

67th House (1921-23) Votes

1. **Recommit China Tax Exemption Bill**

Rep. John Nance Garner (D-Tex.) motion to recommit the bill that exempts from the corporate tax American corporations who do their business exclusively in China, striking the exemption.

Defeated 71-265: R 4-223; D 66-41; IR 0-1; S 1-0, 4/28/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

2. **Recommit Telephone Company Bill**

Rep. J. Marvin Jones (D-Tex.) motion to recommit the bill that permits telephone companies to sell its property or purchase the property of another company, adding an amendment stating, "Nothing in this act shall be construed as in any way affecting existing State laws nor as authorizing consolidation or acquisition in States in which the laws thereof forbid consolidation and acquisition". Adopting this amendment would require deference to more restrictive state laws on acquisition and consolidation for interstate companies as opposed to ICC rulings.

Rejected 97-195: R 16-184; D 80-9; IR 0-1; S 0-1, 6/1/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

3. **Recommit Packers Bill**

Rep. J. Marvin Jones (D-Tex.) motion to recommit the Packers Bill, with a provision to eliminate the section allowing the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe the rate or practice to be observed by market agencies, whenever it finds that they use a rate or practice which causes an undue advantage between interstate commerce and interstate or foreign commerce. The Packers Bill was designed as a substitute for an anti-trust agreement between Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer and the big five meat packing companies that they would divest themselves of all functions save meat production.

Rejected 71-258: R 10-222; D 61-34; IR 0-1; S 0-1, 6/2/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

4. **Recommit the La Follette Seaman's Act Amendments, Increase Crew Requirements**

Rep. Harry Gahn (R-Ohio) motion to recommit the bill exempting the Great Lakes from the La Follette Seaman's Act, increasing the presence of "able seamen" on a ship required for the Great Lakes from 50% to 65% of the crew.

Rejected 129-159: R 76-121; D 52-37; IR 0-1; S 1-0, 6/15/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

5. **La Follette Seaman's Act Amendments**

Passage of the Scott (R-Mich.) bill, which exempts the Great Lakes from the La Follette Seaman's Act, which requires two crews of sailors, three crews of oilers, water tenders, and firemen on major bodies of water with coastal trips exempted. A trip through the Great Lakes is eight hours as opposed to an average of eight days out at sea, hence the proposal for exemption.

Passed 190-102: R 141-59; D 48-42; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 6/15/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

6. **Federal Aid Highway Act of 1921**

Passage of the Robsion (R-Ky.) bill that continues, through the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916, to provide for highway and road construction aid to states that requires each state receives a minimum of 0.5% of any appropriation, provides that 3% of the funding is for administrative expenses, and 3% for potential future expenses. This measure would also require Texas to

change its constitution to be eligible for funding as they have a county rather than a state system for road funding.

Passed 266-77: R 175-52; D 90-24; S 1-0; IR 0-1, 6/27/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

7. Fordney-McCumber Tariff Bill

Passage of the Fordney (R-Mich.)-McCumber (R-N.D.) Tariff bill, raising tariffs by an average of 38.5% for dutiable imports and an average of 14% overall, this was done through examination of cost of production and market value of goods.

Passed 288-127: R 280-7; D 7-119; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 7/21/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

8. Dye and Chemicals Embargo Bill

Passage of the Longworth (R-Ohio)-Penrose (R-Penn.) bill extending dye and chemical embargos in the Emergency Tariff Act of 1921 for six months.

Passed 186-91: R 181-6; D 4-84; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 8/11/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

9. Revenue Act of 1921

Passage of the Fordney (R-Mich.) tax reduction bill, which among other provisions reduces the top income tax rate from 73% to 58%, repeals the wartime excess profits tax, and sets the capital gains tax rate at 12.5%.

Passed 274-125: R 270-9; D 3-115; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 8/20/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

10. \$500 Million Loan to Railroads

Passage of the Winslow (R-Mass.) bill amending the Transportation Act of 1920, providing a \$500 million loan to railroads on account of losses incurred as a result of wartime government control.

