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[CHAPTER 167—2D SESSION]

[H. J. Res. 355]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making appropriations for foreign aid, welfare of Indians, and refunding internal-revenue collections.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes, namely:

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN AID

Foreign aid: For an additional amount for "Foreign aid", \$55,000,000, to be applicable to Austria, France, and Italy: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 15 of the Foreign Aid Act of 1947 (Public Law 389, Eightieth Congress), all funds appropriated for the purposes of such Act shall remain available for obligation for the procurement of commodities for a period of thirty days following the date of enactment of this Act.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Welfare of Indians: For an additional amount for "Welfare of Indians", \$125,000.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Refunding internal-revenue collections: For an additional amount for "Refunding internal-revenue collections", \$500,000,000.

Approved March 31, 1948.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN AID, WELFARE OF INDIANS, AND TAX RETURNS

MARCH 22, 1948.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH, from the Committee on Appropriations, sub-
mitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 355]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the House Joint Resolution 355, making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes, reports the same to the House with the recommendation that the joint resolution be passed.

The estimates upon which the resolution is based are contained in House Documents 502, 565, and 572.

FOREIGN AID

This item, \$55,000,000, for aid to Austria, France, and Italy, is authorized by Public Law 389 of the Eightieth Congress. For these purposes, a total of \$597,000,000 was authorized and of that amount \$522,000,000 was appropriated in the third supplemental appropriation bill signed by the President on December 23, 1947. The State Department advises that it is necessary to appropriate the additional amount of \$55,000,000 in order to meet urgent needs between the date when the appropriation of \$522,000,000 will have been exhausted, about March 25, and the date when funds will become available under the European recovery program bill. The committee is also informed by the State Department that the amount of \$55,000,000, appropriated in the accompanying resolution, will be offset by reduction in funds to be made available under the European recovery program bill.

WELFARE OF INDIANS

The extraordinarily severe weather during this winter has made unanticipated inroads on funds available for relief of needy Indians. There are now a number of extremely acute situations for which funds are urgently required. The committee has received a budget estimate of \$125,000 for this purpose and is convinced that if real suffering, and possibly outright starvation, is to be avoided, the sum must be appropriated immediately.

REFUNDS OF INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS

For the fiscal year 1948 an appropriation of \$1,231,000,000 was made for refunds of overpayment of taxes. Expenditures to December 31 total \$404,000,000 and as of March 11, \$697,000,000 had been disbursed or scheduled to the disbursing offices for payment since December 31, making a total for the year as of that date of \$1,101,000,000. Claims in the amount of \$107,000,000 were scheduled to the 26 disbursing offices in the field during the week ending March 11. If that rate continued, \$21,000,000 per day, enough claims would have been scheduled to the disbursing offices by the close of business on March 19 to exhaust the entire appropriation. Departmental officials state that the rate is increasing, inasmuch as during the week ending March 4 claims to the amount of \$91,000,000 were processed. There is a several days' lag between the scheduling and the actual issuance of checks by disbursing officers and it appears that the entire fund will have been expended before the end of March.

The committee has under consideration a deficiency estimate of \$800,000,000. The rate of expenditure has increased rapidly during recent weeks and is in excess of the rate for comparable periods in previous years so that it is not now possible for the committee to determine just what amount may be required. Therefore the committee recommends an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to meet immediate needs. The whole problem will be studied in connection with the general deficiency bill to be reported to the House within a short time. Now that all tax returns for 1947 have been filed, current data can be developed very soon and the committee should be in a position to estimate accurately requirements for the remainder of the year.



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SENATE

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN AID, WELFARE OF INDIANS, AND TAX REFUNDS

MARCH 25 (legislative day, MARCH 15), 1948.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. BRIDGES, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 355]

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 355) making appropriations for foreign aid, welfare of Indians, and refunding internal-revenue collections, reports the same to the Senate without amendment with the recommendation that the joint resolution be passed.

The estimates upon which the resolution is based are contained in House Document Nos. 502, 565, and 572.

FOREIGN AID

The committee approves the item of \$55,000,000 for aid to Austria, France, and Italy as authorized by Public Law 389, of the Eightieth Congress. The total authorization for this purpose is \$597,000,000 and of that amount \$522,000,000 was appropriated in the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act for 1948, approved December 23, 1947. This additional appropriation is needed to meet urgent requirements between the date when the appropriation of \$522,000,000 will have been exhausted and the date when funds will become available under the European recovery program bill. It is understood that the amount of \$55,000,000 herein appropriated will be offset by reduction in funds to be made available upon enactment of the European recovery program legislation.

REFUNDS OF INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS

The Congress appropriated \$1,231,000,000 for refunding internal-revenue collections in the fiscal year 1948. Of this amount, \$1,223,239,000 had been disbursed or scheduled for payment by disbursing officers through March 17, 1948. Bureau officials advised the rate

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of claims now being scheduled is approximately \$27,000,000 per day and that the \$500,000,000 provided in the joint resolution will be sufficient to meet expenditures until at least May 1. The committee therefore approves the amount of \$500,000,000 to meet the immediate needs of the department.

WELFARE OF INDIANS

The committee approves the item of \$125,000 for "Welfare of Indians" contained in the resolution as passed the House. This item is covered by a Budget estimate, and the purpose of the appropriation is to provide urgent and needed relief for destitute Indians, particularly in North and South Dakota. The unusually severe weather conditions prevailing in certain sections of the country have resulted in unanticipated inroads on funds available for relief of needy Indians and this additional amount is urgently required at this time.



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