

May 12, 1939

REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. II—RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, it has been my purpose and is my purpose to move that the Senate consider Calendar No. 349, Senate bill 1100, the Florida ship canal bill. However, the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. BYRNES] desires to have a vote on the resolution reported by the Select Committee on Government Organization, with the understanding that it will not be debated. For that purpose I yield to the Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. President, I move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 16.

Mr. McNARY. Mr. President, may the resolution be stated?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the concurrent resolution.

The Chief Clerk read the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16), as follows:

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress does not favor the reorganization plan No. II transmitted to Congress by the President on May 9, 1939.*

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. BYRNES] moves that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16. The motion is not debatable.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. President, I do not desire to discuss the concurrent resolution. The Senate is familiar with it. I think it is important that it be disposed of at this time. If the Senate approves the reorganization plan submitted by the President, the officials in the various bureaus and departments affected by the plan will know that it is to become effective and can proceed to arrange the affairs of the departments in accordance with the plan.

Mr. VANDENBERG. Mr. President, may I ask the Senator a question?

Mr. BYRNES. I yield to the Senator from Michigan.

Mr. VANDENBERG. Has the concurrent resolution been surveyed by any committee?

Mr. BYRNES. It has; and it was adversely reported by the Select Committee on Government Organization.

Mr. VANDENBERG. Was there any division in the committee?

Mr. BYRNES. Yes. The Senator from Oregon [Mr. McNARY] voted contrary to the majority of the committee. His was the only such vote.

Mr. McNARY. Mr. President, the concurrent resolution submitted by the able Senator from South Carolina was in opposition to the approval of reorganization plan No. II.

Mr. BYRNES. Yes.

Mr. McNARY. I supported the chairman of the committee, who submitted the concurrent resolution.

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. President, that is true. The Senator supported the concurrent resolution. I knew then that there was something wrong with it, and I intend to vote against it. [Laughter.]

Mr. HOLT. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TRUMAN in the chair). Does the Senator from South Carolina yield to the Senator from West Virginia?

Mr. BYRNES. I yield.

Mr. HOLT. Were any tears shed over the demise of the Bituminous Coal Commission?

Mr. BYRNES. I know of none.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, on this question those who favor reorganization plan No. II will vote "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The statement of the Senator from Kentucky is correct. Those in favor of the reorganization plan will vote "nay." The question is on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was rejected.