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Congress—

# Rankin Would Give Veterans Pensions At 65

Hopes for House Vote Next Week  
On Proposed \$90-a-Month Payment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP) — Chairman John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) of the House Veterans Committee hoped today to bring his sweeping new veterans pension bill to a House vote next week.

Mr. Rankin said he plans to ask Speaker Sam Rayburn to recognize him Monday under a special procedure that would allow him to bring the legislation to the floor immediately. If Mr. Rayburn refuses, he will ask the rules committee to bring up the bill in the regular way.

Under the measure, veterans of World Wars I and II would be entitled to pensions of \$30 monthly upon reaching the age of 65. The Veterans Administration estimates that the bill would cost the government \$125,900,000 the first year of its operation, with the cost growing each year thereafter.

Rep. John W. Byrnes (R. Wis.) branded the bill as "dishonest" and an "invitation to national insolvency." Many Democrats and Republicans applauded his attack.

Mr. Rankin's committee approved the bill yesterday after seven members had walked out of the stormy session in protest against the chairman's "dictator tactics."

Taken by Surprise  
Mr. Rayburn reportedly is opposed to the bill on the grounds that the new federal budget cannot support additional veterans' benefits. Some Congressmen said the Democratic leader had planned to talk to committee men about the legislation, but that he was taken by surprise by Mr. Rankin's swift action at yesterday's meeting.

Mr. Rankin is confident that, if brought to a vote, the bill will pass overwhelmingly. Congressmen traditionally have been reluctant to vote against legislation extending veterans benefits.

Elsewhere in Congress:

**Anti-Inflation**  
SIXTEEN economists could not agree today whether the country is heading for more inflation or a bust. They expressed various shades of optimism and pessimism during a roundtable discussion with the Joint Congressional Economic Committee.

Few of them, however, foresaw any immediate economic collapse. The discussions came as Republicans and some Democrats gave a cool reception to the modified wage-price controls proposed in President Truman's new anti-inflation legislation.

**Labor**

SEN. Forrest C. Donnell (R. Mo.) asserted today that the government must have injunction powers to protect the country against strikes that threaten health and safety. AFL President William Green retorted that injunctions "won't work" and will not dig coal.

Mr. Green, who spent all of yesterday before the Senate Labor Committee, returned today for more questioning about the AFL stand on labor legislation.

**Social Security**

THE ADMINISTRATION is drafting new social security legislation which would extend federal financing aid to all needy persons regardless of their age. Under present law, the federal government contributes only to the needy over 65 years old, to the blind and to dependent children. It makes no contribution to general relief.

**Wage-Hour**

PRESIDENT Truman conferred with the Democratic congressional "big four" today on his request for a higher minimum wage. But even as he conferred, some House Democratic leaders were writing off the bill, as now drawn, as dead. Mr. Truman wants his present minimum wage of 40 cents an hour boosted to 75 cents.

**China**

FIFTY-ONE Republican House members called on President

## Hoosiers Tell Of Rankin's Steamroller

Pension Bill Shoved Through Committee, Indiana Members Say

Times Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — Both Indiana members of the House Veterans Committee were present when the pension bill for all veterans of World Wars I and II was voted out of committee.

Rep. James E. Noland, Bloomington Democrat, declined to say how he voted. Rep. Cecil M. Harden, Covington Republican, said she voted to report the bill. Each was critical of the "arbitrary" actions of Chairman John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) author of the measure.

His demand for an "aye" or "no" vote without debate in the secret session of the committee caused six Democratic committee men to bolt the meeting.

Preferred to Stay

A MOVE to curb Senate filibusters appeared today to have little chance of success, at least as far as the present session is concerned. Sen. William F. Knowland (R. Cal.) said, however, that he is ready "to resist any move to sidetrack the issue." Southern Democrats are preparing to filibuster indefinitely against the proposed rule change.

**Filibusters**

LEGISLATION to construct the St. Lawrence power and seaway project has been introduced in the House by Reps. John Blatnik (D. Minn.) and Andrew J. Biemler (D. Wis.). The measure, which has been fought over in Congress for two decades, would authorize work to open the St. Lawrence River to deep sea vessels.

**A-Bomb**

REP. Melvin Price (D. Ill.) today accused military leaders of trying to suppress information about the atomic bomb. In a speech prepared for delivery on the House floor, Mr. Price recommended that Congress force the joint chiefs of staff to release its report on the Bikini A-bomb tests.

**Appropriations**

HOUSE Republicans today appeared to be fighting a losing battle over controversial items in a \$466,821,171 emergency appropriation bill. They lost the first round late yesterday when Democrats defeated, 122 to 78, a GOP proposal to knock out \$224,500 to modernize the House chamber and repair its 90-year-old roof. The Republicans wanted to eliminate at least two other disputed items from the bill.

**Air Power**

SPEAKER Sam Rayburn said many Congressmen are "pretty blue" about the high cost of air power. He and other top Democratic congressional leaders conferred with President Truman about the pros and cons of a 70-group Air Force. The President provided for 48 in his budget.

**New Job**

THE HOUSE Armed Services Committee voted to give Defense Secretary James Forrestal an undersecretary. Mr. Forrestal said he needed help because he is snowed under with work.

**Senate Opposes**

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