain improvements to two business properties in the D. C., after adopting Case amendment providing that National Capital Planning Commission shall approve plans for such building changes.

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Land Transfers: The following two land transfer bills were passed without amendment: S. 1400, to release the reversionary rights of the U. S. in a tract of land located in Wake County, N. C.; and S. 2163, to authorize conveyance of certain lands in the U. S. cottonfield station near Statesville, N. C.

Pages 9131-9132

Foreign Electric Power: S. 1442, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the jurisdiction of the FPC over persons and facilities engaged in the transmission or sale of electric energy to foreign countries, was passed by Senate with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Exports Labeling: S. Con. Res. 40, expressing the sense of Congress that export containers be marked with the words "United States of America," was passed without amendment.

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Contempt Citation: Senate adopted S. Res. 139, citing Timothy J. O'Mara for contempt of Senate.

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Highway Toll Charges: S. 2342, collection of tolls for the use of certain highway crossings across the Bay of San Francisco, was passed with a Kuchel amendment of a technical clarifying nature.

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Equal Rights: Senate made its unfinished business S. J. Res. 49, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to equal rights for men and women.

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Confirmations: The nominations of Spencer Miller, of New York, and of Harrison Hobart, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretaries of Labor, along with three other civilian nominations, were confirmed.

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Nomination: The nomination of Glenn L. Emmons, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs, was received.

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Program for Thursday: Senate recessed at 6:47 p. m. until noon Thursday, July 16, when it will call calendar from its beginning through order No. 522 (S. 2111, flying of flags in Flag House Square, Baltimore, Md.), to be followed by S. J. Res. 49, proposing amendment to Constitution relative to equal rights for men and women. (Senate was in recess from 1:41 p. m. to 3 p. m.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION, AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported, with amendments S. 1505, to reorganize the Farm Credit Administration. Committee also approved the nominations of John H. Davis, of Virginia, and Romeo E. Short, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretaries of Agriculture, and Carl Raymond Arnold, of Ohio, to be Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, prior to which, in open hearings, the nominees were heard in behalf of their own nominations.

APPROPRIATIONS—MUTUAL SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued its executive hearings on the proposed budget estimates for the mutual security program, with testimony from Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, in executive session, began marking up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 5969, Defense appropriations for 1954, but did not complete its work and will meet again tomorrow.

MILITARY REAL-ESTATE PROJECTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Real Estate and Military Construction, in executive session, considered a classified Air Force overseas construction project, and in open session considered Army disposal project No. 12-A, Louisiana, Missouri, but made no announcements as to either, and recessed subject to call.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, approved for reporting without amendment H. R. 5705, providing for automatic renewal of term policies of U. S. Government and national service life insurance. It postponed indefinitely H. R. 5407, to extend the bonding period on whisky from 8 to 12 years.

MINING CLAIMS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported:

With an amendment in the nature of a substitute—S. 1397, to clarify the status of mining claims in area held under an oil and gas prospecting permit or lease, and to encourage the exploration and development of fissionable source minerals; S. 711, to grant easements for rights-of-way through parkway land along the C. & O. Canal; and H. R. 2828, providing for termination of Federal supervision over the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; and