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regulations affecting railroad transportation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the clerk of the board be directed to send a copy of this resolution

Statement of

IVES SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D. Montana)

On the introduction of RE legislation to accept Charles M. Russell statue

in Statuary Hall una the RECORD a resolution urging legislation to increase public works projects to alleviate the unemployment situation, which was recently adopted by the City Council of the City of La Salle, Ill.

There being no objection, the resolution was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

### Resolution

Whereas unemployment has been on the increase throughout the entire Nation; and Whereas the City Council of the City of La Salle, Ill., believes that certain action must be taken to alleviate the unemployment situation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the City Council of the City of La Salle, Ill., That we hereby recommend that the Federal Government continue its program for public works projects for the purpose of alleviating the unemployment problem, and that we urge the Congress of the United States to pass all necessary legislation to provide for the increased works projects and that the city clerk of the city of La Salle, Ill., forward copies of this resolution to the Members of Congress from this district, the President of the United States, and the Governor of the State of Illinois.

This resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Salle, Ill., held on the 3d of March 1958.

Approved this 3d day of March A. D. 1958. B. D. BRUNO, Mayor.

Attest:

GENEVIEVE KUDLA City Clerk.

### THE HARRIS NATURAL GAS BILL-MEMORIAL

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a memorial signed by a number of citizens of Chicago, Ill., opposing the passage of the Harris natural gas bill.

There being no objection, the memorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, without the signatures attached, as follows:

We, the undersigned citizens and voters of Illinois, do hereby entreat you, most emphatically, to use your influence in voting against the infamous Harris bill, the passing of which would unjustly raise our gas bills

for the use of natural gas in our homes.
(Signed by Veronica Kalemba and sundry other citizens of the city of Chicago, Ill.)

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PASTORE, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, with an amendment:

Res. 287. Resolution authorizing a study of the textile industry of the United States referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BYRD om the Committee on Finance, without am ment

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to be adheld at Louisville thout payment of tar-poses (Rept. No. 1436).

OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON RUCTION OF BUILDING FOR SEUM OF HISTORY AND IOLOGY FOR THE SMITH-N INSTITUTION (S. REPT.

NO. 1437)

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, on behalf of the Joint Congressional Committee on Construction of a Building for Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Institution, I submit a report, pursuant to section 4 of Public Law 106 (84th Cong., 69 Stat. 189). I ask that the report be printed.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The report will be received and printed, as requested by the Senator from New Mex-

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

As in executive session,

The following favorable reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. PASTORE, from the Committee on

Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Vice Adm. Alfred C. Richmond to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, with the rank of vice admiral.

Rear Adm. James A. Hirshfield to be Assistant Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, with the rank of rear admiral;

Richard F. Eiden, and sundry other persons, for appointment in the United States Coast Guard; and

Russell A. Serenberg, and sundry other persons, for appointment in the United States Coast Guard.

### BILLS INTRODUCED

Bills were introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:

By Mr. HILL:

S. 3624. A bill to amend the act "An act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, May 7, 1928, as amended; to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

By Mr. CHAVEZ:

S. 3625. A bill for the relief of Belle Kligerman; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for him-self, Mr. Purtell, Mr. Javits, Mr. Case of New Jersey, and Mr, Ives):

S. 3626. A bill to establish a teaching hospital for Howard University, to transfer Freedmen's Hospital to the university, and purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

(See the remarks of Mr. Smith of New Jersey when he introduced the above bill, which appear under a separate heading.)

By Mr. BEALL: S. 3627. A bill for the relief of Anna Marie Van Rooy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUMPHREY:

S. 3628. A bill to amend the Davis-Bacon Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

(See the remarks of Mr. HUMPHREY when introduced the above bill, which appear under a separate heading.)

By Mr. IVES:

S. 3629. A bill to authorize certain beach erosion control of the short of the State of New York from Fire Island Inlet to Jones Inlet; to the Committee on Public Works.

#### STATUE OF CHARLES M. RUSSELL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, today I am pleased to announce to the Senate that the State of Montana will place its first statue in Statuary Hall in October of this year. Statuary Hall, in the United States Capitol, is perhaps the finest memorial to outstanding Americans. As all of us know, each State is entitled to place two statues in Statuary Hall. To date, Montana is one of the few States that has not placed at least one statue in the Capitol.

After a number of years of planning and fund raising, Montana has decided to honor a great Montanan—not a statesman, politician, or philanthropist, but an artist—Charles Marion Russell who recorded in oils, charcoal, and sculpture a vanishing era and a vanishing race. He was an artist, illustrator, and writer who recorded the old West during its transition to civilization.

