

accompanying papers, on reexamination of Sacramento and San Joaquin River system, with a view to construction of a fresh-water canal between Sacramento River and Suisun Bay, requested by resolution of the Committee on Flood Control, House of Representatives, adopted April 13, 1938; to the Committee on Flood Control.

1117. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a draft of a proposed bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to grant to the board of trustees, school district No. 20, Charleston County, S. C., a parcel of land situated in the city of Charleston, S. C.; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

1118. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a draft of a proposed bill to amend section 125 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916 (39 Stat. 216), as amended, so as to authorize citizens of foreign countries who are graduates of air corps advanced flying schools and air corps service schools to wear aviation badges; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

1119. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a draft of a proposed bill to amend the Canal Zone Code in relation to the control of marihuana; to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

1120. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of a proposed bill for the relief of B. H. Wilford; to the Committee on Claims.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. PACE: Committee on Agriculture. H. R. 5739. A bill amending the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1942, so as to provide for agricultural conservation program payments to farmers whose crops have been acquired under the national-defense program; without amendment (Rept. No. 1477). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BEITER: Committee on Labor. H. R. 5638. A bill to amend the Employment Stabilization Act of 1931; without amendment (Rept. No. 1478). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STEAGALL: Committee on Banking and Currency. H. R. 6182. A bill to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act as amended, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1479). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. H. R. 5893. A bill to amend section 5 of the act entitled "An act to establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes," approved March 16, 1926; without amendment (Rept. No. 1480). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. H. R. 6163. A bill to prohibit parking of vehicles upon public or private property in the District of Columbia without the consent of the owner of such property; without amendment (Rept. No. 1481). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BROOKS: Committee on Military Affairs. H. R. 4779. A bill to amend the Pay Readjustment Act of June 10, 1922, so as to equalize the rates of pay of commissioned officers of corresponding grade and length of service; without amendment (Rept. No. 1482). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. FULMER: Committee on Agriculture. H. R. 6120. A bill granting relief to certain agricultural producers in stricken areas who suffered crop failures in 1941 because of ad-

verse weather conditions, insect pests, or other uncontrollable natural causes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1483). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. H. R. 5881. A bill to provide full and fair disclosure of the character of charitable, benevolent, patriotic, or other solicitations in the District of Columbia; to provide for regulation and control within the District of Columbia of such solicitations; to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to administer and enforce the provisions of this act; to authorize appropriations therefor; and for other purposes; with amendment (Rept. No. 1484). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN: Committee on Agriculture. H. R. 4465. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Minnesota; with amendment (Rept. No. 1485). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. H. R. 6004. A bill to require parking facilities for the persons employed in Federal office buildings in the District of Columbia; with amendment (Rept. No. 1486). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. House Joint Resolution 248. Joint resolution to direct the Public Utilities Commission to make an investigation and survey to determine the feasibility of the construction of subways in the District of Columbia for both streetcars and vehicular traffic; with amendment (Rept. No. 1487). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RANDOLPH: Committee on the District of Columbia. H. R. 6003. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and of the uses of land in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1938; without amendment (Rept. No. 1488). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, report of committees was delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. McGEHEE: Committee on Claims. H. R. 1535. A bill for the relief of the estate of John J. Murray; with amendment (Rept. No. 1476). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. EDMISTON:  
H. R. 6181. A bill to extend eligibility for appointments to the West Point and Annapolis Academies to the sons of service-connected World War veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. STEAGALL:  
H. R. 6182. A bill to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. PLOESER:  
H. Res. 378. Resolution requesting the President and the Secretary of State to negotiate for the purchase of a part of the Dominion of Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CARTER:  
H. R. 6183. A bill for the relief of James Theodore Helm; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. HARRIS of Arkansas:  
H. R. 6184. A bill for the relief of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ball; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MARCANTONIO:  
H. R. 6185. A bill for the relief of Father Michael O'Reilly; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. WELCH:  
H. R. 6186. A bill for the relief of Frederick Rush; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GIFFORD:  
H. R. 6187. A bill for the relief of Henry Tachudy and family; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. HULL:  
H. R. 6188. A bill for the relief of Robert E. Dennis; to the Committee on Claims.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

2123. By Mr. CULKIN: Resolution of the National Grange favoring application of economic devices as best means for holding down inflationary tendencies and opposing arbitrary price fixing unless necessary. If price fixing becomes necessary demands that all groups be included, action be taken to prevent profiteering, standards be provided to assure equity, and that Congress retain control; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

2124. Also, resolution of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, approving House bill 5912, for relief of agricultural producers whose crops were reduced by reason of drought or other uncontrollable natural causes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

2125. By Mr. LAMBERTSON: Petition of the Carpenters Local Union, 1445, of the United Brotherhood of C. and J. J. of America, Topeka, Kans., requesting the immediate enactment of a just and adequate old-age pension law; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2126. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the General Welfare Federation, Pasadena, Calif., petitioning consideration of their resolution with reference to House bill 1410; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## SENATE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1941

The Very Reverend ZeBarney T. Phillips, D. D., Chaplain of the Senate, offered the following prayer:

O Thou blessed Christ, Companion of our days, Mediator of the Infinite God and the Creator of a new world of being which men may know if they follow Thee and in which Thy tender love is ever available to lonely and despairing souls: Help us to find in Thee a sustaining sense of justice which shall become a passion for the amelioration of the wrongs of men, as honor calls us to the defense of every sacred ideal of our beloved country.