Passed 215-121: R 207-29; D 7-91; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 8/22/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

11. Commission for Refunding or Converting Obligations

Passage of the Fordney (R-Mich.)-McCumber (R-N.D.) bill creating a commission addressing war debts owed to the United States, including the power to set interest rates on debtor nations. This would be as opposed to Congress setting interest rates.

Passed 200-117: R 196-23; D 4-93; S 0-1, 10/24/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

12. Sheppard-Towner Act

Passage of the Sheppard (D-Tex.)-Towner (R-Iowa) Act, providing federal aid, to be allocated by the states, for maternity and childcare.

Passed 279-39: R 194-24; D 83-15; IR 1-0; S 1-0, 11/19/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

13. Recommit Tax Reduction

Rep. John Nance Garner (D-Tex.) motion to recommit the Revenue Act of 1921, adopting a Senate amendment increasing the inheritance tax.

Defeated 141-202: R 42-197; D 98-4; IR 0-1; S 1-0, 11/21/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

14. Revenue Act of 1921 Conference Report

Adoption of the conference report of the Revenue Act of 1921, see vote #9.

Adopted 232-109: R 225-11; D 6-97; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 11/21/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

15. Free Seeds Amendment

Rep. John Langley (R-Ky.) amendment to the Department of Agriculture appropriations, allocating \$360,000 for members of Congress to distribute free seeds to constituents.

Adopted 174-141: R 93-121; D 81-19; IR 0-1, 3/13/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

16. Government Muscle Shoals Development

Rep. W. Frank James (R-Mich.) amendment, appropriating \$7.5 million for government development of the Muscle Shoals property, to be appropriated no earlier than October 1922.

Passed 144-107: R 67-104; D 77-1; IR 0-1; S 0-1, 6/24/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

17. Grain Futures Act

Passage of the Tincher (R-Kan.) bill, providing for regulation of trading in commodity futures and the establishment of the Grain Futures Administration to prevent manipulation. This was in response to the Supreme Court decision *Hill v. Wallace* (1922), which ruled the Futures Trading Act of 1921 unconstitutional. The Futures Trading Act had itself been a response to wheat prices falling by half that year.

Passed 211-76: R 142-67; D 67-9; IR 1-0; S 1-0, 6/27/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

18. Fordney-McCumber Tariff Conference Report

Adoption of the conference report of the Fordney-McCumber Tariff (see vote #7).

Adopted 210-91: R 204-14; D 5-76; IR 1-0; S 0-1, 9/15/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

19. Override Veto of Veterans Adjusted Compensation Bill

Passage, over President Harding's veto, of the Fordney (R-Mich.)-McCumber (R-N.D.) Veterans Adjusted Compensation bill, authorizing immediate payments to any veteran due less than \$50 and various other means of pay for any veteran whose service was from April 5, 1917 to July 1, 1919 and enlisted no later than November 11, 1918.

Veto Overridden 258-54: R 187-35; D 69-19; S 1-0; IR 1-0, 9/20/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

20. Ensure Union Representation on the Coal Commission

Rep. Meyer London (Soc.-N.Y.) motion to recommit the Coal Commission Act, with a proviso that two members of the coal commission should be appointed by the president on recommendation of the United Mine Workers of America, two from the Coal Operators' Association, and 3 appointed by the president with consent of the Senate. This is as opposed to giving the president full discretion of who is on the commission, which is to address coal strikes.

Rejected 106-156: R 44-144; D 61-11; S 1-0; IR 0-1, 9/20/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

21. Ship Subsidy Bill

Passage of the Greene (R-Mass.) bill providing a subsidy of \$32 million annually with revenue coming from 10% of customs receipts, to enable numerous unused ships, constructed at the

behest of the U.S. Shipping Board during the Wilson Administration for the purposes of World War I, to be used in international commerce.

Passed 208-184: R 202-69; D 5-114; S 0-1; IR 1-0, 11/29/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

22. Discharge Keller Resolution Impeaching Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty

Rep. Oscar Keller (R-Minn.) filed impeachment charges against Harry M. Daugherty on six grounds: first, that the Attorney General took too much time for certain prosecutions; second, being too lenient on recommending pardons, third; he fired certain employees improperly, fourth; he retained Bureau of Investigation chief William J. Burns; fifth, failing to bring injunctions on railroads; sixth, an appearance before the Northern District Court of Illinois in which he issued injunctions against railroad employees. The latter two were the prime motivators for this impeachment inquiry. The charges that Daugherty became infamous for came later. Minority Whip Finis J. Garrett (D-Tenn.) motioned to discharge the proposal from committee.

