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sine die on the seventeenth day of March

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Mr. Meyers moved that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 20, at ten o'clock a. m.

Said motion was agreed to.

Mr. Renick offered the following resolution, viz.:

H. R. 11. Resolution memorializing the President of the United States in the matter of lawlessness in the Hawaiian Islands.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

In September last the wife of Lieutenant Thomas Hedges Massie, an officer in the United States Navy, a native and citizen of Winchester, Kentucky, stationed at Honolulu in Hawaii, was kidnapped, assaulted, beat, mangled, her jaw broken and raped six times by five Oriental native Hawaiians, resulting in pregnancy, confining her to a hospital, and making an operation for abortion imperative, and although she identified four of the five rapists, the jury which tried them, failed to convict, leaving this foul and horrible crime unpunished; prior to this crime six men, natives of Hawaii, were charged with the rape of a Chinese girl and one or more of them were convicted, and one of them, a prizefighter, was pardoned of the offense, and shortly thereafter was in New York City taking part in a prize fight, and that same man is one of the five men charged with the rape of Mrs. Massie, and that following the assault and rape of Mrs. Massie by these five rapists, they were permitted to go at large in and about Honolulu, and that they continued at large until one of their number was recently killed, and thereupon the other four of said rapists voluntarily surrendered themselves to the jailer in Honolulu for their own personal safety and protection, and whereas, in connection with the killing of one of the five

rapists, Lieutenant Massie, Mrs. Granville Roland Fortescue, the mother of Mrs. Massie and E. J. Lord and A. C. Jones two enlisted men in the Navy, are held as prisoners in Honolulu.

Now, Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, that this Assembly memorializes petitions and requests His Excellency, the Honorable Herbert Hoover, President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, to use the power vested in him as Chief Executive and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, to demand that the repists who so dastardly, beat and raped the Wife of Lieutenant Massie, be brought to justice and to insist that a full meure of the law be meted out to them, and we further memorialize, petition and request that the President as Chief Executive and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, use every arm of the Government to insure the immediate release of Lieutenant Massie, Mrs. Fortescue, E. J. Lord and A. O. Jones, and to insure this end, we petition and request, if such result cannot otherwise be secured, that the President declare a state of martial law in Honolulu, as has been done, at least, on one former occasion, and thereby exercise direct control from the seat of government at Washington, until such time as the territory of Hawaii can be made safe for women, and especially for the wives of our men in the Army and Navy, who are stationed in Honolulu, not of their own volition, but under orders of the War and Navy Departments, which they must obey

That this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States forthwith by the Secretary of State under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Said resolution was adopted.

Thereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Renick, Handmaker and Evans as a Committee to convey said resolution

to the Senate and ask the concurrence of that Honorable body.

Mr. Beshear moved that the privileges of the floor be extended to Mr. Roy Wilson.

Said motion was agreed to.

Mr. Mahin moved that the privileges of the floor be extended to Hon. James Dorman, former member of this House.

Said motion was agreed to.

Mr. Dodge moved that the privileges of the floor be extended to Judge R. C. Batterton.

Said motion was agreed to.

Mr. Meyers offered the following resolution, viz.:

H. Res. 12. Whereas, it has long been the custom for State Legislatures to invite distinguished people to visit them and deliver an address before the joint session, and, whereas, the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of the Empire State, has been endorsed by his people for his fidelity to their interest, as such official, and has taken his place in the front rank of American statesmen and Patriots,

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Governor Roosevelt be invited to pay a visit to our Capitol, and deliver an address to the joint session, assembled for that purpose, during the present session of the General Assembly at such time as may be convenient to him.

Said resolution was adopted.

Upon a call of the Counties and Legislative Districts,

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munities closer together for commercial exchange and tourist travel, therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That we memorialize Congress through our Kentucky delegation to provide, as an emergency appropriation for the unemployed, sufficient funds without State aid, for the completion of unfinished links and for straightening, widening and surfacing of this Memorial Highway as a purely Federal Highway project.

Be it further resolved, That the State Highway Commission be requested to furnish to the William Howard Taft Highway Association, through its President, George A. Stauffer, of Ottawa, Ohio, an estimate of the probable cost of completing, straightening, widening and surfacing of said Memorial Highway as above designated through Kentucky, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the William Howard Taft Highway Association and the members of the Kentucky delegation in Congress by the Secretary of State.

Senator Moore moved that the rules be suspended and said resolution be adopted.

Said motion was agreed to.

The question being taken upon the adoption of said resolution it was decided in the affirmative.

Said resolution was adopted.

Senator Holloway proposed the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that:

Whereas, this Body has learned with grave concern and

President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to the Senators and Representatives from Kentucky in the United States Congress.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11.

“Resolution memorializing the President of the United States in the matter of lawlessness in the Hawaiian Islands.”

Said resolution reads as follows:

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Senator Holloway moved that the rules be suspended and the adoption of said resolution.

Said motion was agreed to.

The question being taken on the adoption of said resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

Said resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12.

“Resolution inviting Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York to address the General Assembly.”

Said resolution reads as follows :

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Governor Roosevelt be invited to pay a visit to our Capital, and deliver an address to the joint session, assembled for that purpose, during the present session of the General Assembly at such time as may be convenient to him.

Under the rules, said resolution lies over.

Senator Ryans moved that when the Senate adjourns today, that it do adjourn to meet Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Said motion was agreed to.

Senator Allie W. Young moved that the Senate recess for 15 minutes.

Said motion was agreed to.