Russell was an adopted Montanan, who came to Helena in 1880, when the total population of the Montana Territory was less than 40,000. He lived the West; he worked as a trapper and wrangler. He lived with the Indians; and it was during those years, as a young man, that he was painting and modeling more and more of the experiences he was living. In 1892, he moved to Great Falls, and settled down as an artist. Four years later he married Nancy Cooper, who was to exercise a most helpful and beneficial influence during their life together. Thereafter, he built a studio in Great Falls; and his work as an illustrator became in greater demand; and his paintings, which were very popular locally, were beginning to draw attention from far away places.

No artist captured the West with such devotion and fidelity as did Russell; and he continued to do so until his death in

The sculptor of the statue of Charles Russell is John B. Weaver, a native of Butte, Mont., and curator of the Montana Historical Museum. The statue is now being cast into bronze. It is a 7foot high representation, and shows Russell with a palette on his left arm and a brush in his right hand. It is 1 of 5 selected in a statewide contest.

The bronze statue of the cowboy artist will be placed in Statuary Hall in October, the same month that the National Museum of Fine Arts will feature an exhibit of Charles Russell's original paintings and illustrations. October will truly be Montana Month in the Nation's Capital.

On behalf of Montana's distinguished senior Senator [Mr. MURRAY] and myself. I submit three concurrent resolutions which authorize the acceptance of the statue of Charles Marion Russell, to be placed in Statuary Hall; the temporary placement of the statue in the rotunda of the Capitol; and the printing of the installation proceedings.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed in the Record, at the conclusion of my remarks, three commendations of Russell: Charles Marion Russell, a Brief Commentary by Old Friends; Russell, Artist or Illustrator? by K. Ross Toole; and, C. M. R., He-Man Artist of a Raw Boned Era, by Michael Kennedy.

There being no objection, the commendations were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

CHARLES MARION RUSSELL, A BRIEF COMMEN-TARY BY OLD FRIENDS

Will Rogers once said, "Charlie Russell wasn't just another artist. He wasn't 'just another' anything."

And J. Frank Dobie, the sage Texan who has chronicled the West so well, has written:

"One cannot imagine Charles M. Russell living in a world without horses. If the wheel had never been devised, he could have been content. The steamboat had carried traders and trappers up the Missouri River and become a feature in the pageant of the West before he was born; he accepted the steamboat, respected it. When, in 1880, at the age of 16, he went to Montana, he traveled by the rallway to its end and then took the stage. The Far West was at that time still an unfenced and comparatively unoccupied expanse of grass and mountains; he accepted and respected the steam engine as one of its features. As it hauled in plows, barbed wire, and people, he would, had he had the power, have Joshuaed the sun to a permanent standstill. The Russell genius was adverse to change.

"Russell's devotion to old times, old ways, the old West did not come from age. It was congenital. Even in infancy he pictured the West of Indians, spaces, and outlanders, and knew what he wanted. \* \* \* He wanted room; he wanted to be left alone; he believed in other people being left alone. \* \* \* In one respect he was far ahead of his contemporaries, who generally, said that the only good Indian was a dead Indian. He had profound sympathy for the Plains Indians. \* \* \* When sometimes he spoke of 'my people,' he meant the horseback Indians. He called the white man nature's enemy. The Indians harmonized with nature and had no more desire to conquer it or alter any aspect of it than a cottontail rabbit.

"Over and over, he pictured schooners, freight wagons, packhorses, Indian buffalo hunters, cowboys, Northwest mounted police, horse thieves, stage robbers, and other horseback men. Bull whackers, muleskinners, stage drivers, and their contemporaries of the frontier were as congenial to him as 'Nature's cattle,' among which the coyote and the tortoise were in as good standing as the elk and the antelope. \* \* \*

"Russell's opposition to change was but the obverse of his concentration upon the old. His art can be comprehended only through an understanding of his conservatism. It was not the conservatism of the privileged who resent change because change will take away their privileges. It was the conservatism of love and loyalty," Dobie says.

Will Rogers also said: "He loved nature—everything he painted God had made. In people, he loved human nature. In stories, he loved human interest. You never saw one of his paintings that you couldn't tell just what the Indians, the horse, and the buffalo were thinking about. \* \* \* He was a great story teller. \* \* \* He not only left us great living pictures of what our West was, but he left us an example of how to live in friendship with all mankind. A real, downright, honest-to-God human being."