Rejected 88-204: R 15-192; D 73-11; IR 0-1, 1/25/23.

Yea = -, Nay = +

23. Prohibit Retired Officers of Government from Lobbying

Motion to recede and concur in a Senate amendment striking out a prohibition on retired army officers connected with an industry from participating in negotiations for sales to the government.

Adopted 158-126: R 146-39; D 11-86; S 0-1; IR 1-0, 2/21/23.

Yea = +, Nay = -

24. Permit Bonuses for Government Employees

Rep. Daniel Anthony (R-Kan.) motion to concur in a Senate amendment deleting a prohibition on the payment of bonuses to government employees.

Rejected 92-180: R 84-92; D 8-86; S 0-1; IR 0-1, 2/21/23.

Yea = +, Nay = -

25. China Trade Act Amendments

Passage of the Dyer (R-Mo.) bill exempting Americans making profits from businesses incorporated strictly in China from taxation, whether they reside in the U.S. or not.

Passed 160-73: R 147-6; D 12-67; IR 1-0, 3/2/23.

Yea = +, Nay = -

67th Senate (1921-23) Votes

1. Restrict Power of Department of Agriculture Under Packers Bill

Sen. Albert Cummins (R-Iowa) offered an amendment restricting power to commissioner or agriculture secretary to make rules as to procedure only, and not be given authority to make general rules and regulations to interpret this law.

Rejected 33-35: R 29-15; D 4-20, 6/16/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

2. Limit Scope of Enforcement of Packers Bill

Sen. James Wadsworth Jr. (R-N.Y.) offered an amendment to Sen. Thomas Sterling's (R-S.D.) amendment to the Packers bill, "The term "live-stock products" means all products and by-

products of the slaughtering and meat-packing industry derived from live stock and owned or controlled by a packer”, eliminating the words “and owned or controlled by a packer” and replacing them with “and used for food”. This limits the scope of the bill.

Adopted 32-31: R 28-11; D 4-20, 6/17/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

3. Packers Bill

Passage of the Packers bill, a measure regulating meat packers intended as a replacement for an anti-trust agreement between Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer and the big five meat packing companies that they would divest themselves of all functions save meat production. The opposition primarily consisted of those who thought the bill went too far.

Passed 45-21: R 27-15; D 18-6, 6/17/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

4. Recommit Veterans Bonus Bill

Sen. Boies Penrose (R-Penn.) motioned to recommit the Veterans Bonus bill to the Finance Committee. This was done after President Warren G. Harding appealed to Congress to do so.

Passed 47-29: R 39-9; D 8-20, 7/15/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

5. Sheppard-Towner Act

Passage of the Sheppard (D-Tex.)-Towner (R-Iowa) Act, providing federal aid, to be allocated by the states, for maternity and childcare.

Passed 63-7: R 38-3; D 25-4, 7/22/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

6. Reduce Appropriation for Roads

Sen. Harry New (R-Ind.) offered an amendment to the Highway Act of 1921, reducing appropriation from \$100 million to \$75 million.

Adopted 28-22: R 27-8; D 1-14, 8/19/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

7. Dye and Chemicals Embargo Bill

Passage of the Longworth (R-Ohio)-Penrose (R-Penn.) bill extending dye and chemical embargos in the Emergency Tariff Act of 1921 for six months.

Passed 39-22: R 37-3; D 2-19, 8/24/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

8. Graduated Taxes on Corporations

Sen. Furnifold Simmons (D-N.C.) offered an amendment imposing on corporations a graduated tax on undistributed income.

Rejected 30-45: R 3-44; D 27-1, 10/27/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

9. Compromise Excess Profits Tax Amendment

Sen. Irvine Lenroot (R-Wis.) offered a compromise excess profits tax amendment on large corporations of \$2 per \$1000 in excess of \$3 million.

