

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND
AFFAIRS OF INTEREST TO THE JEWS

1909

- Dec. 4. Hon. Simon Wolf, representing the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and the Board of Delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Judge Julian W. Mack, for the American Jewish Committee, appear before the U. S. Immigration Commission and argue against any further restriction of immigration.
7. Rep. Everis A. Hayes (Cal.) introduces bill (H. R. 13,404), providing for a head tax of \$10, an educational test, the exclusion of aliens not having \$25, the registration of aliens, the abolition of the Division of Information of the Immigration Bureau, and other restrictive measures.
13. Sen. William P. Dillingham (Vt.), on behalf of the Immigration Commission, presents a report on steerage conditions on vessels carrying immigrants (S. Doc. 206).
14. Rep. William Richardson (Ala.) introduces bill (H. R. 14,492), providing for a head tax of \$20 on immigrants.
15. Rep. Augustus P. Gardner (Mass.) introduces bill, providing for an educational test for immigrants over 16 years of age except dependent parents or grandparents and sons or daughters under 21 years of age who accompany admissible aliens.
15. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.) introduces bill (H. R. 15,431), providing for the punishment by imprisonment and for the subsequent deportation of aliens who attempt to enter the United States after they have been debarred for being prostitutes or procurers.
16. Sen. Dillingham, on behalf of the Immigration Commission, presents report on changes in bodily form of descendants of immigrants (S. Doc. 208).
20. Sen. Lee S. Overman (N. C.) introduces bill (S. 4514), providing for a \$10 head tax, an educational test, the production of certificate of good character, the possession of \$25, and other restrictive features.

20. Rep. Augustus P. Gardner (Mass.) introduces bill (H. R. 16,036), providing for a head tax of \$10 and an educational test for all immigrants over 16 years of age.

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- Jan. 5. Sen. William P. Dillingham (Vt.) introduces bill (S. 4667), to provide for United States surgeons, immigrant inspectors, and matrons on vessels carrying immigrant or emigrant passengers between ports of the United States and foreign ports.
6. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.) introduces bill (H. R. 17,159), providing for the deportation of aliens sentenced to a State prison or penitentiary for one year or more, at the expiration of sentence.
7. Rep. Henry M. Goldfogle (N. Y.) introduces resolution (H. Res. 198), providing for an investigation by the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the conditions existing in the offices of the clerks of the courts having jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings.
7. Rep. Benjamin F. Howell (N. J.) introduces bill (H. R. 17,262) (same as bill introduced by Sen. Dillingham, Jan. 5).
7. Rep. William Sulzer (N. Y.) introduces concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 29), for the prevention of the separation of families because of the inadmissibility of one or more members.
11. Sen. Dillingham presents report on the progress of the work of Immigration Commission together with an estimate of the appropriation necessary to complete its report.
12. Sen. Dillingham, on behalf of the Immigration Commission, presents report on the occupations of first and second generations of immigrants to the United States (S. Doc. 282).
14. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.) introduces resolution (H. Res. 234), requesting the President to consider the expediency of appointing special commissioners to foreign countries for the purpose of entering upon agreements for the prevention of the emigration, to the United States, of aliens belonging to the excluded classes.
14. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.) introduces bill (H. R. 18,164), providing for the return of aliens brought into the United States in violation of law.

14. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.) introduces bill (H. R. 18,172), providing for the punishment by imprisonment and subsequent deportation of aliens attempting to enter the United States after having been debarred or deported for any cause involving moral turpitude.
15. Rep. John L. Burnett (Ala.) introduces bill (H. R. 18,288), providing for the deportation of convicted aliens at the expiration of sentence.
17. Sen. Morgan G. Bulkeley (Conn.) presents joint resolution passed by the Legislature of Connecticut on April 14, 1909, relative to the protection of American citizens abroad, regardless of race or creed.
17. Sen. Joseph F. Johnston (Ala.) submits a report (No. 81), on the bill (S. 404) introduced by him on March 22, 1909, for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia.
17. Rep. Herbert Parsons (N. Y.) introduces bill (H. R. 18,377), permitting the immigration of persons otherwise admissible who have been convicted of an offense purely political, not excepting an offense "involving moral turpitude."
21. Rep. Everis A. Hayes (Cal.) introduces bill (H. R. 18,898), defining the term "alien" as "any person who is not a citizen of the United States."
24. Rep. John L. Burnett (Ala.) introduces bill, providing for \$5 head tax, an educational test for all immigrants, the deportation of aliens without \$30 (females \$20), and the examination of emigrants at place of embarkation.
24. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.), in a speech in the House, denounces the Immigration Commission for its "libel" on the Jewish people in its report on the White Slave Traffic.
25. James H. Patten, Secretary of the Immigration Restriction League, appears before the House Committee on Immigration, and argues in favor of the Hayes bill (H. R. 13,404).
27. Rep. Henry M. Goldfogle (N. Y.) introduces bill providing for the deportation of convicted aliens upon the expiration of sentence.
27. After debate, in the course of which Senators Bailey (Tex.) and Money (Miss.) pay tribute to Jewish people, Senate passes bill (S. 404), introduced by Senator J. F. Johnston (Ala.), on March 22, 1909, for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in

the District of Columbia, amended so as to exempt from its penalties persons who observe as a day of rest any other day of the week than Sunday.

