

Status of Congressional Bills

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Status of major legislation:
Income Taxes—Administration supported bill would reduce income taxes on individuals and corporations by \$11 billion with \$7 billion of relief effective on 1964 incomes and rest taking effect in 1965. House—passed. Senate — finance committee holding hearings.

Stocks and Bond Taxes — To retard flow of American capital abroad, Kennedy has proposed that purchase taxes be levied on Americans who buy foreign stocks and bonds from foreigners. House—ways and means committee has started closed-door consideration. Senate — awaiting house action.

Fallout Shelters — President Kennedy wants authority to make federal contributions toward construction of civil defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House—passed one year, \$19 million bill. Senate — nothing scheduled.

Foreign Aid — Administration asking \$4.5 billion. House—passed authorization bill setting appropriations ceiling of \$3.5 billion. Senate — foreign relations committee recommended \$4.2 billion, which is now being debated on the floor. Vote expected this week. (actual appropriations to come later.)

Health Insurance — President wants hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through social security taxes. House—ways and means committee to begin hearings Nov. 18 but no chance for passage this year. Senate—awaiting house action.

Colleges — President asked for new program of loans and grants to build classrooms, libraries and laboratories. Both house and senate passed separate versions. Compromise worked out by conference committee would provide about \$1.9 billion over three years for this purpose.

Vocational Education — Kennedy sought increase in current annual federal aid of \$57 million for job training schools. House—passed bill that would boost aid to \$237 million a year. Senate—passed boost to \$243 million, added extension and enlargement of national defense education act; three-year extension of "impacted areas" school aid. A House-Senate conference committee still must work out a compromise version.

Libraries — President wants construction and operating aid for city as well as country libraries. House — committee approved. Senate — committee approved.

Package Civil Rights Bill — Kennedy wants new safeguards for Negro voting rights, ban on customer discrimination by private businesses, Justice Department authority to start school desegregation suits, White House authority to cut off federal aid to discriminatory programs, creation of federal agencies to fight government-related job bias and help mediate local race disputes and continuation of Civil Rights Commission. House — Judiciary Committee approved bipartisan compromise which seeks to end racial discrimination in voting, education, employment, unions and in use of privately-owned lodgings, eating establishments and places of amusement; would make Civil Rights Commission permanent. Senate — Judiciary Committee hearings on package bill in recess, no action expected.

Public Accommodations — Kennedy's proposal to ban discrimination in use of hotels, restaurants, theaters, stores

and other public accommodations. House — included in omnibus bill. Senate — Commerce Committee approved limited version as separate legislation.

Employment Discrimination — Kennedy endorsed separate FEPC covering private business and labor unions. House — Labor Committee approved separate bill; Judiciary Subcommittee included it in omnibus bill. Senate — Labor Subcommittee approved; Commerce Committee put labor union bias ban into public accommodations bill.

Cotton — Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U.S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House — bill approved by Agriculture Committee, cleared by Rules Committee, scheduled for floor action in mid-November. Senate — hearings completed.

Mexican Farm Hands — 12-year-old law permitting importation of Mexicans for temporary work on American farms expires Dec. 31; administration requested one-year extension with new safeguards to protect domestic workers. Senate — passed such a measure. House — approved administration-opposed simple one-year extension without safeguard amendments. A House - Senate Conference Committee must now work out compromise version.

Mass Transit — Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House—Banking committee approved bill, pending in Rules committee. Senate — approved \$375 million program.

Wilderness — President wants to establish a national program to preserve public lands in their natural state. Senate—passed, with provision covering 8 million acres immediately and possibly up to 35 million acres eventually. House — No committee hearings set.

Outdoor Recreation — Kennedy wants a special land and water conservation fund to finance purchase of additional federal and state park lands and forests for outdoor recreation. House — Interior committee approved bill. Senate — hearings completed, awaiting House action.

Depressed Areas — Kennedy asked Congress to expand sharply program of federal redevelopment aid to local industries designed to create jobs in areas of chronically high unemployment. Senate — approved additional \$455 million authorization. House—rejected, but Banking committee has approved a "second-try" \$335 million bill which is pending before rules committee.

Youth Employment — Kennedy asked new \$100 million youth conservation corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; Home Town Youth Corps for local civic projects. House — Education committee has approved, pending in rules committee.

Mme. Nhu's Father Doubts Role by U. S.

FRESNO, Calif. (UPI) — Dr. Tram Van Chuon, father of South Viet Nam's Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, said Monday he did not feel the United States played a direct part in the military coup that ousted President Ngo Dinh Diem.

But, Chuong admitted, the fact the United States cut economic aid in South Viet Nam may have encouraged those who staged the coup.

merchandise. House — Commerce resumed hearings.

Military Pay—President asked \$1.2 billion annual pay boost for servicemen, reservists and retirees. Congress approved \$1.2 billion increase with some changes including elimination of boosts for low-ranking enlisted men with less than two years service.

Draft—Congress granted Kennedy's request for four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft.

Feed Grains — Congress extended for two years temporary program of paying farmers to hold down surplus production of corn and other feed grains.

Silver — To combat shortage of silver for coins, Congress gave administration authority

it requested to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills.

Women Workers — Starting next June employers must provide equal pay for women workers who do the same work as men; new law applies to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law.

Taxes — Congress in response to administration request extended for another year present temporary tax rates on corporation profits, liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, telephone calls and airline tickets which had been scheduled to drop to lower levels July 1. (Corporation tax rates would be permanently revised downward, if Kennedy's tax reduction program is enacted.)

National Debt Limit — Con-

gress granted President's request to extend through Nov. 30 temporary ceiling of \$309 billion on national debt. Ceiling would have reverted to \$285 billion Sept. 1 without the new legislation. (New extension for increased \$315 billion debt limit for last seven months of fiscal year slated for house vote this week.)

Rail Dispute — Congress authorized creation of seven-man board to arbitrate two key work rules issues, thus averting nationwide strike. Award to remain in effect for two years, other issues not subject to arbitration but strike over them barred for at least 180 days.

Medical Schools — Congress granted Kennedy's request for federal aid for construction of

medical-dental schools and loan aid to medical and dental students. Three-year program would cost about \$236 million.

Treaty — Senate ratified treaty with Soviet Russia, Britain and other nations which bans nuclear tests in air, space and underwater.

Civil Rights Commission — Stop-gap one year extension of commission's authority; would continue it beyond present cutoff date of Nov. 30.

Mental Retardation — Second part of President's mental health program, will spend \$355 million over five to seven year period to combat mental retardation through improved material and infant care.

quiring larger employer and employee contributions to railroad retirement fund increased employer contributions only to railroad unemployment insurance fund to avert long-range shortage.

Mental Health — Administration's long-range program for community treatment centers; research on and treatment of mental retardation. Plans calls for spending \$329 million over first four years.



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