Montana is proud of her adopted son, Charlie Russell. No one has ever painted her portrait so vigorously or so well. No one, in word, picture, or by any other device, has yet captured the pioneer flavor of the West's formative years more vividly.

The Charles M. Russell Room at the new Historical Society Museum in Helena, Mont., houses one of the world's finest collections of C. M. R.'s imperishable art; more than 100 choice items. Many of these are now being reproduced exclusively by the U. O. Colson Co., of Paris, Ill.

## RUSSELL, ARTIST OR ILLUSTRATOR? (By K. Ross Toole)

There has long been an argument in certain circles as to whether Charles M. Russell was an artist or an illustrator. He thought of himself as an illustrator, but it is doubtful that he would ever have entered in the argument himself, pro or con. He painted what he saw and what he knew. And he painted with a fidelity that has seldom been matched by any illustrator. Yet Russell's works are notable not merely because he knew the horse, the Indian, and the Montana land-scape. Russell was painting and sculpting a vanishing era and a vanishing race, and he knew it. Unlike the vast majority of his con-temporaries, he saw the inherent dignity in the Indian and he was acutely conscious of the tragedy involved in the Indian's plight. In the 1880's, when the sentiment that "the only good Indian is a dead Indian," was still strong in the West, Russell lived with the Bloods and came to understand them. More, he came to admire and respect their way of This is either explicit or implicit in all his paintings of Indians.

While many a story about Russell has pictured him as a cowboy first and an artist second, such is not the case. He was more a philosopher than a cowhand, more a translator than a doer, and all these elements of his nature came out in his brush and fingertips.

He was immensely conservative; he detested the change that was putting an end to the way of life he loved and to the open range that gave him a sense of freedom he could find nowhere else. There is a poignant nostalgia in most of his work subsequent to 1900 which is a reflection of a genuine sadness. It is this feeling in his work that sets him apart from his imitators.

Charles Russell was a strange mixture of strength and weakness. He was no businessman and he left the matter of commercializing his work to his shrewd wife. He drank too much whisky with old cronies. His loyalty to the old things and the old times was intense and he was always an easy touch. His humor was much like that of his good friend, Will Rogers—wry, often turned on himself, sometimes a little satirical. In short, Charles M. Russell, as Will Rogers put it, was "a real downright, honest to God human being." And that is another thing that separates Russell from his imitators.

Russell has become part myth, part legend in Montana, and he is rapidly coming to occupy a similar position throughout the country. This is the case not merely because he was a good painter and sculptor of romantic subjects, but because behind his work was a man in love with a vanishing age and its people.

### C. M. R., He-Man of a Raw-Boned Era (By Michael Kennedy)

Charles M. Russell was born with an inherent love of the western frontier. That was in St. Louis, Mo., historic river town, on March 19, 1864; the year that Montana Territory was created. His heritage was deeply rooted. Russell's paternal grandparent, Silas Bent, later a noted frontier judge, arrived in St. Louis in 1804, as the Lewis and Clark Expedition was departing for the un-

charted northwest wilderness to explore the vast new lands acquired under the Louisiana Purchase.

Four of the Bent offsprings—Charles, George, Robert, and William—quickly became identified with the hazardous frontier fur trade. George was among the early white Americans to trod what was to become Montana soil, trapping for the American Fur Co., as early as 1816. William and Charles achieved the greatest fame. William was identified with the famous adobe outpost known as Bent's Fort. He built a trading post in 1824 on the Arkansas River and was considered one of the first permanent white settlers in what later became Colorado. An intimate of such mountain men as Kit Carson and the intrepid Jim Bridger, William Bent was a prototype of the rugged breed who first peopled the Rocky Mountain region. It was inevitable that he should be the boyhood hero of Charley Russell; even though Charles Bent, who was active in the Santa Fe trade, achieved a higher station in life. He was Governor of New Mexico Territory when killed by Pueblo Indians, at Taos, in 1847

Charley Russell started sketching and modeling at an early age. He sketched from live models and preferred clandestine visits to the teeming river front where the bearded buckskin men were unloading furs from mackinaws and bullboats; or loading vital cargo aboard the river craft headed back to the frontier—to school. He preferred almost anything to school. Even a term in a New Jersey military academy failed to distract his fanciful mind from things western. So Charley's merchant father devised a scheme; sent him to the raw hinterland and cure him, once and for all, of those romantic notions. Traveling by way of the Utah Northern Railroad and stagecoach with an adult family friend named Pike Miller, the 16-year-old boy rolled into the gold mining city of Helena, in the spring of 1880. As related, many years later, by his wife Mame:

"When they arrived there, the streets were lined with freight outfits. He saw bull teams, with their dusty whackers, swinging 16-foot lashes with riflelike reports over 7 or 8 yoke teams; their string of talk profane and hide blistering as their whips, but understood by every bull, muleskiller or jerkline man. \* \* \* It was also ration time for the Indians, so the red men were standing or riding in that quiet way of theirs, all wearing skin leggings and robes. \* \* \* The picturesqueness of it all filled the heart and soul of this youthful traveler."

