

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX RATES

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Mr. REED of New York, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3818]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3818) to amend the Federal Insurance Contributions Act with respect to rates of tax on employers and employees, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 3, 4, and 5, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter proposed to be stricken out by the Senate amendment, and omit the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, and on page 2 of the House engrossed bill, line 1 and line 13, strike out "to 1956, both inclusive", and insert: *and 1951*; and on page 2, lines 4 and 16, strike out "1956" and insert: *1951*; and the Senate agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3818) to amend the Federal Insurance Contributions Act with respect to rates of tax on employers and employees, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Amendment No. 1: The House bill fixed rates of tax on employers and employees as follows: 1939-49, 1 percent; 1950-56, 1½ percent; after 1956, 2 percent. The Senate amendment makes the rates for all years after 1949, 3 percent. The House recedes with an amendment which provides that the rates of tax shall be as follows: 1939-49, 1 percent; 1950 and 1951, 1½ percent; after 1951, 2 percent.

Amendments Nos. 2 and 3: The House bill provided for continuance on a permanent basis of amendments to the Social Security Act establishing within the unemployment trust fund a separate account to be known as the Federal unemployment account, and authorized appropriations to such fund in amounts equal to the excess of tax collections under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act over the unemployment administrative expenditures. The Senate amendment limits the authorized appropriations to the excess of tax collections for the period ending December 31, 1949, and provides that any amounts in such account on April 1, 1950, and any amounts repaid to such account after such date shall be covered into the general fund of the Treasury. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 4: The Senate amendment provides that there shall be deducted from the total amount of taxes collected prior to July 1, 1943, the sum of \$18,451,846 authorized to be appropriated by section 11 (b) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 5: The House bill provided for transfers from the Federal unemployment account to a State's account in the unemployment trust fund whenever on the last day in a calendar quarter the balance in the State's account in such trust fund does not exceed a sum equal to the total contributions deposited in such trust fund under the law of the State during that one of the two calendar years preceding such day in which such deposits were higher. The Senate amendment limits this privilege to the case of calendar quarters ending prior to January 1, 1950. The House recedes.

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