

NORTH CAROLINA: Fair to partly cloudy and slightly warmer Wednesday, not quite so cold Wednesday night, Thursday decreasing cloudiness, occasional light rain in west portion and with mild temperature.

House Against Roll Call Vote On Ballot Bill

DEBATE INTENSIFIED

Demand That They Stand Up And Be Counted Is Rejected

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BY LEIF ERICKSON WITH U. S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC, Feb. 1.

"I have every confidence that we'll put this over," said Rear Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner before he led amphibious forces into the Marshall Islands. "We won't come back until we've finished the job. 'Do any of you gentlemen have any questions?'"

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President May Not Sign New Revenue Bill

NO VETO IS EXPECTED

Measure Still Short Of Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Caustic criticism of the tax bill by approval by Congress, and the history of President Roosevelt didn't like, lent support tonight to a belief that the President may refuse to sign the \$2,300,000,000 measure.

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Important Facts About Marshalls

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Surging Soviets Appear To Have Reached Estonia

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Red army captured the frontier railway station of Kingisepp (Yamburg) today and farther north appeared to have reached the pre-war Estonian border with the capture of the little Luga River town of Kelkino.

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Monday's Wind Lacked One Mile Per Hour Of Breaking Record

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