

SECOND LIBERTY-BOND ACT AMENDMENTS.

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Mr. KITCHIN, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 12923.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 12923) to supplement the second liberty-bond act, as amended, 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 Senate recede from its amendments numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1 and 2, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 3: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out by said amendment insert the following:

SEC. 5. That subdivision (b) of section 5 of the trading-with-the-enemy act be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

“(b) That the President may investigate, regulate, or prohibit, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, by means of licenses or otherwise, any transactions in foreign exchange and the export, hoarding, melting, or earmarkings of gold or silver coin or bullion or currency transfers of credit in any form (other than credits relating solely to transactions to be executed wholly within the United States), and transfers of evidences of indebtedness or of the ownership of property between the United States and any foreign country, whether enemy, ally of enemy, or otherwise, or between residents of one or more foreign countries, by any person within the United States; and for the purpose of strengthening, sustaining, and broadening the market for bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the United States, of preventing frauds

upon the holders thereof, and of protecting such holders, he may investigate and regulate, by means of licenses or otherwise (until the expiration of two years after the date of the termination of the present war with the Imperial German Government, as fixed by his proclamation), any transaction in such bonds or certificates by or between any person or persons: Provided, That nothing contained in this subdivision (b) shall be construed to confer any power to prohibit the purchase or sale for cash, or for notes eligible for discount at any Federal reserve bank, of bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the United States; and he may require any person engaged in any transaction referred to in this subdivision to furnish, under oath, complete information relative thereto including the production of any books of account, contracts, letters or other papers, in connection therewith in the custody or control of such person, either before or after such transaction is completed."

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. 12923) to supplement the second liberty-bond act, as amended, and for other purposes, submit the following written statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Amendment No. 1: This amendment is merely a clerical change; and the House recedes.

Amendment No. 2: This amendment is also a clerical change; and the House recedes.

Amendment No. 3: The bill as it passed the House amended the trading-with-the-enemy act by giving the President authority to investigate, regulate, or prohibit any transaction in bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the United States and the hoarding and melting of gold. The Senate eliminated this provision. The House recedes from its disagreement to the Senate amendment with an amendment giving the President the authority to investigate, regulate, or prohibit the hoarding or melting of gold, and also to investigate and regulate, by means of license or otherwise (until the expiration of two years after the termination of the present war), for the purpose of strengthening, sustaining, and broadening the market for bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the United States, or preventing frauds upon the holders thereof, and of protecting such holders, any transactions in bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the United States by or between any person or persons. However, this power is limited so that this section shall not be construed to confer any power to prohibit the purchase or sale for cash, or for notes eligible for discount at any Federal reserve bank, of bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the United States.

Amendment No. 4: This amendment is merely a change in section number; and the Senate recedes.

Amendments Nos. 5, 6, and 7: The Senate recedes from its amendments to section 5200 of the Revised Statutes, thereby restoring the House provision.

Amendment No. 8: This amendment is merely a change in section number; and the Senate recedes.

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