

By Mr. WEEKS:

A bill (S. 5442) for the relief of the owner of the steam lighter *Cornelia* (with accompanying papers); and

A bill (S. 5443) for the relief of the owners of the schooner *Horatio G. Foss*; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. POINDEXTER:

A bill (S. 5444) granting an increase of pension to William H. H. Watkins; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SPENCER:

A bill (S. 5445) granting a pension to John H. Helser; and
A bill (S. 5446) granting a pension to Julius Cohn; to the Committee on Pensions.

AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Mr. LODGE submitted an amendment authorizing certain persons formerly connected with the American Embassy at Berlin to accept pieces of plate presented to them by the British Government, etc., intended to be proposed by him to the Diplomatic and Consular appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES of Washington submitted an amendment proposing to appropriate \$50,000,000 to resume and prosecute work on projects and units thereof under the reclamation act stopped during the war, etc., intended to be proposed by him to the sundry civil appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOSES submitted an amendment relative to clerks and messengers to Senate committees, intended to be proposed by him to the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McNARY submitted an amendment relative to the establishment of a home or homes for aged and infirm colored people and working girls in the District of Columbia, intended to be proposed by him to the District of Columbia appropriation bill, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. CALDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the river and harbor appropriation bill, which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the river and harbor appropriation bill, which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

VALIDATION OF WAR CONTRACTS.

Mr. POMERENE. Mr. President, the bill (H. R. 13274) to provide relief where formal contracts have not been made in the manner required by law, was on Friday last made the unfinished business and is to be considered. The purpose of that bill is to validate certain informal contracts, and I have an amendment which I intend to propose to it which looks more particularly to the protection of subcontractors. I ask that the amendment may be printed in the Record and lie on the table.

There being no objection, the amendment was ordered to lie on the table and be printed in the Record, as follows:

Insert the following:

Whenever, under the provisions of this act, the Secretary of War shall make an award to any prime contractor who shall have sublet any part of said contract for material, equipment, or supplies to any other person, firm, or corporation who has in good faith made expenditures, incurred obligations, rendered service, or furnished material, equipment, or supplies to any prime contractor, with the knowledge and approval of any agent of the Secretary of War duly authorized thereunto, the Secretary of War shall apportion the amount of said award justly due to each of the subcontractors of said prime contractors. Before payment of said award the Secretary of War shall require any prime contractor to present satisfactory evidence of having paid said subcontractors or of the consent of said subcontractors to look for their compensation to said prime contractor only; and in the case of the failure of said prime contractor to present such evidence or such consent, the Secretary of War shall pay directly to said subcontractors the amount found to be due under said award; and in case of the insolvency of any prime contractor the subcontractor of said prime contractor shall have a lien upon the funds arising from said award prior and superior to the lien of any general creditors of said prime contractor.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF CABLES.

Mr. WATSON submitted the following resolution (S. Res. 429), which was read and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to investigate the assumption by the Government of the supervision, possession, control, or operation of any or all of the telegraph, telephone, and marine cable systems; the reasons for such assumption; the financial results of governmental operation, and the effects of Government control on the efficiency of such systems, and report to the Senate of the United States its findings and conclusions thereon.

Such committee is authorized to subpoena witnesses and documents, administer oaths, and to do all acts and things necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this resolution.

Mr. KELLOGG. Mr. President, on January 2 I submitted a resolution for the investigation of telegraphs, telephones, and cables, but it embodies a great deal more than the resolution which has just been submitted by the Senator from Indiana [Mr. WATSON]. The resolution introduced by me has been lying on the table, and I ask that it be referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it will be so ordered.

AGNES KELLEY.

Mr. THOMPSON. On behalf of the senior Senator from Maryland [Mr. SMITH], who is necessarily absent from the Senate because of an injury as the result of an accident, I submit the resolution which I send to the desk, and ask that it be read and referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.

The resolution (S. Res. 427) was read and referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to pay from the miscellaneous items of the contingent fund of the Senate to Agnes Kelley, widow of John N. Kelley, late a laborer in the employ of the Senate under supervision of the Sergeant at Arms, a sum equal to six months' compensation at the rate he was receiving by law at the time of his death, said sum to be considered as including funeral expenses and all other allowances.

COMPLAINT OF E. L. RICE.

Mr. KING submitted the following resolution (S. Res. 428), which was read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to the Senate the report of the Inspector General made to the Secretary of War, on or about October 1, 1918, in the matter of the complaint of E. L. Rice with respect to Lieut. Col. Robert A. Milliken, Col. C. H. Hilton, and Lieut. D. L. Webster, and others.

TRIALS BY COURTS-MARTIAL.

Mr. BORAH. I offer a Senate resolution, and I ask unanimous consent that it be immediately considered.

Mr. PENROSE. Let the resolution be read for information. The VICE PRESIDENT. The Secretary will read the resolution.

The Secretary read the resolution (S. Res. 426), as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to send to the Senate the number of individuals who have been tried and convicted by court-martial proceedings since our entrance into the war, April 6, 1917, together with a brief statement of the offense charged and the nature and extent of the punishment inflicted upon or assessed against each.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to.

LIFE-SAVING DEVICES.

Mr. JONES of Washington. I submit a Senate resolution, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Secretary will read the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 425) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Commerce be, and he is hereby, directed to report to the Senate whether or not Title LII, Revised Statutes, for the regulation of steam vessels, as amended and supplemented, is being enforced as respects life-saving devices, designating the character of such devices, if any, as are not being required for such vessels, and why not so required; and whether or not the steam cargo and passenger vessels owned, operated, or controlled by the United States Shipping Board and by the Emergency Fleet Corporation are equipped with the life-saving devices described in that title, as amended and supplemented, and why they are not so equipped, if that be the case.

PROMOTIONS IN THE ARMY.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, on the 30th of December last I submitted a resolution seeking certain information relative to the granting of commissions after the signing of the armistice to enlisted men who had been recommended for commissions prior to the signing of the armistice. Subsequently this resolution was adopted. The Secretary of War, responding to the resolution, has transmitted a report to the President of the Senate. I ask that it may be printed in the Record.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, one of my colleagues suggests that it be read. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Secretary will read the report.