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May 16, 1934

Honorable Frederick Steiwer,
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Please be advised you have been appointed a member of the Subcommittee for the purpose of considering the provisions of the so-called "Indian Home Rule Bill", S. 2755.

I trust you may find it convenient to give this matter your immediate attention.

The Subcommittee will consist of the following members of the Committee, Senators Wheeler, Chairman, Steiwer and Thomas.

A copy of a redraft of this bill by Commissioner Collier is enclosed for your consideration.

Respectfully,

B.K. Wheeler

Encl.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1934.

Hon. Burton K. Wheeler, Chairman
Committee on Indian Affairs,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Wheeler:

The Secretary has received your letter of February 14
requesting a report on S. 2755,

To grant to Indians living under Federal tutelage the
freedom to organize for purposes of local self-
government and economic enterprise; to provide for the
necessary training of Indians in administrative and
economic affairs; to conserve and develop Indian lands;
and to promote the more effective administration of
justice in matters affecting Indian tribes and communi-
ties by establishing a Federal Court of Indian Affairs,

introduced by yourself.

A report will be submitted to your committee at the earliest
possible date.

Very truly yours,



Personal Assistant to the Secretary.

to across the Columbia River between Puget Island the mainland, Cathlamet, State of Washington.

On June 14, 1934:

870. An act for the relief of L. R. Smith;

1126. An act for the relief of M. M. Twichel;

1731. An act for the relief of Marion Von Bruning (nee ion Hubbard Treat);

2130. An act to authorize an appropriation for the purpose of land in Wyoming for use as rifle ranges for the y of the United States;

2918. An act for the relief of N. Lester Troast; and

3521. An act to facilitate purchases of forest lands er the act approved March 1, 1911.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. tigan, one of its clerks:

President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to request the Senate to return to the House the message announcing its agreement to the amendments of the bill (H.R. 6462) to stop injury to the public grazing lands by preventing overgrazing and soil deterioration, to provide for their orderly use, improvement, and development, to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon public range, and for other purposes.

The House has passed the bill (S. 3231) to provide a retirement system for railroad employees, to provide unemployment relief, and for other purposes, with an amendment; assists upon its amendment to the said bill, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the Houses thereon and has appointed Mr. Lea of California, Crosser of Ohio, Mr. Milligan, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. ce managers at the same on its part.

The House has passed the bill (S. 3645) to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to establish a credit em for Indians; to provide for higher education for Indians; to extend toward Indians the right to form business other organizations; and for other purposes, with amendments; it insists upon its amendments to the said and asks a conference with the Senate thereon and appointed Mr. Howard, Mr. Knute Hill, Mr. Ayers of atana, Mr. Gilchrist, and Mr. Collins of Mississippi managers at the same on its part.

The House has passed the following bill and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: H.R. 9826. An act granting the consent of Congress to the te Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across Eleven Points River in NW 1/2 sec. 31, T. 25 N., R. 3 W., 8 miles northeast of on, on route B, in Oregon County, Mo.;

(J.Res. 370. Joint resolution to protect the revenue by dlation of the traffic in containers of distilled spirits; and

(J.Res. 373. Joint resolution to protect the revenue by airing information concerning the disposition of substances used in the manufacture of distilled spirits.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The bill H.R. 9826, this day received from the House of representatives for concurrence, was read the first and ond times by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Ashurst in the chair) laid before the Senate the message this day received from the House Representatives, insisting upon its amendment to the bill (S. 3231) to provide a retirement system for railroad employees, to provide unemployment relief, and for other purposes, and asking a conference with the Senate thereon.

On motion by Mr. Dill,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of House of Representatives to the said bill, and agree to conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes he two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Presiding Officer; and

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Hatfield.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

PUBLIC GRAZING LANDS

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the message this day received from the House of Representatives requesting the return of the message announcing its agreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6462) to stop injury to the public grazing lands by preventing overgrazing and soil deterioration, to provide for their orderly use, improvement and development, to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon the public range, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. O'Mahoney, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the request of the House for the return of the said message be complied with.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LANDS AND RESOURCES

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the message this day received from the House of Representatives insisting upon its amendment to the text of the bill (S. 3645) to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to establish a credit system for Indians; to provide for higher education for Indians; to extend toward Indians the right to form business and other organizations; and for other purposes, together with the amendment to the title providing that the same read as follows: "An act to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes"; and asking a conference with the Senate thereon.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

The President pro tempore appointed Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Thomas of Oklahoma, and Mr. Frazier.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

DEFICIENCY AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H.R. 9830) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, and prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental general and emergency appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1934, and June 30, 1935, and for other purposes.

On the question of agreeing to the reported amendment on page 86, line 6, inserting after the word "That" the words not exceeding \$400,000,000 in the aggregate of,

After debate,

The reported amendment was amended on the motion of Mr. Byrnes.

On the question of agreeing to the reported amendment, as amended, viz, on page 86, line 6, after the word "That", insert the words not exceeding \$500,000,000 in the aggregate of,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, {Yeas----- 57
Nays----- 25

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Senators who voted in the affirmative are—

Adams, Austin, Bachman, Bailey, Bankhead, Barbour, Barkley, Borah, Brown, Bulkley, Bulow, Byrd, Byrnes, Capper, Caraway, Clark, Connally, Coolidge, Couzens, Dickin-