The total population of Montana Territory was less than 40,000 at that time.

Pike Miller had a sheep ranch in the newly opened Judith basinland just wrested from the Indians and buffalo and made more secure by the building of Fort Maginnis, Charley soon left Miller and teamed up with Jake Hoover, hunter, trapper, and compatible companion. In 2 years, under able tutelage, he learned much about wildlife, the raw country, and its inhabitants, both white and red.

His father's plan had gone astray. Money for Charley to return home with was returned. When the boy had saved enough of his own earnings from trapping, he did return in 1882. But St. Louis was dull and colorless now. Charley left after 4 months, never to leave his adopted State of Montana again, except for infrequent visits here and abroad

"Kid" Russell hired out as a night wrangler to the first cow outfit he struck after his arrival in Billings. They trailed a thousand cattle into the Judith Basin. Then came jobs with other cow outfits. In the winter of 1886-87 he painted his fabulous postcardsize Walting for a Chinook, which informed Stadler and Kaufman, in Helena, that the tragic hard winter which marked the decline of open-range ranching, had wiped out their herd of 5,000 Bar R cattle.

In 1888, Russell, who was painting and modeling more and more of the experiences he was living, rode into Canada to live with the Blood Indians. He returned to his beloved Judith Basin in 1889. But the range was filling with homesteaders, towns, and civilization. Trying to remain on open range, Russell moved to the Milk River area just south of Canada. He game to Great Falls in the fall of 1892, to live thereafter as an artist; although it was mighty slim pickings for several years. Four years later he found the only thing needed to round out his genius—his beloved wife Nancy Cooper or Mamie Mann; a real business manager.

In 1903, Russell built a log studio in Great Falls. He was in wide demand as an illustrator of magazine articles and books. His painting was popular, regionally, and beginning to create interest in far places. Nancy insisted on what Charley called deadman's prices and got them—several hundred dollars for a canvas worth \$25,000 on today's market. He started to travel and eventually visited the large cities of this country and Europe; but his heart was always in Montana. And as he grew older he became more and more nostalgic for the distant past and more caustic of the so-called march of civilization. A thorough knowledge of all things early western, a deep emotional feeling for them and the genius to interpret, distill, and bring fine essences back to life on board, on canvas, and in clay, resulted in C. M. R.'s acceptance during the first quarter of this century as the Cowboy Artist of the West. No one will ever again recapture the time and the place as graphically, as devotedly, and with such fidelity, as did Charles Marion Russell, right up to his death in 1926.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The concurrent resolutions will be received and appropriately referred.

The concurrent resolutions, submitted by Mr. Mansfield (for himself and Mr. Murray) were received and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, as follows:

S. Con. Res. 80. Concurrent resolution accepting the statue of Charles Marion Russell, presented by the State of Montana, to be placed in Statuary Hall.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 80) is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the statue of Charles Marion Russell, presented by the State of Montana, to be placed in the Statuary Hall collection, is accepted in the name of the United States, and that the thanks of the Congress be tendered said State for the contribution of the statue of one of its most gifted and colorful citizens, noted for his artistic skill; and be it further

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions, suitably engrossed and duly authenticated, be transmitted to the Governor of Montana.

S. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution to place temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol a statue of Charles Marion Russell, and to hold ceremonies on said occasion.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 81) is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the State of Montana is hereby authorized to place temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol a statue of the late Charles Marion Russell, of Montana, and to hold ceremonies in the rotunda on said occasion; and the Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements therefor.

S. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution to print the proceedings in connection with the acceptance of the statue of Charles Marion Russell, late of Montana.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 82) is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the proceedings at the presentation, dedication, and acceptance of the statue of Charles Marion Russell, to be presented by the State of Montana in the rotunda of the Capitol, together with appropriate illustrations and other pertinent matter, shall be printed as a Senate document. The copy for such Senate document shall be prepared under the supervision of the Joint Committee on Printing.

