

# 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 Committee holding hearings. — Passed, 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 differing version in Omnibus bill. Senate — Labor subcommittee approved; Commerce Committee put labor union bias 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 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 — op-

posed 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 redevelopments 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" \$355 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. Senate — passed.

**Domestic Peace Corps** — President asking for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to peace corps projects abroad. \$5 million first year cost. House — Education and Labor Subcommittee concluded hearings. Senate — passed.

**Price-Cutting** — Administration — opposed bill backed by druggists and some other retail groups is designed to stop retail price-cutting of brand-name merchandise. House — Commerce Committee approved pending before Rules Committee. Senate — Commerce Subcommittee: has not set date to resume hearings.

**Enacted:**

**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** — Congress granted President's request to extend through Nov. 30 temporary ceiling of \$309 billion on national debt. Ceiling would have reverted to \$225 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, other nations which bans nuclear tests in air, space and underwater.

**Civil Rights Commission** — Stop-gap one year extension of commission's authority; would

# Hoffa's Charges Of Improper Jury Rejected by Court

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The Supreme Court has refused to examine the claim of Teamster President James R. Hoffa that he was indicted on charges of jury tampering in Tennessee by an improperly constituted grand jury.

The brief order let stand lower federal court rulings that this legal issue should not be brought up at this stage in the proceedings. It thus cleared the way for the trial to take place.

A federal grand jury charged Hoffa and six others with approaching jurors and their relatives in the fall of 1962, offering cash and other inducements to acquit Hoffa in a trial then taking place. The trial, involving Taft-Hartley Act charges, ended in a hung jury.

A federal district court in Nashville had set Oct. 14 for the jury tampering trial when Hoffa challenged the grand jury. He contended that Negroes, Catholics, Jews, manual laborers and members of organized labor were improperly excluded from the panel. He also contended that the "suggestors" who proposed names of grand jurors were not a true cross-section of the community.

Hoffa also said he didn't get a fair break because the "suggestors" knew the grand jury was especially established to consider the case of one "who has been the target of an unprecedented, well-publicized campaign by the present (national) administration."

"A presumption of prejudice under these circumstances must arise," he said.

Federal district Judge Frank Gray Jr. dismissed these arguments. He was upheld first on Sept. 30, by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on the ground that they had been prematurely placed before that court. The circuit court said Hoffa can present them again when he appeals—if he is convicted.

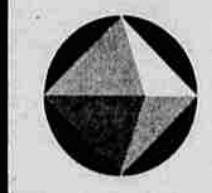
Meantime the 6th Circuit Court moved to delay the trial until Hoffa could appeal the Sept. 30 decision to the Supreme Court.

The lower court rulings against Hoffa also included a refusal to transfer the trial elsewhere.

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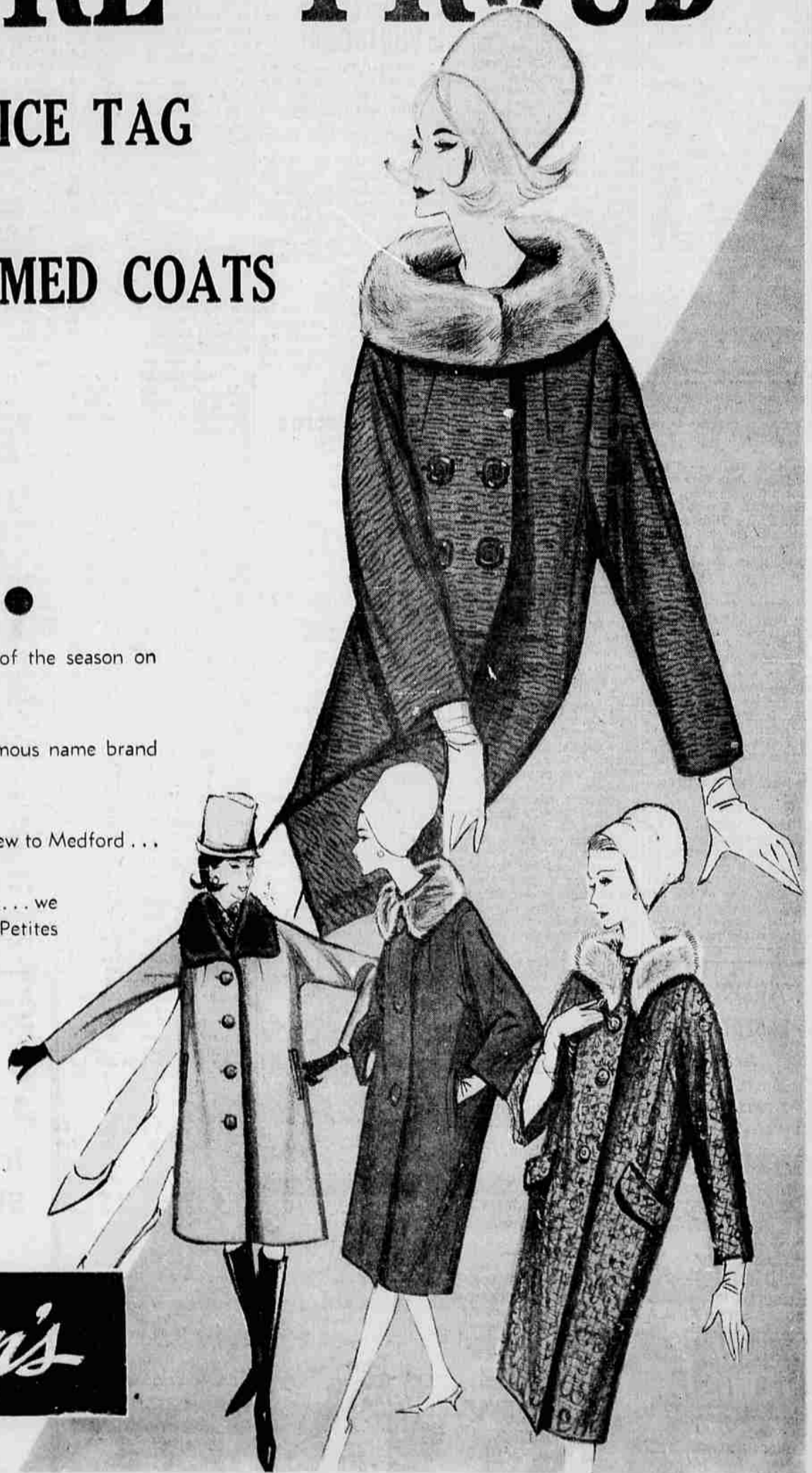
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