

AMENDING THE FOREIGN AGENTS' REGISTRATION ACT

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Mr. SUMNERS of Texas, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6269]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6269) to amend the act entitled "An act to require the registration of certain persons employed by agencies to disseminate propaganda in the United States, and for other purposes," approved June 8, 1938, as amended, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses, as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the said bill and agree to the same.

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Managers on the part of the House.

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Managers on the part of the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6269) to amend the act entitled "An act to require the registration of certain persons employed by agencies to disseminate propaganda in the United States, and for other purposes," approved June 8, 1938, as amended, submit the following explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon in conference and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

The bill passed by the Senate is identical with the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary to the House.

The bill as reported to the House contained a definition of the word "person" as follows:

(a) The term "person" includes an individual, partnership, association, corporation, organization, or any other combination of individuals—

to which was added, by floor amendment, the words:

including, but not limited to, the Communist Party of the United States, the German-American Bund, and Kyffhauserbund;

The bill as reported to the House contained a definition of "agent of a foreign principal" to include:

(1) any person who acts or agrees to act, within the United States, as, or who is or holds himself out to be whether or not pursuant to contractual relationship, a public-relations counsel, publicity agent, information-service employee, servant, agent, representative or attorney for a foreign principal—

to which was added, by floor amendment, the following:

(1A) The term "agent of a foreign principal" includes, but not limited to, the Communist Party of the United States, the German-American Bund, and the Kyffhauserbund;

The bill as reported to the House contained a requirement that the registration statement shall include:

(1) Registrant's name, principal business address, and all other business addresses in the United States or elsewhere, and all residence addresses, if any;

(2) Status of the registrant; if an individual, nationality; if a partnership, name, residence addresses, and nationality of each partner and a true and complete copy of its articles of copartnership; if an association, corporation, organization, or any other combination of individuals, the name, residence addresses, and nationality of each director and officer and of each person performing the functions of a director or officer and a true and complete copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws, and amendments thereto; a copy of every other instrument or document and a statement of the terms and conditions of every oral agreement relating to its organization, powers, and purposes; and a statement of its ownership and control;

(3) A comprehensive statement of the nature of registrant's business; a complete list of registrant's employees, and a statement of the nature of the work of each, unless, and to the extent, this requirement is waived in writing by the Attorney General; the name and address of every foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act or has agreed to act; the character of the business or other activities of every such foreign principal, and, if any such foreign principal be other than a natural person, a statement of the ownership and control

of each; and the extent, if any, to which each such foreign principal is supervised, directed, owned, controlled, financed, or subsidized, in whole or in part, by any government of a foreign country or foreign political party;

The third floor amendment inserted the words "members, officers, directors" in the paragraph next above, immediately after the word "employees".

The managers on the part of the Senate were of the opinion that its bill, identical with the House bill without the floor amendments, includes every individual, partnership, association, corporation, organization, or any other combination of individuals sought to be included within the scope of the bill by the floor amendments, assuming they are agents of a foreign principal. The managers on the part of the House were compelled to recognize the correctness of that position.

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