

## TAX ON CHILD LABOR (S. DOC. NO. 364).

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a letter from the Secretary of Labor, submitting an estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$184,160 to carry out the provisions of that portion of the revenue bill now in conference which relates to the tax on the employment of child labor, which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

## COST OF THE WAR (S. DOC. NO. 363).

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, in response to a resolution of December 15, 1918, a report giving full information and findings, as far as the Department of Agriculture is concerned, relative to the cost of the war with Germany and Austria, which, with the accompanying paper, was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

## WASHINGTON &amp; OLD DOMINION RAILWAY.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the annual report of the Washington & Old Dominion Railway for the year ended December 31, 1918, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

## NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate resolutions adopted by the Legislatures of the States of California, Iowa, Tennessee, and New Mexico, ratifying the proposed prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which will be placed on the files of the Senate.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 13274) to provide relief where formal contracts have not been made in the manner required by law, asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and had appointed Mr. DENT, Mr. FIELDS, and Mr. KAHN managers at the conference on the part of the House.

## ENROLLED BILL SIGNED.

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 12001) to amend an act entitled "An act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3, 1911, and it was thereupon signed by the Vice President.

## VALIDATION OF WAR CONTRACTS.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the action of the House of Representatives, disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 13274) to provide relief where formal contracts have not been made in the manner required by law and requesting a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. I move that the Senate insist upon its amendments and agree to the conference asked for by the House, the conferees on the part of the Senate to be appointed by the Chair.

The motion was agreed to, and the Vice President appointed Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARREN, and Mr. KNOX conferees on the part of the Senate.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alabama, petitioning Congress to retain the established school of training in the use of small arms and tanks at Fort Benning, in the State of Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

MONTGOMERY, ALA., January 30, 1919.

The PRESIDING OFFICER,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.:

I, Fred H. Gormley, clerk of the House of Representatives of Alabama, do hereby certify that the following resolution has passed both houses and that the same has been signed by the proper officers. Copy of resolution H. J. Res. No. 23, by Mr. Waddell, memorializing Congress to retain the school of training in the use of small arms and tanks at Fort Benning, in the State of Georgia:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alabama (the Senate concurring), That the Congress of the United States of America is hereby respectfully petitioned and memorialized to retain the established school of training in the use of small arms and tanks at Fort Benning, in the State of Georgia, and that a copy of this joint resolution be forwarded to each the Vice President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator from the State of Alabama, to each Senator from the State of Georgia, and to each Representative in the Congress from the State of Alabama and from the State of Georgia."

FRED H. GORMLEY,  
Clerk, House of Representatives.

Mr. MCKELLAR. I present a number of memorials from public bodies in Tennessee and two or three telegrams on the subject of turning back the telegraph and telephone to private ownership, which I ask may be printed in the RECORD without reading.

There being no objection, the memorials and telegrams were ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

MEMPHIS, TENN., January 30, 1919.

Senator K. D. MCKELLAR,  
Washington, D. C.:

We, the undersigned business men of Memphis, earnestly request that you use your efforts toward turning the telegraph and telephone back to private ownership immediately.

Chappell Harris, A. R. Hudson, Wells & Gustafson, J. A. Evans, Jr., W. J. Britton, W. M. King, B. F. Powell, W. W. Barbour, G. K. Eckert, Leroy Cooper, B. P. Snyder, H. F. Arnold, W. R. Bond, F. D. Farabee, W. T. Cole, Irwin Leatherman Cotton Co., M. Mass, W. O. Pharr, M. Lowenthal, Thomas A. Goodwin, Gwynne Yenger, F. L. Page, W. A. Jones, Jr., A. J. Warwick, W. L. Oates, E. C. Sledge, Geo. W. Pease, J. A. Gorman, Tom P. Beane, J. A. Sprolec, W. P. Maury, C. W. Loeb, C. H. Fried, W. A. May, W. M. Robinson, Jas. S. Patteson & Co., J. A. Brown, L. D. Falls, J. S. Williams, T. W. Carter, H. B. Weisiger, J. S. Dinsman, A. H. Campbell, Leo G. Carter, Geo. Williamson, A. A. Adams, Wm. Rhett, Fern Wood Mitchell, L. Eustis, C. L. Wilkinson, John A. Rawson, Ed Frohlich, J. A. Evans, J. W. Falls, T. H. Morris, W. H. Raney, W. D. Mallory, Louis M. Browne, John D. Massey, J. B. Hurt, J. F. Mathis Co., Porter Weaver & Co., J. H. Farrar & Co., G. E. Reid, J. F. Maury, H. B. Albro, J. S. Finley, R. P. Fargason, W. M. Drake, S. B. Wilson, F. A. Gaston, Shepard & Gluck, W. E. Richmond, manager, G. M. Schloss, J. P. McGhee, C. P. Twiford, V. M. Crooker.

JACKSON, TENN.

Whereas the extraordinary problems produced by the war and the coming reconstruction period render it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the owners of the great wire systems now under Federal control to successfully resume the operation of the same without remedial legislation and the provision of some reasonable period in which to allow for the necessary preparation and readjustment; and Whereas to properly consider these problems will require more time than is available during the present short session of Congress; and Whereas unless some action is taken at this time the properties will be returned to the owners upon proclamation by the President of the ratification of peace treaties, without any advance notice and without any period for readjustment; and Whereas this would clearly be a manifest injustice to the owners thereof and a menace to the business interests of the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this organization, the Jackson Association of Commerce, go on record as favoring the enactment by Congress of some law which will continue the control and operation of such utilities by the Government until Congress shall have studied the question and determined upon a proper and safe procedure to be thereafter followed.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Senators of this State and to the Representative of this district.

THE JACKSON ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE,  
A. J. MCGHEE, Secretary.

WINCHESTER, TENN.

Whereas the extraordinary problems produced by the war and the coming reconstruction period render it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the owners of the great wire systems now under Federal control to successfully resume the operation of the same without remedial legislation and the provision of some reasonable period in which to allow for the necessary preparation and readjustment; and Whereas to properly consider these problems will require more time than is available during the present short session of Congress; and Whereas unless some action is taken at this time the properties will be returned to the owners upon the proclamation by the President of the ratification of peace treaties, without any advance notice and without any period for readjustment; and Whereas this would clearly be a manifest injustice to the owners thereof and a menace to the business interests of the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this organization, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce, go on record as favoring the enactment by Congress of some law which will continue the control and operation of such utilities by the Government until Congress shall have studied the question and determined upon a proper and safe procedure to be thereafter followed.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Senators of this State and to the Representative of this district.

F. B. ALEXANDER, President.  
T. A. EMBRY, Secretary.

COMMUNITY CLUB,  
Gallatin, Tenn.

Whereas the great wire systems now under Federal control will be returned to the owners upon the proclamation of the President of the ratification of the peace treaties: and

Whereas sufficient time is not available during the present short session of Congress for the proper consideration and solution of this great question as to what is the best course to take; and

Whereas it would clearly be a manifest injustice to the public, the employees, and to the owners, as well as a menace to the business interests of the country, without some remedial legislation and the provision of some reasonable period in which to allow the study and careful consideration by Congress of a matter of such great importance and to make necessary arrangements and preparation for the readjustments that are sure to come in the proper settlement of this question: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the board of directors of the Community Club, of Gallatin, Tenn., go on record as favoring the enactment of some law by the present Congress which will continue the control and operation of