

FINIS J. GARRETT, and others, when I shall have the privilege and the opportunity of doing my share toward coming to the aid and the help of the next Speaker of the House, Mr. GILLET. [Applause.] I shall do it willingly and ungrudgingly. I have known and admired Mr. GILLET for many years. [Applause.] And no bitterness of a contest shall be allowed to linger in my heart. [Applause.]

We are about to separate, some of us not to come back here. This is the greatest family gathering in the United States or in the world. There is no other parliamentary body like it. There is no other parliamentary body in the world where the members come so nearly standing on an equal footing as in our own House of Representatives, where these affections are born. [Applause.] As we separate we remember each other, and these boys who go out will still have lingering in their memory their achievements here and the recollections of what has been done here, the fond friendships which they have formed here, and they all take with them our blessing and our Godspeed.

I again express to you all my deepest appreciation of this kindest remembrance which you have given, for Mrs. Mann and me to carry with us to the end of our lives. [Prolonged applause.]

AFTER THE RECESS.

The recess having expired, the House resumed its session.

Mr. BARNHART. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the remarks just made by the gentleman from Illinois be inserted in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Indiana asks unanimous consent that the remarks just made by the gentleman from Illinois be inserted in the RECORD. They will be printed with the other speeches delivered during the recess.

The Clerk will report the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee.

The Clerk read as follows:

Add the following: "That there shall also be paid out of the contingent fund of the House to the officers and employees of the House of Representatives borne on the annual and session rolls on the 1st day of February, 1919, including the Capitol police and W. A. Smith, CONGRESSIONAL RECORD clerk, for extra services during the Sixty-fifth Congress, a sum equal to one month's pay at the compensation then paid them by law."

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I reserve a point of order to that.

Mr. HASTINGS. I make the point of order on the amendment.

Mr. WALSH. I withdraw my reservation of the point of order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Oklahoma makes the point of order against the amendment, and the point of order is sustained. The rule is, and has been for a long time, that if only one person is provided for in the resolution an amendment adding another is not in order. If there had been more than one in the first proposition, you could add others. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken, and the resolution was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sharkey, one of his secretaries, who also informed the House of Representatives that the President had approved and signed bills and joint resolution of the following titles:

On March 2, 1919:

H. R. 5999. An act for the establishment of Gulfport, Miss., as a port of entry and delivery for immediate transportation without appraisement of dutiable merchandise;

H. R. 13274. An act to provide relief in cases of contracts connected with the prosecution of the war and for other purposes; and

H. R. 13462. An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

On March 3, 1919:

H. J. Res. 358. Joint resolution authorizing and directing the payment of the usual compensation of Representatives in Congress to those Members of the House who have been discharged from their military or naval duties;

H. R. 15495. An act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of a commission to standardize screw threads;

H. R. 12211. An act granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and certain soldiers and sailors of wars other than the Civil War, and to widows of such soldiers and sailors; and

S. 4723. An act granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy, and of wars other than the Civil War, and to certain widows and dependent relatives of such soldiers and sailors.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Young, one of its Clerks, announced that the Senate had agreed to the reports of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to bills of the following titles:

H. R. 14516. An act making appropriations for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920; and

H. R. 15462. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 3797) validating certain applications for and entries of public lands, and for other purposes.

WILLIS J. DAVIS.

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following privileged resolution from the Committee on Accounts. (H. Rept. No. 1184.)

The Clerk read as follows:

House resolution 606.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the House, until otherwise provided for, extra compensation to Willis J. Davis for extra work performed as clerk to the Committee on Water Power, at the rate of \$150 per month from and after January 21, 1918, the date when he began the discharge of such work.

With the following committee amendment:

Amend the resolution to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the House \$1,000 to Willis J. Davis for services performed as clerk to the Committee on Water Power from January 21, 1918, the date when he began the discharge of such work."

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 10 minutes to the gentleman from New York [Mr. SANFORD].

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, this is another one of those cases where one is compelled reluctantly to say no where one would be glad to say yes. I have made up my mind that in this last effort I make on the Accounts Committee I shall content myself with stating the facts concerning this resolution, and if the House, with the facts before it, is willing to take the responsibility, even in so small a matter as this, I am not.

The circumstances of this resolution are these: It provides for the extra payment to the amount of \$1,000 for the services, well performed, by Mr. Davis for the Committee on Water Power since January 21, 1918.

I desire to inform the House, first, that Mr. Davis is a competent, intelligent employee and has rendered this service, I am told, in a very efficient and intelligent fashion. But you should bear in mind that the extra compensation provided to be given is given to a man who since October, 1917, has had compensation as clerk at the rate of \$300 per month for services supposed to have been rendered for the Joint Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The Committee on Accounts asked him if he has had any duties to perform in return for the \$300 a month, and he stated to the committee that last year there were no duties to perform, and he resigned his office.

But the Joint Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce persuaded him to remain as clerk, in spite of the fact that he has no duties to perform. That is the whole story. Is the House of Representatives going to give to a man who is clerk at \$300 per month, added or extra compensation of \$1,000 because he is asked to perform, and is willing to perform, some duties for another committee? To be sure when we created the Water Power Committee we authorized that committee to hire a clerk, which they never did; exercising their own judgment, they took a clerk already on the rolls with nothing to do at \$300 per month. The argument now is that because he did something he did not have to do he should get something for it. My answer is that because he was getting money for doing nothing, he should not be paid extra money for doing something—and this in spite of the fact that the things he did he did well.

Mr. BLANTON. Mr. Speaker, is it in order to move to table this motion?

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I do not yield. This resolution is reported from the Committee on Accounts. As has already been stated by the gentleman from New York [Mr. SANFORD], Mr. Davis is acknowledged to be one of the best and most expert men along this line that is to be had. More than a year ago this joint committee was formed, consisting of five men from the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and five from the Public Lands Committee and five from the Agricultural