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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mr. Roosevelt Makes Recommendations Concerning Needed Legislation

THE NATION PROSPEROUS

Recommendations Covering a Wide Range of Subjects—Finances, Combinations, Transportation, Natural Resources and Other Interesting Topics Brought to the Attention of Our Lawmaking Body.

The message of President Roosevelt to the second session of the Sixtieth Congress was read in both houses, and was in substance as follows:

Finances. The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the Government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 30, 1908, there was an increase in the amount of money in circulation of \$902,991,399. The increase in the per capita during this period was \$7.06.

There are many matters affecting labor and the status of the wage worker to which I should like to draw your attention, but an exhaustive discussion of the problem in all its aspects is not now necessary.

As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already said in my message to the Congress.

The railroads of the country should be put completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law.

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Securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates. As regards rates, at least, this power should be summary. The power to investigate the financial operations and accounts of the railroads has been one of the most valuable features in recent legislation.

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LAWMAKERS MEET

Second Session of the Sixtieth Congress Begins Its Work

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS SWORN

If the Republican Leaders Retain Present Views There Will Be Very Little Done by the Congress Except Appropriate Money For Various and Sundry Objects.

Washington, Special.—If Republican leaders retain their present views the legislation of the session of Congress which began Monday will include very little except the appropriation bills. These bills will carry in the aggregate about \$1,000,000,000, and the general opinion is that in the time that will be allowed, the two houses will find they can best serve the country by giving proper attention to these appropriations.

There will be a general effort to hold the appropriations down to the lowest possible limit. It is generally understood that there will be a bill for the improvement of rivers and harbors, to carry not less than \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000. Provision must be made this year for the census of 1910 and this will require not less than \$10,000,000. There will be other exceptional demands, so that as it looks now Congress will do well if it succeeds in holding the appropriations for the second session of the Sixtieth Congress to the dimensions of those of the first session.

The House committee on appropriations already has begun its work on the sundry bills. The fact that the managers desire to restrict legislation will not prevent other members of the Senate and House from exerting their efforts in behalf of favorite measures. The first effort in this direction will be made in the Senate by Mr. Foraker, who will renew his attempt to have passed the bill authorizing the enlistment of the negro soldiers discharged without honor on account of the Brownsville riot. This measure will be the special order for December 16th. Senator Beveridge will make an effort to obtain early consideration of his child labor bill, and Senator Carter, of the postal savings bank bill.

It is quite certain that the recent agreement between the United States and Japan will receive early consideration in the Senate. Already a number of Senators have privately expressed disapproval of the fact that the compact was entered into without consulting the Senate.

Monday at 12 o'clock both houses of Congress convened for the beginning of the second session of the Sixtieth Congress. Practically no business was transacted in either house Monday. In the Senate ex-Governor Cummins, of Iowa, took the oath of office as the successor of Senator Allison as did Carroll S. Page, of Vermont, as the successor of Senator Stewart. In the House the seven members who were elected in November to succeed members who have died or resigned, are Henry A. Barnhart, Democrat, who succeeds the late Mr. Bruck, Republican, from the thirteenth Indiana district; Albert Estlin, Democrat, who succeeds the late Mr. Meyer from the first Louisiana district; Otto G. Foelker, Republican, successor to Mr. Dunwell, Republican, in the third New York district; Frank E. Guernsey, Republican, successor to Mr. Powers, Republican, from the fourth Maine district; Eben M. Masters, Republican, successor to Mr. Parker, Republican, from South Dakota at large; O. C. Wiley, Democrat, successor to his brother, A. A. Wiley, Democrat, from the second Alabama district, and John P. Swansy, Republican, successor to Mr. Littlefield, who resigned during the last session from the second Maine district.

The two houses appointed committees each to notify the other House and the President that the two bodies were organized and prepared to go forward with the business of the session. The Senate then adjourned for the day, out of respect to the memory of Senator Allison, who died during the recess. The House terminated its brief session with resolutions commemorative of the lives of Messrs. Parker, Wiley, Dunwell and Powers, who have died since adjournment last May.

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