Adopted 45-16: R 25-16; D 20-0, 10/31/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

10. War Profits Tax – Soldiers’ Compensation

Sen. James A. Reed (D-Mo.) offered an amendment requiring that all revenue from the war profits tax be used for paying soldier’s compensation.

Rejected 28-38: R 5-36; D 23-2, 11/5/21.

Yea = -, Nay = +

11. Revenue Act of 1921

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Passed 38-24: R 37-3; D 1-21, 11/7/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

12. Revenue Act of 1921 Conference Report

Adoption of the conference report of the Revenue Act of 1921 (see vote #11).

Adopted 39-29: R 38-6; D 1-23, 11/23/21.

Yea = +, Nay = -

13. Commission for Refunding or Converting Obligations

Passage of the Fordney (R-Mich.)-McCumber (R-N.D.) bill creating a commission addressing war debts owed to the United States, including the power to set interest rates on debtor nations. This would be as opposed to Congress setting interest rates.

Passed 39-26: R 39-3; D 0-23, 1/31/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

14. Japan Treaty

Adoption of treaty granting the United States commercial rights on the island of Yap, a major radiotelegraphic hub, and requiring the cable line between Yap and Guam be maintained.

Ratified 67-22: R 54-3; D 13-19, 3/1/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

15. Limit Street Railway Fares in the District of Columbia

Sen. Pat Harrison (D-Miss.) offered an amendment requiring street railway companies in the District of Columbia to reduce passenger fare from 8 cents to 5 cents a person and sell six fares for 25 cents.

Defeated 21-27: R 5-27; D 16-0, 3/7/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

16. Four-Power Treaty

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge (R-Mass.) proposed to agree to the ratification of the Four-Power Treaty, maintaining the status quo in territory possession in the Pacific between the United States, United Kingdom, France, and Japan, and has no obligation for any party to commit armed forces or join in defense of another.

Ratified 67-27: R 55-4; D 12-23, 3/24/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

17. Judicial Nominations Disclosure Requirement

Sen. Pat Harrison (D-Miss.) offered an amendment, requiring the president to make public all endorsements made in behalf of any applicant for a judicial nomination.

Rejected 22-41: R 5-37; D 16-4, 4/7/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

18. Strike Out Free Seed Appropriation

Sen. Charles McNary (R-Ore.) offered an amendment, striking a House appropriation of \$360,000 for the distribution of free seeds by members of Congress.

Rejected 30-31: R 27-11; D 3-20, 4/13/22.

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Passed 48-25: R 45-1; D 3-24, 8/19/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

20. Fordney-McCumber Tariff Conference Report

Adoption of the conference report of the Fordney-McCumber Tariff (see vote #18).

Passed 43-28: R 41-5; D 2-23, 9/19/22.

Yea = +, Nay = -

21. Override Veto of Veterans Adjusted Compensation Bill

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Veto Sustained 44-28: R 27-21; D 17-7, 9/20/22.

Yea = -, Nay = +

22. Cap Interest Rates on Agricultural Loans

Sen. Robert Stanfield (R-Ore.) offered an amendment, capping interest rates at 3% more than being charged by the Federal Reserve Bank of the district in which the loan is made.

Defeated 23-48: R 11-35; D 12-13, 1/19/23.

Yea = -, Nay = +

23. Farm Credit Board

Sen. Joseph Robinson (D-Ark.) offered an amendment, creating the Farm Credit Board, with power to distribute credit.

Defeated 21-53: R 3-45; D 18-8, 2/2/23.

Yea = -, Nay = +

24. Cut River and Harbor Spending

Sen. James Wadsworth Jr. (R-N.Y.) offered an amendment, cutting the appropriation for rivers and harbors from \$56,589,910 to \$50,000,000.

Defeated 38-44: R 30-20; D 8-24, 2/8/23.

Yea = +, Nay = -

25. Recommit Ship Subsidy Bill

Sen. Joseph Robinson (D-Ark.) motioned to recommit the bill providing a subsidy of \$32 million annually with revenue coming from 10% of customs receipts, to enable numerous unused ships, constructed at the behest of the U.S. Shipping Board during the Wilson Administration for the purposes of World War I, to be used in international commerce.

Rejected 36-48: R 7-45; D 29-3, 2/28/23.

Yea = -, Nay = +

