

## Proposed Legislation

Since the opening of Congress on 7 January a record number of bills have been introduced. Of these many are of interest to the scientific community in that they are concerned with education, conservation, research and development, the scientific agencies, and other activities relating to science and technology. The numbers and précis of some of the major bills are given below.

(Bills are prefixed with HR in the House of Representatives, S in the Senate, followed by a number. Joint Resolutions are designated HJ Res or SJ Res; these can become law just as bills do. Concurrent Resolutions are designated H Con Res or S Con Res; these do not become law. Resolutions are designated H Res or S Res; these do not become law and are adopted only by the chamber that originates them.)

HR 127. Create an Agricultural Research and Industrial Board; define its powers and duties. Kee (D-W.Va.). Agriculture.

HR 886. Amend Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act re measures for erosion control. Natcher (D-Ky.). Agriculture.

S 491. Provide for establishment of a National Science Academy, a program of scientific scholarships, and encouragement of study of mathematics and science by assisting states in providing science education. Gore (D-Tenn.). Labor and Public Welfare.

HR 12. Provide for establishment of a special \$18.5 million, 7-year program of federal scholarship and fellowship grants to individuals and a \$2.5 million program of grants to public and nonprofit institutions of high education; encourage and expand training of teachers for education of exceptional children. Sullivan (D-Mo.). Education and Labor.

HR 284. Amend National Defense Education Act of 1958 to provide for 20,000 national defense scholarships. Thompson (D-N.J.). Education and Labor.

HR 3043. Amend Communications Act of 1934 to establish a program of federal matching grants for construction of television facilities to be used for educational purposes. Moulder (D-Mo.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

S 79. Amend Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to permit temporary listing and certification of Citrus Red No. 2 for coloring mature oranges under tolerances found safe by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Holland (D-Fla.). Labor and Public Welfare.

S 256. Provide for establishment of Bureau of Older Persons with Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; authorize federal grants to assist in development and operation of studies and projects to help older persons. Mag-

nuson (D-Wash.). Labor and Public Welfare.

S 535. Protect public health by regulating manufacture, compounding, processing, and distribution of habit-forming barbiturate and amphetamine drugs. Hennings (D-Mo.). Labor and Public Welfare.

SJ Res 1. Establish a commission to study alcoholism in the U.S. and to make recommendations for more adequate provision of facilities for treatment, rehabilitation, and cure of alcoholics, and for prevention of alcoholism. Johnston (D-S.C.). Labor and Public Welfare.

HR 408. Direct Secretary of Commerce, acting through the National Bureau of Standards, to conduct research on the effect on human health of certain products of fuel combustion. Roberts (D-Ala.). Science and Astronautics.

HR 866. Require the Surgeon General to undertake a special research program on cystic fibrosis. Multer (D-N.Y.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 1298. Provide that the Secretary of Commerce furnish weather reports to certain air-pollution control agencies. McDonough (R-Calif.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 1353. Authorize and request the President to undertake to mobilize at some convenient place in the U.S. an adequate number of outstanding experts, and coordinate and utilize their services in a supreme endeavor to discover means of curing and preventing cancer. Staggers (D-W.Va.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 1360. Protect the public health by amending Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for safety of chemicals in cosmetics. Sullivan (D-Mo.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 1942. Provide research and technical assistance on the control of salt-marsh and other pest mosquitoes of importance to public health and control of mosquito vectors of human disease. Rivers (D-S.C.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HJ Res 129. Establish in Department of Health, Education and Welfare a National Advisory Council for International Medical Research, and establish in the Public Health Service the National Institute for International Medical Research. Fogarty (D-R.I.). Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HR 174. Provide for issuance of not more than 25,000 special nonquota immigrant visas annually to certain persons who escape from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and whose services are determined by the Attorney General to be urgently needed in the U.S. Lane (D-Mass.). Judiciary.

HR 2323. Make the calendar fixed and perpetual. Burns (D-Hawaii). Foreign Affairs.

HR 2785. Establish an effective stu-

dent exchange program with Latin American countries. O'Hara (D-Ill.). Foreign Affairs.

HJ Res 46. Establish a Commission on Utilization of Manpower in the United States. Dollinger (D-N.Y.). Education and Labor.

HR 297. Amend part IV of subtitle C of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to take possession of the naval oil shale reserves. Vinson (D-Ga.). Armed Services.

HR 720. Provide for the establishment of a United States Armed Forces Medical Academy. Bennett (D-Fla.). Armed Services.

S 586. Establish a U.S. Department of Science. Kefauver (D-Tenn.). Aeronautics and Space Sciences.

HR 1257. Provide for research into and development of practical means for the utilization of solar energy. Hosmer (R-Calif.). Science and Astronautics.

## Scientists in the News

WALKER L. CISLER, president of the Detroit Edison Company, has been appointed president of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, Inc., New York. He succeeds the late Charles F. Kettering.

W. BARRY WOOD, JR., vice president of the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital and professor in the department of microbiology, has been appointed chairman of the department of microbiology. The chairmanship has been held by Dean Thomas B. Turner. In order to devote full time to teaching and research, Wood will give up the vice presidency.

MAURICE L. HIGGINS, research associate with the Eastman Kodak Company and a specialist in high-polymer chemistry, has joined the physical sciences division of Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif., as manager of the physical chemistry section.

HANSON BLATZ has resigned as chief of the radiation branch of the Atomic Energy Commission's Health and Safety Laboratory and has been appointed radiation consultant to the city of New York and associate professor of Industrial Medicine at New York University-Bellevue Post Graduate Medical Center.

B. R. STANERSON of Washington, D.C., director of membership affairs of the American Chemical Society, has been elected president of the Scientific Manpower Commission for 1959. He succeeds HENRY A. BARTON of the American Institute of Physics, who will continue as a member of the commission.