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Washington, D.C. 20515

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February 6, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR VETERANS

I have introduced three bills during January, 1967 relating to veterans benefits. An explanation of the principal aims of each may be of interest:

H. R. 500

Provides that where the entitlement of a veteran, widow or child to a pension from the Veterans Administration is on the basis of service in W.W. I, the beneficiary may elect payment of pension under the "old law" as in effect on June 30, 1960, or under the "new law" as amended by the Veterans Pension Act of 1959, whichever provides the greater benefit.

H. R. 3952

Under the pension law now in effect, the amount of pension a veteran receives is based upon his income from other sources. For instance, a veteran with no dependents may receive \$100 per month if his income is not in excess of \$600 per year; a veteran with 1 dependent may receive \$105 monthly if his income is less than \$1000 per year and so forth. My bill would simply increase by 20% the amount of income a veteran can receive under each of the present categories and still continue to receive the same benefits. In the examples mentioned above, a veteran without dependents would continue to receive \$100, but instead of \$600 he could receive \$720 annually in other income without a reduction in his pension; with one dependent the income limitation would be raised from \$1000 to \$1200.

H. R. 3953

Provides for cost-of-living increases in Social Security benefits. The increases are to be geared to Consumers Price Index determined by the Secretary of Labor. Section 3 of the bill provides that the cost-of-living increases authorized by this bill shall not count as income for veterans' pension purposes.

SUMMARY

Last week President Johnson sent a message to Congress in which he outlined a number of proposals which affect veterans of all wars, including Vietnam. The proposal suggested will be considered in the House by the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and in the Senate by the Finance Committee. If you should have any questions or would like additional information, do contact me.

90th CONGRESS
1st Session

H. CON. RES. _____

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. _____ submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the present administration is persisting in using American farmers and ranchers as scapegoats of inflation in spite of predictions by the Economic Research Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that realized net farm income will decline by at least 5 percent during 1967; such decline being caused:

(1) by inflationary domestic fiscal policies which unduly increase farm production costs, such costs having increased 19 per centum since the year 1952; and

(2) by market price manipulations which have decreased prices received by farmers, such prices having decreased 6 per centum since the year 1952 with the result that the December 1966 parity ratio stands at only 77; and

(3) by failing to recognize that increased consumer prices have not been caused by farmers, such consumer prices having increased 17 per centum since the year 1952; and

(4) by the Secretary of Agriculture dumping huge quantities of grain upon the domestic market in order to break and depress grain, cattle, hog, mutton and lamb, and poultry market prices; and

(5) by the Secretary of Agriculture's expressions of pleasure with the fact that the prices of farm products had dropped in 1966; and

(6) by the Secretary of Agriculture's action to increase imports of raw sugar into the United States, such action being designed to lower market prices for United States sugar producers; and

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(7) by stimulating the increase of wheat and feed grain production without providing adequate price incentives; and

(8) by a large and unilateral increase in Cheddar cheese and other dairy imports without seeking or attempting to secure reciprocal trade concessions from other nations to expand United States agricultural exports overseas; and

(9) by a sharp curtailment of purchases of pork and dairy products by the Department of Defense; and

(10) by permitting or condoning price and wage increases for other segments of the national economy: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
- 2 concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that in the
- 3 public interest the administration should (1) cease and de-
- 4 sist in its efforts to enforce selective economic discrim-
- 5 ination against American farmers and ranchers by deliber-
- 6 ately depressing farm prices, and (2) use the various leg-
- 7 islative authorities at its disposal to improve and enhance
- 8 farm prices in order to build a strong and viable market
- 9 economy for agriculture, the cornerstone of American and
- 10 free-world prosperity.

COMPLEMENTARY RESOLUTION

which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture
submitted the following concurrent resolution:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

90th CONGRESS
1st Session H. CON. RES. _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that in the public interest the administration should (1) cease and desist in its efforts to enforce selective economic discrimination against American farmers and ranchers by deliberately depressing farm prices, and (2) use the various legislative authorities at its disposal to improve and enhance farm prices in order to build a strong and viable market economy for agriculture, the cornerstone of American and free-world prosperity.

By Mr. _____