31. Sen. Dillingham, on behalf of the Immigration Commission, presents a report on immigrants in cities.
- Feb. 1. Rep. John L. Burnett (Ala.) introduces bill (H. R. 19,861), providing for the deportation of aliens convicted of crime within five years after arrival, upon the expiration of sentence.
1. Reps. Sulzer and Goldfogle (N. Y.) appear before the House Committee on Immigration, to argue in favor of House Resolution 29, introduced by Rep. Sulzer, to prevent the separation of families.
 7. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.), from the Committee on Immigration, reports bill (H. R. 20,166), in lieu of bills introduced by Representatives Bennet, Goldfogle, and Burnett, for the deportation of convicted aliens.
 8. William B. Griffith, representing the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics of the State of New York, appears before House Committee on Immigration and argues for further restriction.
 8. James H. Patten, Secretary Immigration Restriction League, appears before House Committee on Immigration in favor of an educational test.
 8. Rep. Everis A. Hayes (Cal.) introduces bill (H. R. 20,379), excluding all aliens who, under Section 2169 of the Revised Statutes, cannot become naturalized.
 15. Rep. Benjamin F. Howell (N. J.) introduces bill (H. R. 20,980) for the deportation of alien criminals.
 18. Rep. Martin Dies (Tex.), in speaking to a bill making an appropriation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, makes anti-immigration speech.
 18. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.) introduces bill (H. R. 21,325), for the prevention of the separation of families because of the inadmissibility of one or more members.
 18. Rep. Everis A. Hayes (Cal.) introduces bill (H. R. 21,342), providing that the naturalization laws shall apply only to "white persons of the Caucasian race."
 18. Sen. Wesley L. Jones (Wash.) introduces bill (S. 6552), providing for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of an immigrant station at Tacoma, Wash.

19. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.) introduces bill (H. R. 21,426), to increase the scope of the work of the Division of Information of the United States Immigration Service.
 22. Arthur E. Holder, representing the American Federation of Labor, appears before House Committee on Immigration in favor of further restriction of immigration.
 22. Rep. Politte Elvins (Mo.) introduces bills (H. R. 21,584 and 21,588), providing for an educational test for all aliens, and the exclusion of all persons between the ages of sixteen and fifty years who cannot pass the physical examination prescribed for recruits by the military regulations of the United States Army, those not possessing \$100, persons economically undesirable; and containing other restrictive features.
 24. Sen. Dillingham, on behalf of the Immigration Commission, presents a report on immigrant banks.
 28. Delegation representing the American Association of Foreign Newspapers, appears before the House Committee on Immigration and presents resolutions opposing further restriction of immigration.
- Mar. 8. T. J. Brooks, representing the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, appears before the House Committee on Immigration and argues for a more stringent administration of the immigration laws, and for further restriction of immigration.
9. A. A. Roe, representing The Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, appears before the House Committee on Immigration in favor of further restriction of immigration.
 10. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.) appears before House Committee on Immigration, in opposition to further restriction of immigration.
 11. Dr. Cyrus Adler, Mr. Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Mr. Louis Marshall, and Mr. Harry Cutler, representing the American Jewish Committee; Hon. Simon Wolf, Mr. Abram I. Elkus, Mr. Max J. Kohler, and Rabbi Abram Simon, representing the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and the Board of Delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Judge Leon Sanders, President of the Independent Order B'rith Abraham, appear before the House Committee on Immigration and make a protest against further restriction of immigration. (For account of this hearing, see pp. 19-98.)

11. Rep. Samuel L. Gilmore (La.) introduces bill (H. R. 22,793), to restore endowment of Judah Touro Alms-house, of New Orleans, La.
12. Rep. John A. Keliher (Mass.) appears before House Committee on Immigration, in opposition to further restriction of immigration.
14. Rep. John L. Burnett (Ala.) appears before House Committee on Immigration, in favor of further restriction of immigration.
14. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.) appears before House Committee on Immigration, in opposition to further restriction of immigration.
15. House Committee on Immigration decides to postpone action on bills restricting immigration until the next session of Congress (Dec., 1910).
- April 1. Sen. Dillingham, on behalf of Immigration Commission, presents report on immigration in Canada.
15. Rep. Joseph F. O'Connell (Mass.) introduces bill (H. R. 24,550), for the prevention of the separation of families through the inadmissibility of one or more members.
15. Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.) introduces bill (H. R. 24,555), to increase the scope of the Division of Information, United States Immigration Service.
19. Rep. William S. Bennet (N. Y.), from the Committee on Immigration, reports bill (H. R. 24,695), in lieu of bills introduced by Representatives Sabath and O'Connell and resolution introduced by Rep. Sulzer, for the prevention of the separation of families because of the inadmissibility of one or more members.
26. Rep. Everis A. Hayes (Cal.) introduces bill (H. R. 24,993), providing that Section 2169 of the Revised Statutes, which accords the right of naturalization to "free white persons" and Africans, shall not be construed so as to prevent "Asiatics who are Armenians, Syrians, or Jews from becoming naturalized citizens."
30. Rep. Francis B. Harrison (N. Y.) introduces resolution (H. Res. 615), deploring the persecution of the Jews of Russia and the restrictions upon their natural rights, and requesting the President to use the good and friendly offices of the United States with the Russian Government to secure action for the prevention of outrages in the future.
- May 2. House passes Mr. Hayes' bill, introduced April 26, expressly permitting Asiatics who are Armenians, Syrians, and Jews to become naturalized citizens.

