

tion of Calendar No. 548, which is S. 1550.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1550) authorizing the State highway commission of the State of Maine to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the St. Croix River between Calais, Maine, and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, which had been reported from the Committee on Public Works with amendments.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, while I was absent from the floor in connection with business of the Committee on the District of Columbia, I understand Calendar 546, a House bill, was passed. I wish to move that the Senate reconsider the vote by which the bill, was passed, in order that I may submit an amendment to the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I wonder whether the Senator from Oregon will make his motion at the conclusion of the calendar? Approximately 15 Members are waiting for the consideration of the other bills which have previously been listed for consideration today. We expect that the consideration of those bills will take only a few minutes. After they are considered, it will be appropriate for the Senator from Oregon to submit his motion to reconsider.

Mr. MORSE. Very well; I shall wait. Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, is Senate bill 1550, Calendar No. 548, now before the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is, and, unless there is objection the committee amendments to the bill will be stated.

The amendments of the Committee on Public Works were, on page 1, line 4, after the word "a", to insert "free highway"; in line 9, after the name "Brunswick", to strike out "Dominion of"; and on page 2, line 5, after the word "authorities", to strike out "in the Dominion of Canada" and insert "of the Government of Canada"; so as to make the bill read,

Be it enacted, etc., That the State Highway Commission of the State of Maine is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the St. Croix River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between Calais, Maine, and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, in accordance with the provisions of the act entitled "An act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this act, and subject to the approval of the proper authorities of the Government of Canada.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Mr. CHAVEZ. Mr. President, the bill will merely permit the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, to construct a bridge. It will not cost the American people 1 penny.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendments be considered en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments will be considered en bloc.

The question is on agreeing to the committee amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill authorizing the State highway commission of the State of Maine to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the St. Croix River between Calais, Maine, and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada."

STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of Calendar No. 550, Senate bill 2237.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read by title, for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (S. 2237) to amend the act of May 26, 1949, to strengthen and improve the organization of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Texas for the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, the purpose of the bill is twofold. First, it will increase the number of top-level statutory positions in the Department of State by three officers at the level of Deputy Under Secretary of State. Second, it will authorize an increase in the salaries of the top-level officers, exclusive of the Secretary of State, namely, the Under Secretary of State, 3 Deputy Under Secretaries of State, 10 Assistant Secretaries of State, the Counselor, and the Legal Adviser.

The number of Assistant Secretaries of State will continue to be the same; and the pay level will be comparable to that in the Department of Justice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill (S. 2237) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 1 of the act of May 26, 1949 (63 Stat. 111; 5 U. S. C. 151 (a)), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"There shall be in the Department of State in addition to the Secretary of State an Under Secretary of State, 3 Deputy Under Secretaries of State, and 10 Assistant Secretaries of State."

Sec. 2. Section 2 of said act is hereby amended to read as follows: "The Secretary of State and the officers referred to in section 1 of this act, as amended, shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Counselor of the Department of State and the Legal Adviser, who are required to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall rank equally with the Assistant Secretaries of State. Any such officer holding office at the time the provisions of this act, as amended, become effective shall not be required to be reappointed by reason of the enactment of this act, as amended. The rates of basic

compensation of the Under Secretary of State shall be \$21,000 per annum, the Deputy Under Secretaries of State \$20,500 per annum, the Assistant Secretaries of State, the Counselor, and the Legal Adviser \$20,000 per annum."

Sec. 3. The President may initially fill 2 of the Deputy Under Secretary positions established in section 1 of this act by appointing, without further advice and consent of the Senate, the 2 Deputy Under Secretaries of State who, on the date of the enactment of this act, held that designation pursuant to authority contained in section 2 of the act of May 26, 1949 (63 Stat. 111).

REPEAL OF FEE-STAMP REQUIREMENT IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of Calendar No. 555, House bill 5841.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read by title, for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 5841) to repeal the fee-stamp requirement in the Foreign Service and amend section 1728 of the Revised Statutes as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Texas for the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, before action on the bill is completed, let me ask whether the bill should be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration?

Mr. MANSFIELD. No.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H. R. 5841) was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

REPEAL OF SERVICE CHARGE IN MAKING AND AUTHENTICATING RECORDS IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of Calendar No. 556, House bill 5842.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 5842) to repeal a service charge of 10 cents per sheet of 100 words, for making out and authenticating copies of records in the Department of State.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Texas for the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed at this point in the Record a brief excerpt from the report on the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt from the report (No. 551) was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

WHY THE BILL IS NECESSARY

Section 213 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 166; derived from an act of September 15, 1789) requires that for "making out and authenticating copies of records in the Department of State, a fee of 10 cents for each sheet containing 100 words shall be paid by the person requesting such copies, except where they are requested by an officer of the United States in a matter relating to his office."