Keep us fine and true in our individual and corporate lives, steadfast in purpose that we may endure with patience and calm determination every trial, discipline, and sacrifice through which we

may be called upon to pass, as we meet the exactions of these days out of which must emerge the future destiny of mankind.

Bless Thou the Congress with intuition and courage; strengthen our President with the strength of Thine own indwelling, and comfort him with the knowledge that today the loyalty of every citizen is pledged under his leadership to the service of the Nation as it undertakes its solemn task.

Do Thou have in Thy holy keeping those who have given their lives in the service of our country, and grant that in the new life they may serve Thee with clearer vision and greater joy. Assuage the anguish of those who are thus bereft, be Thou their Comforter and Friend, and bring them to a fuller knowledge of Thy love.

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walked 'st on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep,  
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

On request of Mr. BARKLEY, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, December 4, 1941, was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Swanson, one of its clerks, announced that the House had disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3019) to amend the act entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, storage, use, and possession in time of war of explosives, providing regulations for the safe manufacture, distribution, storage, use, and possession of the same, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 385); asked a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that Mr. SOMERS of New York, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, and Mr. ENGLEBRIGHT were appointed managers on the part of the House at the conference.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 6159. An act making supplemental appropriations for the national defense for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1942, and June 30, 1943, and for other purposes; and

H. J. Res. 251. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to receive for instruction at the United States Military Academy at West Point, Ananta Khittasangka, a citizen of Thailand.

The message further announced that the House had agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 61, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate, as follows:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 8th day of December 1941, at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving

such communications as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker had affixed his signature to the following enrolled bills, and they were signed by the Vice President:

S. 1060. An act to extend the 6 months' death gratuity benefits, now paid only to dependents of officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, to dependents of all officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Army of the United States who die in line of duty while in active military service of the United States; and

S. 1826. An act to permit seeing-eye dogs to enter Government buildings when accompanied by their blind masters, and for other purposes.

#### CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. HILL. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The Chief Clerk called the roll, and the following Senators answered to their names:

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| Aiken        | Gillette        | O'Mahoney     |
| Andrews      | Glass           | Overton       |
| Austin       | Green           | Pepper        |
| Bailey       | Guffey          | Radcliffe     |
| Ball         | Gurney          | Reed          |
| Bankhead     | Hatch           | Reynolds      |
| Farbour      | Herring         | Rosier        |
| Barkley      | Hill            | Russell       |
| Bridges      | Hughes          | Shipstead     |
| Brooks       | Johnson, Calif. | Smathers      |
| Brown        | Johnson, Colo.  | Smith         |
| Bulow        | Kilgore         | Stewart       |
| Bunker       | La Follette     | Taft          |
| Burton       | Langer          | Thomas, Okla. |
| Butler       | Lee             | Thomas, Utah  |
| Byrd         | Lodge           | Tobey         |
| Chandler     | Lucas           | Truman        |
| Chavez       | McFarland       | Tunnell       |
| Clark, Idaho | McKellar        | Tydings       |
| Clark, Mo.   | McNary          | Vandenberg    |
| Connally     | Maloney         | Van Nuys      |
| Danaher      | Maybank         | Wagner        |
| Davis        | Mead            | Walsh         |
| Downey       | Murdoch         | White         |
| Doxey        | Murray          | Wiley         |
| Ellender     | Norris          | Willis        |
| George       | Nye             |               |
| Gerry        | O'Daniel        |               |

Mr. HILL. I announce that the Senator from Washington [Mr. BONE] is absent from the Senate because of illness.

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. BILBO], the Senators from Arkansas [Mrs. CARAWAY and Mr. SPENCER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. HAYDEN], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. McCARRAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SCHWARTZ] and the Senator from Washington [Mr. WALLGREN] are detained on official business.

The Senator from Montana [Mr. WHEELER] is necessarily absent.

Mr. McNARY. I desire to make a brief announcement. My colleague the junior Senator from Oregon [Mr. HOLMAN] and the junior Senator from Washington [Mr. WALLGREN] are on their way to Washington and will be here this afternoon.

The Senator from Idaho [Mr. THOMAS] is detained at his home by a death in his family.

The Senator from Kansas [Mr. CAPPER] is on his way to Washington and will arrive later today or early tomorrow.

The Senator from Maine [Mr. BREWSTER] is on his way from Puerto Rico to attend the session.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Eighty-two Senators have answered to their names. A quorum is present.

#### JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, I ask that the concurrent resolution just received from the House of Representatives be laid before the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 61), which was read as follows:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 8th day of December 1941, at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving such communications as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

Mr. BARKLEY. I move that the Senate concur in the resolution.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is concurred in unanimously.

Mr. BARKLEY. I now move that the Senate proceed to the Hall of the House of Representatives, in compliance with the concurrent resolution just adopted.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.) the Senate, escorted by the Secretary and Sergeant at Arms and headed by the Vice President and President pro tempore, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

#### ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

The address delivered by the President of the United States to the joint meeting of the two Houses of Congress held this day is as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, 1 hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese Government also launched an attack against Malaya.