

Dispute Over \$86 Million Snags Congress Adjournment

Senate Due to Double Flood Control Fund; Indiana Share Raised

Fall Creek Project in Indianapolis, Reservoir Near Spencer Are Biggest Hoozier Additions

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WASHINGTON, July 22.—Congressional plans to adjourn this week end faced their biggest threat today in senate-house differences over government spending.

The sharpest division came on the agriculture department appropriation bill. Senate and house conferees were \$86 million apart. The bill was sent back into conference to fight for an increase in the house-approved bill. The disputed funds covered soil conservation, meat inspection, tenant loans and the school lunch program.

Another stumbling block to adjournment may arise over the war department civil functions bill. The senate appropriations committee reportedly was ready to give speedy approval to a measure providing \$229,900,000 for general flood control projects—twice as much as the house has recommended. Other items in the senate bill were correspondingly higher than in the house version. The differences will have to be resolved in conference.

The flood control funds were recommended by an appropriations subcommittee headed by Senator Chan Gurney (R. S. D.).

The funds for the Ohio river basin include \$3,684,000 for Indiana projects. This is about \$3 million more than was provided in the house bill for Indiana.

Both house and senate are agreed on flood control work at New Albany, Ind., costing an estimated \$400,000.

The senate committee, however, added numerous other projects—\$750,000 for a project on Fall creek at Indianapolis; \$1 million for the Cagles Mill reservoir on Eel river near Spencer; \$600,000 for Cannelton; \$65,000 for Delphi; \$205,000 for Jeffersonville and Clarksville; \$300,000 for the McGinnis levee, and \$300,000 for the Shumfleberger levee, both of the latter on the Ohio.

Even the Senate figures, however, were below the requests of army engineers transmitted to Congress by President Truman. The army asked \$1 million each for the Fall creek and Cannelton projects, \$600,000 for the New Albany project and \$300,000 for levee project No. 5 on the Ohio.

Senate Seeks Method Of Avoiding Impasse

Republican leaders pondered whether to risk a Democratic filibuster to get a vote on a G. O. P.-sponsored resolution to investigate the Justice department's conduct in the Kansas City vote fraud case.

The Senate Republican policy committee named a three-man subcommittee to decide on a course of action. Senator James P. Kem, sponsor of the resolution, urged that adjournment be postponed if necessary to allow time for action. Republican leaders were generally opposed to such a move.

All Hoosiers In House Vote for Poll Tax Ban

Although all nine Indiana Republicans voted for the poll-tax repeal bill, which passed the house 290-112, the sole active Democrat from the state, Rep. Ray Madden of Gary, took the house floor to urge its adoption.

Majority Leader Charles A. Hallock (R. Ind.) answered a question regarding statements attributed to him and Rep. Gerald Landis (R. Ind.) that the poll tax repealer would be passed mainly in revenge for southern Democrats voting against tax cuts.

"I say unequivocally and definitely that this is not a move in retaliation against anyone from the south," Mr. Hallock replied.

Mr. Madden said the anti-poll tax legislation was highly necessary at this time because it will give the franchise to almost 16 million citizens of our country of all races.

Declares All Russians In U. S. Are 'Spies'

Victor Kravchenko, once a Soviet purchasing agent in this country, told the house un-American activities committee today that "every responsible representative of the Soviet Union in the United States may be regarded as economical or political spies."

Mr. Kravchenko, who served on a Soviet purchasing committee in this country, later broke with the Russians over Communist policies and

wrote a best-selling book, "I Chose Freedom."

He said that he knew of at least two instances in which official Russian visitors had collected confidential American military secrets.

Harness Takes Credit For Army Payroll Cut

Chairman Forrest A. Harness (R. Ind.) of the \$25,000 house subcommittee on publicity and propaganda in executive departments, took credit for driving civilians from the war department payroll who were "lobbying" for universal military training.

In a second report to the house, Mr. Harness named Alan Coutts and Mrs. Arthur Woods as no longer employed by the war department to boost UMT. This resulted directly from his subcommittee hearings, Mr. Harness indicated.

Tells How Eisler Ruled U. S. Reds

WASHINGTON, July 22 (U. P.)—A Detroit salesman told a federal court today he was thrown out of the Communist party in 1934 a month after Gerhart Eisler told him to support the party line, or else.

The witness, Joseph Zack Kornfeld, was Cleveland district leader for the Communist party.

He described a clandestine meeting with Eisler in a New York paper in August, 1934. He said Eisler, described by the FBI as the pre-war director of Communist undercover work in this country, ordered him to support the party line or be expelled.

He said he told Eisler he had a right to talk as he saw fit.

"A month later I was expelled," Mr. Kornfeld said.

Mr. Kornfeld testified at Eisler's trial on charges of making false statements concerning his Communist affiliations in a passport application.

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