H. R. 5842 will eliminate this requirement. The Department of State, which proposed this legislation, contends that the old statute is "obsolete, and its implementation is uneconomical in view of present administrative and accounting costs."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be submitted, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H. R. 5842), was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

CARRYING OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of Calendar No. 557, House bill 5860.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title, for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 5860) to authorize certain officers and employees of the Department of State and the Foreign Service to carry firearms.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the unanimous-consent request of the Senator from Texas?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, the purpose of the bill is to permit certain security officers to carry firearms when accompanying distinguished guests around the country.

I ask unanimous consent that a marked portion of the report on the bill be printed at this point in the Record.

There being no objection, the excerpt from the report (No. 552) was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

This bill authorizes security officers of the Department of State and the Foreign Service to carry firearms for the purpose of protecting (1) heads of foreign states, (2) high officials of foreign governments and other distinguished visitors to the United States, (3) the Secretary and Under Secretary of State, and (4) official representatives of foreign governments and of the United States attending international conferences or performing special missions. The Secretary of State may prescribe regulations and shall designate security officers who have qualified for the use of firearms for this purpose.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be submitted, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H. R. 5860) was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

BILL PASSED OVER

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, at this time I wish to have Calendar No. 538, Senate bill 1966, amending the Interstate Commerce Act, temporarily passed over, as one of our colleagues who is en route here desires to discuss it.

MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED PROJECT FOR FERRELLS BRIDGE RESERVOIR, TEX.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of Calendar No. 560, Senate Joint Resolution 77.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution will be stated by title, for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A joint resolution (S. J. Res. 77) to modify the authorized project for Ferrells Bridge Reservoir, Tex., and to provide for the local cash contribution for the water-supply feature of the reservoir.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the unanimous-consent request of the Senator from Texas for the present consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, this measure has been reported unanimously by the Committee on Public Works, of which the distinguished senior Senator from New Mexico (Mr. CHAVEZ) is chairman.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed at this point in the Record an excerpt from the report on the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt from the report (No. 55) was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to modify the general plan for flood control on Red River below Denison Dam, Tex. and Okla., to include an increase of approximately 250,000 acre-feet of storage for water-supply purposes in Ferrells Bridge Reservoir, and to provide that local interests contribute the appropriate increased costs, either on a percentage basis as construction of the project progresses, or in a lump sum as soon as reasonably certain date of completion can be made, but no later than at such time as may be determined by the Chief of Engineers that will assure orderly construction to proceed to completion without interruption or delay.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be proposed—

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, I should like to have an explanation made of the joint resolution.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, this joint resolution involves Ferrells Bridge Dam and Reservoir, in Texas. The dam was authorized some 10 years ago. It is a part of the Red River Basin Flood-Control project, which serves the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

After the project was authorized, Congress passed legislation permitting the communities to purchase water impounded by the dam.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, my memory is now refreshed, and I am satisfied.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution (S. J. Res. 77) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed as follows:

Resolved, That the general plan for flood control on Red River below Denison Dam authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1946 (Public Law 526, 79th Cong.) is hereby modified to include in Ferrells Bridge Reservoir approximately 250,000 acre-feet of increased storage for water supply: *Provided*, That local interests shall contribute the increased cost, including appropriate interest charges, of planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining such added storage as determined by the Chief of Engineers: *Provided further*, That this contribution may be made on a percentage basis as construction of the project progresses or in a lump sum as soon as a reasonably certain date of completion can be given: *And provided further*, That payment of such contribution, irrespective of the method selected, shall be made no later than at such time as may be determined by the Chief of Engineers that will assure orderly construction to proceed to completion without interruption or delay.

CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR A MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of Calendar No. 561, House bill 6410.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read by title, for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 6410) to authorize the construction of a building for a Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Institution, including the preparation of plans and specifications, and all other work incidental thereto.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Texas for the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed at this point in the Record a brief, marked portion of the report on the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt from the report (No. 556) was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize and direct the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan and to have constructed under the supervision of the Administrator of the General Services Administration, a building and all necessary appurtenances, for use by the Smithsonian Institution as a national museum of history and technology.

The bill authorizes the appropriation of such sums, not to exceed 36 million, as may be necessary to carry out the work of planning and constructing the building and appurtenances.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the