IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 1955

Mr. LARSCOMB introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of William F. Friedman.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay to William F. Friedman, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $100,000, in full settlement for all rights in respect of his inventions in connection with military, naval, and air communications facilities which are now or at any time have been placed in secrecy status by the War Department or the Department of Defense, including but not limited to all rights with respect to his inventions covered by Patent Numbered 2,395,863 and
by patent application serials 682,096, 107,244, 70,412, 243,320, 478,193, and 549,086, and with respect to all inventions for which patent applications have been withheld by the War Department or Department of Defense in order to preserve secrecy: Provided, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.
A BILL

For the relief of William F. Friedman.

By Mr. Lipscomb

JANUARY 11, 1955
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 5, 1955

Mr. Hinshaw introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Science,

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That there is hereby established a Joint Committee on Science (referred to hereinafter as the "committee"), to be composed of seven members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, seven members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and such other members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as shall signify their intention of becoming members of the committee, by filing a declaration to that effect in writing with the chairman of
the committee. Not more than four of the appointed members from each House shall be members of the same political party.

SEC. 2. In order to promote a better understanding of the actual and potential impact of science upon public affairs, including human and natural resources, interstate and foreign commerce, relations with foreign nations, the common defense and security, and the national health, prosperity, and welfare, the committee shall endeavor to keep itself informed with respect to, and bring to the notice of Members of the Congress, the results of scientific research and technical development which bear upon public affairs, and the problems being encountered in maintaining in the United States a scientific and technical effort of outstanding quality and accomplishment.

SEC. 3. The functions of the committee shall not supersede in any way the duties and responsibilities of any standing or select committee of the Senate or House of Representatives or any joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives.

SEC. 4. (a) The appointed committee members shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among the appointed committee members. The chairman of the committee shall be elected from among the Members of one House serving thereon, and the vice chairman shall be
elected from among the Members of the other House serving thereon. Until the expiration of the present Congress the chairman shall be a Member of the Senate. Thereafter, during each even-numbered Congress the chairman shall be a Member of the House of Representatives and during each odd-numbered Congress the chairman shall be a Member of the Senate.

(b) Vacancies in the membership of the appointed committee members shall not affect the power of the remaining appointed and other members to execute the functions of the joint committee and shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selection. A majority of the appointed committee members shall constitute a quorum.

(c) The appointed committee members shall constitute themselves the steering group of the committee. In planning the committee program and in determining the places and times at which the committee shall meet, the chairman shall advise and consult with the steering group.

Sec. 5. (a) The committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to meet at such places and times as it deems advisable. Not less frequently than once a year the committee shall meet with the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation.

(b) To assist the committee in planning and carrying out its activities, the committee is authorized (1) to utilize
the services, facilities, and personnel of the National Science Foundation, and, with the consent of the head of any other department or agency in the executive branch of the Government, the services, facilities, and personnel of such other department or agency, and (2) to accept the voluntary assistance of any private individual or organization.