

BUSINESS FOR CONGRESS TO DO

Railroad Rate Bill Will Be the Absorbing Topic of Session.

PRESIDENT SURE TO WIN

Canal Legislation Next Most Important Subject—Expulsion of Smoot, Stated and Santo Domingo Treaty.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—Not since the Spanish war has Congress been confronted with so many grave National problems as await consideration at the session which opens at noon on Monday.

An unusual thing about the work of the present session is the fact that the most important issues to be met are not issues on which Congress is divided along party lines.

Rates the Paramount Issue. The one great question to be decided this session is that of the regulation of railroad rates.

Senate Will Obstruct. The real fight over rate legislation is going to take place on the floor of the Senate.

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Ship Subsidy Bill Doomed. Old friend ship subsidy is going to be paraded before Congress again this winter.

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perfectly feasible, he prefers that type. Moreover, a majority of the members of Congress will favor a lock canal for the same reasons that the President does.

There will be a great deal of talk on the canal during the entire session, for there will be other legislation than that enumerated.

Will Decide Smoot's Fate. Late and interesting as will be the debates on the rate bill and canal legislation, there will be more human interest in the Reed Smoot case than in anything else that comes up this session.

There will be no river and harbor bill this session and no omnibus public building bill. The appropriate bills will go through toward the close of the session, with the customary debate.

Philippine Tariff Bill. Secretary Taft took a carefully selected party of Senators and Representatives to the Philippines Islands this summer to show them what is already done, and what they ought to know.

May Dispose of Statedhood. When the 58th Congress adjourned it was all fixed up that early this session a joint statedhood bill should be introduced.

Supervision of Insurance. There is no doubt but a flood of bills in the Senate and House proposing Federal regulation of insurance companies.

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