

**IMMIGRATION BILL  
MUST CHANGE FORM**

House Measure Rejected By Senate  
Committee By Score Of  
Five to Four

Washington, Feb. 10.—A substitute for the house immigration bill designed to restrict rigidly immigration from European countries but leaving in status quo the treaty and agreements affecting admissibles from Japan and China as well as the existing regulations between the Americans was taken up today by the senate immigration committee.

Previously the committee had voted 5 to 4, to reject the house bill, under which Europeans and Asiatics alike would have been excluded for one year.

The committee probably will approve the substitute tomorrow with minor amendments and report it to the senate.

Several sections, however, were still in dispute tonight. One of these was that fixing the number of admissibles from any of the affected countries at 5 per cent of their citizens already residing in the United States. Some committee members who voted in favor of the house bill declared the percentage should be reduced to 1, 2 or 3 per cent., and announced they would seek to amend it in that manner when it was taken in the senate.

The section affecting Asiatics also was opposed by several committee members who contended that its language was loose in construction. They said the section should be more precisely stated, particularly that part referring to exemptions allowed aliens "coming from countries, immigration from which is now regulated in accordance with treaties or agreements or to aliens coming from the so-called Asiatic barred zone."

Another section which was in dispute was that defining the word "alien". Those who advocated the strictest possible prohibition favored substituting "naturalized citizens" for "aliens" on the ground that the 5 per cent admissions would be less, if based on the former rather than on those who had not taken out naturalization papers.

The substitute measure is considered by Senator Colt, of Rhode Island, chairman of the committee and co-author of the bill, as an emergency instrument which would not affect the pending program for permanent immigration legislation.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The bill eliminating immigration for one year which had passed the house was killed in the senate committee this afternoon by a vote of five to four. The only Southern Democrat on the committee, Senator Harris, of Georgia, voted for the bill.

The fate of the bill was generally predicted. It is reported that the racial groups which elected Warren G. Harding to the presidency especially the German and Italian, demanded the death of the bill. "I will endeavor to secure the report of some bill," said Senator Harris tonight, "but I am not optimistic. The Republicans are determined that nothing be presented as long as it contains teeth."

Washington, Feb. 10.—Figures were laid before the house immigration committee today by the public health service to show that out of 10,002 immigrants who arrived at Ellis Island in the last six months of 1920 and who, the health service certified as unable to earn a living because of disease or physical defect 9,799 were admitted by immigration officials. The figures as presented also showed that out of 112 persons certified as having mental defects, 50 were admitted and that out of 536 persons classed as having loathsome or contagious diseases, 167 were allowed to land.

Surgeon General Cumming who presented the figures said such admissions had had a "bad effect" on the morale of the public health service.

The committee obviously impressed by the surgeon general's testimony, at the close of its session sent a telegraphic request to Dr. J. W. Kerr public health official at Ellis Island, to appear before it.

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