- June 9. Committee of Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, requested by members of House and by Rabbis and others to pass resolution (H. Res. 615, see above) introduced by Rep. Harrison of New York, on April 30.
9. Department of State issues report from chargé d'affaires at St. Petersburg respecting expulsions from Kieff.
10. Rep. Henry M. Goldfogle (N. Y.) introduces resolution (H. Res. 733), providing for an investigation of conditions in the New York City courts having jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings, with a view to relieving alleged congestion and consequent delay. (Reported to House June 17, Rep. No. 1620.)
14. Sen. Weldon B. Heyburn (Idaho) reports bill (S. 8695), for the naturalization of such persons as have, because of misinformation in regard to the law, acted in good faith as citizens for the past five years.
15. Sen. Henry C. Lodge (Mass.), on behalf of Immigration Commission, presents report on immigrants in industries.
17. Department of State makes public additional report of the chargé d'affaires at St. Petersburg respecting the expulsions at Kieff, Russia.
20. Resolution (H. Res. 733, see June 10) passed by House of Representatives.
22. Sen. Thomas P. Gore (Okla.) introduces bill (S. 8813), requiring alien immigrants to come to the United States in vessels of American registry.
24. Senate passes bill (S. 8695), providing for the naturalization of persons who have acted as citizens in good faith, through misinformation, reported by Mr. Heyburn, June 14.
24. Chairman Benjamin F. Howell (N. J.), of the House Committee on Immigration, appoints following committee to carry on investigation provided for by resolution (H. Res. 733), passed June 20: William S. Bennet (N. Y.), chairman, Augustus P. Gardner (Mass.), J. Hampton Moore (Pa.), Henry M. Goldfogle (N. Y.), and Adolph J. Sabath (Ill.).

LIST OF JEWISH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

PAST

- BENJAMIN, JUDAH PHILIP, 1812-1884. Sen. from La., 1853-1861.
 EINSTEIN, EDWIN, 1842-1906. Rep. from N. Y., 1879-1881.
 EMERICH, MARTIN, 1847- . Rep. from Ill., 1903-1907.
 FISCHER, ISRAEL F., 1858- . Rep. from N. Y., 1895-1899.
 FRANK, NATHAN, 1852- . Rep. from Mo., 1889-1891.
 GOLDZIER, JULIUS, 1854- . Rep. from Ill., 1893-1895.
 HART, EMANUEL B., 1809-1897. Rep. from N. Y., 1851-1853.
 HOUSEMAN, JULIUS, 1832-1891. Rep. from Mich., 1883-1885.
 JONAS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, 1834- . Sen. from La., 1879-1885.
 LESSLER, MONTAGUE, 1869- . Rep. from N. Y., 1902-1903.
 LEVIN, LEWIS CHARLES, 1808-1860. Rep. from Pa., 1845-1851.
 LEVY, DAVID. See YULEE, DAVID LEVY.
 LEVY, JEFFERSON MONROE. Rep. from N. Y., 1899-1901.
 LITTAUER, LUCIUS NATHAN, 1859- . Rep. from N. Y., 1897-1907.
 MAY, MITCHELL, 1871- . Rep. from N. Y., 1899-1901.
 MEYER, ADOLPH, 1842-1908. Rep. from La., 1891-1908.
 MORSE, LEOPOLD, 1831-1892. Rep. from Mass., 1877-1885, 1887-1889.
 PHILLIPS, HENRY MYER, 1811-1884. Rep. from Pa., 1857-1859.
 PHILLIPS, PHILIP, 1807-1884. Rep. from Ala., 1853-1855.
 PULITZER, JOSEPH, 1847- . Rep. from N. Y., 1885-1886.
 SIMON, JOSEPH, 1851- . Sen. from Ore., 1898-1903.
 STRAUS, ISIDOR, 1845- . Rep. from N. Y., 1894-1895.
 STROUSE, MYER, 1825-1878. Rep. from Pa., 1863-1867.
 WOLF, HARRY B., 1880- . Rep. from Md., 1907-1909.
 YULEE, DAVID LEVY, 1811-1886. Del. from Fla., 1841-1845; Sen. from Fla., 1845-1851; 1855-1861.

PRESENT

(MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS)*

- GOLDFOGLE, HENRY M., Democrat, Representative, New York City.
 GUGGENHEIM, SIMON, Republican, Senator, Colorado.
 KAHN, JULIUS, Republican, Representative, San Francisco.
 RAYNER, ISIDOR, Democrat, Senator, Maryland.
 SARATH, ADOLPH J., Democrat, Representative, Chicago.

* For biographies see AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK 5669, p. 70 et seq.