SEC. 2. There shall be printed 3,000 additional copies of such Senate document, which shall be bound in such style as the Joint Committee on Printing shall direct, and of which 100 copies shall be for the use of the Senate and 1,200 copies shall be for the use of the Members of the Senate from the State of Montana, and 500 copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives and 1,200 copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives from the State of Montana.

REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF EZRA TAFT BENSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. YARBODOW Mr. President, on bearn of myself, and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. Proxmire], I submit for appropriate reference a resolution stating that it is the sense of the Senate that Ezra Taft Benson should resign as Secretary of Agriculture.

This 16-point resolution is necessary because other means of obtaining relief for farmers from the oppressive policies of Ezra Taft Benson have failed. This is a proper resolution, grounded on historical precedent. Such a resolution has been used several times in the history of this Republic. One of the most recent uses was by Senator Couzens, of Michigan, a Republican Senator, directed to the tenure of the Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, also a Republican, and addressed to a Republican President, recorded on page 5145 of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for 1928, at the 1st session of the 70th Congress.

So this resolution is not an innovation. It is a nonpartisan appeal, addressed alike to Senators on both sides of the aisle who are desirous of saving American agriculture, the family-sized farm, and a way of life in rural America that produced Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Lee, and Grant. It is time for action now. Mr. President, I ask appropriate action on the resolution.

The resolution reads:

Whereas the present Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra Taft Benson, has depressed the prices received by farmers for the products of all farms of America until the gross amount received for the products of the farms of America represent only 4 percent of the gross national product; and

Whereas Mr. Benson has incited dissention, created ill will, and stirred up economic civil war between producer groups of different farm commodities, setting farm commodity producer group against farm commodity producer group; and

Whereas the Secretary of Agriculture has diligently carried on a propaganda campaign in an effort to turn the American consumers against the American farmers; and

Whereas Ezra Taft Benson has tried to make farmers believe that their low income troubles have been caused by labor, and has tried to set the farmers against labor, thus creating more dissention in America; and

Whereas Secretary Benson has reduced the locally elected farmers' committees to a mere advisory role (they were formerly administrative) thereby centralizing control in the hands of full time paid politically appointed office m nagers, at a considerable expense to the G vernment; and

Where s the Secretary of Agriculture has loaded siministrative costs into crop insurance remiums, thereby raising the cost of crop insurance to farmers; and he has canceled but all crop insurance and refused to insur crops in a number of counties because f losses caused by natural disasters, their by denying farmers the benefit of the laws bassed by Congress for their protection; and

Wherea in 4 of the past 6 years Ezra Taft Ber on has attempted to tear down the agric ltural conservation practices program by a tempting to reduce appropriations to support it, and by actually rewriting the manual of approved practices so that the program would be valueless to most farmers; and

Whereas tecretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson abot shed the Soil Conservation Service region effices on a publicity claim that as decentralizing organization, but he actually destroyed these effective local regional agencies, transferring their functions to Washington and further centralizing control of agriculture in Washington; and

Whereas the Secretary of Agriculture has tried to force the rural electric cooperatives to cut the private power companies in on Government loans to build REA generation and transmission facilities; and

Whereas Secretary Benson is now holding up use of \$74½ million in approved loans to REA co-ops, by stop orders he has issued, many of these stop orders being issued because the co-ops have not yet agreed to let private power companies operate the REA plants; and

Whereas Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson is resorting to duress on rural electric co-ops, by withholding loans to rural electric co-ops in an effort to force them to agree to let private power companies operate their plants if built; and

Whereas Secretary Benson has virtually wrecked the rural telephone cooperative program; and

Whereas Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has sent to the Congress recommendation after recommendation designed to kill the REA program by raising interest rates and by putting the REA in the hands of investment bankers; and

Whereas Secretary Benson has recommended against credit to develop the REA program; and

Whereas Secretary Benson has repeatedly tried to reduce, discredit, and thereby destroy the Farmers' Home Administration, with its services and credit to small farmers; and

Whereas Secretary Ezra Taft Benson has tried to eliminate the small family-type farm in America: Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that Ezra Taft Benson should resign as Secretary of Agriculture.

The resolution (S. Res. 289), submitted by Mr. Yarborough, was received and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Mr. PROXMIRE. Mr. President, I should like to join the distinguished Senator from Texas [Mr. Yarborough] with respect to the resolution. I think it is a very well-drafted measure. The points made by the Senator from Texas are sound. I agree with him. I wish him