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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 10, 1911.

Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment.

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**A BILL**

To amend section seventeen hundred and fifty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the civil service.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       That section seventeen hundred and fifty-three of the Revised  
4       Statutes of the United States be amended to read as follows :  
5       “SEC. 1753. The President is authorized to prescribe  
6       such regulations for the admission of persons into the civil  
7       service of the United States as may best promote the effi-  
8       ciency thereof and ascertain the fitness of each candidate in  
9       respect to age, health, character, knowledge, and ability for  
10      the branch of service into which he seeks to enter; and for  
11      this purpose he may employ suitable persons to conduct such  
12      inquiries, and may prescribe their duties and establish reg-  
13      ulations for the conduct of persons who may receive appoint-  
14      ments in the civil service: *Provided*, That persons in the



By Mr. NYE: A bill (H. R. 17808) granting a pension to Roswell R. Hurlburt; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. O'SHAUNESSY: A bill (H. R. 17809) to refund moneys paid into the Treasury of the United States through mistake; to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. PADGETT: A bill (H. R. 17810) for relief of heirs of James Rockwell, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. PALMER: A bill (H. R. 17811) for the relief of Mrs. Gertrude A. Dotterer; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17812) for the relief of Theodore W. Kreamer; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. ROTHERMEL: A bill (H. R. 17813) for the relief of the Agricultural and Horticultural Association of Berks County, Pa.; to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. SLOAN: A bill (H. R. 17814) granting a pension to Emma Hughes; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SWITZER: A bill (H. R. 17815) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Frederick Boeden; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS: A bill (H. R. 17816) granting an increase of pension to James H. Lile; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. WILSON of New York: A bill (H. R. 17817) for the relief of Edward Schultz; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. WOODS of Iowa: A bill (H. R. 17818) granting a pension to John E. Smith; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. REDFIELD: A bill (H. R. 17819) granting an increase of pension to Matilda A. Gage; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. ASHBROOK: Petition of T. E. Barnes and 45 other citizens of Mohawk Village, Ohio, and vicinity, asking for the passage of the Sulzer parcel-post bill (H. R. 14); to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. AYRES: Memorials of Chicago Civil Service League and of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, in favor of House bill 5970; to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

By Mr. BARCHFELD: Petition of the Allegheny County Sweig D. R. K. Staats-Verband, of Pittsburgh, Pa., favoring House bill 2896, to provide a tax on white-phosphorus matches; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, papers to accompany bill for the relief of Marie L. Puhlman; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. BARTHOLDT: Petitions of 2,386 Army women and 279 physicians, in favor of the restoration of the Army canteen; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BARTLETT: Resolutions of International Molders' Union of North America, No. 349, of Macon, Ga.; against the Smoot bill; to the Committee on Printing.

Also, petition of W. G. Tyrus and others, of Milner, Ga., against the parcel post; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, petitions of Barnesville (Ga.) Bottling Works; A. W. Kirsey and others, of Upson County, Ga.; M. H. Thompson and others, of Georgia; Maurice Garr and Howard Garr, of Jackson, Ga.; O. T. Floyd and others, of Thomaston, Ga.; and Cox & Chappell, of Macon, Ga., for reduction of tariff on sugar; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, resolution of the Cotton Seed Crushers' Association of Georgia, praying the enactment of such legislation as will effectually prevent the imposition of prejudicial and discriminatory duties on cottonseed oil by foreign countries; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARY: Resolutions of the executive board, Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, indorsing House bill 11372; to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. CATLIN: Resolution of Lodge No. 37, Switchmen's Union of America, of St. Louis, Mo., urging a reduction of the tax on oleomargarine; to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, resolution of the Missouri Drummers' Association, against the parcel post; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, resolutions of the Millinery Jobbers' Association as opposed to the establishment of a parcel-post service; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, petitions of St. Augustine's Arbeitwohl Society, German Catholic Society, and St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, of St. Louis, Mo., urging the passage of the Esch bill, providing for a

tax upon white phosphorus matches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOPER: Petition of Imperial Bit & Snap Co., Racine Auto Tire Co., and Racine Tank Lug Co., of Racine, Wis., against enactment of legislation to extend the parcel-post system; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. DAUGHERTY: Petition of citizens of Missouri and Arkansas, favoring an amendment to the Constitution for woman suffrage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petitions of O. P. Wimmer and others, of Liberal, Mo., favoring reduction of duty on raw and refined sugars; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of citizens of Missouri, favoring old-age pension; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. DICKSON of Mississippi: Memorial of Enterprise Lodge, No. 169, International Association of Machinists, protesting against the so-called Smoot printing bill; to the Committee on Printing.

Also, memorial of Woman's Culture Club of Hazlehurst, Miss., urging that the tax on oleomargarine be repealed; also, for inspection of dairy products; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DOUGHTON: Petition of citizens of Taylorsville, N. C., for an effective interstate liquor bill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DRAPER: Memorial of Chicago Civil Service League, in favor of the passage of Senate bill 1162 and House bill 5970; to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

Also, memorial of Woman's Republican Club of New York, in favor of children's bureau; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. FLOYD of Arkansas: Petition of citizens of Baxter County, Ark., protesting against the establishment of a parcel post; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. FORNES: Memorial of National Federation of Post-Office Clerks, in favor of Senate bill 1162 and House bill 5970; to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

Also, memorial of Woman's Republican Club of New York, in favor of children's bureau; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. FULLER: Petition of the American National Live Stock Association, favoring the retention of the duties on live stock and its products, etc.; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of W. L. and Charles F. Ritter, of Genoa, Ill., favoring the passage of the Esch phosphorus bill; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of the J. D. Tower & Sons Co., of Mendota, Ill., favoring the passage of House bill 11543, concerning proposed amendment of corporation-tax law; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of the Equal Rights Association of Kentucky, favoring amendment to Federal Constitution for an election of Senators by popular vote; to the Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress.

By Mr. GALLAGHER: Resolution of the Chicago Civil Service League, favoring Senate bill 1162 and House bill 5970, providing for the restoration to the Federal civil-service employees of their inherent rights as citizens; to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

By Mr. GOLDFOGLE: Memorial of Woman's Republican Club of New York, for children's bureau; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. GREGG of Pennsylvania: Petitions of Grange No. 244, Patrons of Husbandry, of Butler County, Pa., and Grange No. 1421, Patrons of Husbandry, of Slippery Rock, Pa., praying that special tax of 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine, colored in imitation of yellow butter, be permitted to remain; to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petitions of George Glass and other citizens of Chicora, Pa., and of J. Frank Whitesell, of Avonmore, Pa., against the parcel post; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, petition of Scottsdale Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Westmoreland County, Pa., for an effective interstate-liquor law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GUERNSEY: Petitions of citizens of Maine, in favor of old-age pensions; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HANNA: Petition of residents in Williston land district, in North Dakota, relative to certain acts of Congress; to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, petition of Karel Karel, of Lidgerwood, N. Dak., in favor of House bill 14; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.