

85th Congress Shows Signs of High Production

By LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON (AP) — As it reached the two-thirds point Saturday the second session of the 85th Congress showed promise of becoming one of the most productive in years.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) called Congress' 1958 program the greatest in history except for the famous first 100 days of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal administration 25 years ago. The actual count of major bills sent to President Eisenhower so far doesn't bear out what Rayburn said. It still may not when the Congressmen go home, probably late this summer, but the potential is there.

Aside from the yearly run of money bills finished on the way the House and Senate have passed long-disputed legislation that will boost the price of first class letter mail to four cents and air-mail to seven cents, starting Aug. 1.

Military Pay Bill

Also sent to the White House was a military pay bill aimed at putting more money in the pockets of servicemen whose skills are needed by the armed forces.

These further out-of-the-ordinary bills seemed headed for passage.

Statehood for Alaska, an issue debated for decades, provided the Senate goes along with the bill the House passed last week.

Reorganization of the Defense Department to make the vast military effort more unified.

Creation of a civilian Space Agency to direct America's non-military ventures in this new field.

Safeguarding of labor union welfare funds, an outgrowth of long exposures of misuse of union monies.

Reciprocal Trade

Still very much a question mark is the fate of another major measure, the Eisenhower-backed bill to extend the Reciprocal Trade Act five more years and give the President more tariff-cutting authority.

Apparently without chance of passage are measures for aid to education, general labor law changes, Hawaiian statehood, and setting of procedures for the vice president to take over in case of presidential disability.

Both House and Senate calendars for this week show the heavy pace of the 1958 session.

The House is expected to act on creation of a Space Agency, extension of reciprocal trade, defense appropriations, extension of corporate and excise taxes, a federal pay raise, and housing legislation by the week's end.

The Senate takes up foreign aid and various money bills.

Approval of Defense Shift Bill Forecast

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) predicted Saturday that Congress will approve a compromise defense reorganization bill in a form acceptable to President Eisenhower.

Bridges, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee and is a senior GOP member of the Armed Services Committee, said in an interview he expects compromises will be offered in the Senate to some of the provisions Eisenhower has criticized in a House bill.

But the New Hampshire senator made clear he would not yield the secretary of defense authority to transfer functions among the separate armed services as Eisenhower originally proposed.

Preserve Integrity

"I certainly believe that the integrity of the individual services could be preserved," Bridges said. "However, we shouldn't create any bottleneck for the dispatch of military orders in an atomic age."

The bill unanimously approved by the House Armed Services Committee provides for an operational Joint Staff through which there would be a clear line of command from the President and the secretary of defense to the field military forces made up of more than one service.

The House committee wrote into the bill provisions under which the head of any service could appeal to Congress from a decision of the secretary transferring any portion of that service. Congress could veto such a change by a simple resolution of both Houses, not requiring presidential signature.

President Protests

Eisenhower protested this would lead to "legalized insubordination," and the continuation of "wasteful duplications and interservice rivalry. Although he demanded changes, senior GOP members of the House committee are reported to have advised the White House to postpone any fight over the issue until the bill reaches the Senate.

Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) said he believes "it would be much better strategy for the administration to let the Armed Services Committee present a united front on this in the House and let any amendments be offered in the Senate."

The House will consider the bill in the week of June 9.

George Washington, when a 22-year-old surveyor, began the idea that resulted in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Thousands Wait View Of Stritch

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands laid solemn siege to the Holy Name Cathedral Saturday.

They stood in the hot noonday sun, four and five abreast in a line three blocks long.

They waited their turn to enter the church and walk past the bier of Samuel Cardinal Stritch.

A Fire Department ambulance

stood at the curb to aid any who fell by the wayside.

Once inside the cathedral, the people split into a double file and took a last look at the man who was the spiritual leader of the Chicago Archdiocese's Roman Catholics—almost two million of them—for 18 years.

The body of the Cardinal, who died Tuesday in Rome, was clad

in vestments, and lay in state near the altar rail. The open casket was tilted up at the head so that all could see.

They filed past hour after hour. A tall, poised girl in a sack dress who possibly was from the nearby Gold Coast. An old woman in a brown dress and a drab babushka, who obviously wasn't.

Twenty hours after the body

Diplomats Feel Bite

KARACHI (AP)—As part of its economy drive, Pakistan has ruled diplomatic and Foreign Office officials no longer may travel by luxury liners or stay at expensive hotels.

had been carried into the cathedral, an estimated 48,000 had moved past the casket. The viewing will continue until the funeral Tuesday.

Top Cadet at West Point Announced

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP)—Cadet George W. P. Walker, 22, of Brooklyn was announced Saturday as No. 1 man academically in the class of 1958 at the U.S. Military Academy.

Walker, 22, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Walker. He was appointed to West Point by

Rep. Francis E. Dorn of the 12th New York District. He is a graduate of St. Regis High School in New York City.

Walker will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the armor branch of the Army and will receive a bachelor of science degree upon his graduation June 4.

This year's class includes 574 men, including four foreign cadets. New York leads with 64 cadets, followed by California with 34, Virginia, 33, and Pennsylvania, 32.

The academy launched its June Week program Saturday with athletic events, motion pictures and

Drunk Horse Rider

LONDON (AP)—Sidney Grange, 45, has been fined 10 shillings—\$1.40—for riding drunk in traffic. He was on a horse.

a cadet hop for the upper classes. Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy will deliver the principal address at graduation exercises next Wednesday.

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