

*Dies
Committee*

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The attached summaries of the "Congressional Record" of members of the Dies Committee are based entirely on their voting records. Additional data could be secured by checking their remarks in Congress through the Record, if you think it necessary. We have some material in our files also, but probably very little on anyone except Dies.

The "histories" given in the summaries are based almost entirely on the Congressional Directory. A check has been made in "Who's Who" 1936-1937, but very little additional information of any value was found.

No recorded vote was taken on the present Coal Act or the National Labor Relations Board—hence no reference is made to these in the summaries.

Have not made a summary of Dies' Congressional Record. His voting record is completely useless as a guide, since he voted correctly on most measures. If you want any other material on him we can get it up on short notice.

THOMAS, J. FAREWELL - Republican, New Jersey, Seventh District.
Constituents: Henderson, Sussex, and Warren. Part of Passaic and Bergen Counties (does not include Paterson or Passaic cities).

Elected to 75th Congress, 1936.
Vote: Thomas-58,021; Democrat-54,163.

HISTORY:

World War service--Head of Bond Department of Faine-Webber Co., New York City, since 1934; served as director of Allendale Building & Loan Association and trustee of public library; elected a member of the borough council of Allendale in 1925; elected mayor of Allendale in 1928 and reelected in 1932; elected to the New Jersey House of Assembly in 1935 and reelected in 1936.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Consistently reactionary--anti-labor, anti-farm.

Relief: Voted against every relief appropriation that came up during 75th Congress. During the first session he voted against the relief appropriation for 1937-1939, and against increasing the appropriation to one and one-half (1 1/2) billion. During the last session he voted against the Special Appropriation of \$250,000,000 (about 12 million unemployed at the time) and against the present Relief Appropriation - 1938-1939

Housing: Voted against the present Low-Rent Housing Act, which was backed by all labor and progressive groups.

Wage and Hour Act: Opposed this Act. Voted for recommitment during Special Session. General pair on final vote during last session.

Farm Aid: Voted against the House Farm Bill during the Special Session and against the Farm Bill as finally passed in the last session.

Also voted against the Farm Tenant Aid Bill during the first session, and against the appropriation for rural electrification provided in the current relief appropriation for 1938-1939.

Undistributed profits tax and Salary Publicity: During First Session voted for repeal of a Revenue Act provision which required the Treasury to list and report corporations of- ficers earning more than \$15,000 a year.

During the last session voted against the undis- tributed profits tax provided in Title 1-B, Revenue Bill H.R. 6682.

Favored Dies Anti-Sit-Down-Strike Resolution.

STARNES, JOE - Democrat, Alabama, Fifth District.
COUNTIES: Chambers, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah,
Marshall, Randolph, and Tallapoosa.

Elected to 74th Congress, 1934
Vote: Starnes-82,055; Republican-7282

Re-elected to 75th Congress, 1936
Vote: Starnes-89,891; No opposition

HISTORY:

Teacher; lawyer; member State Board of Education of Alabama; World War veteran.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

During the 74th Congress voted for practically all progressive, labor and farm measures, against crippling amendments and against reactionary attempts to prevent or delay action on progressive measures through recommitment.

He voted for the Coal Bill (1935), Social Security Act; Relief Appropriations; TVA and Administration utility bills; extension of NRA; Home Mortgage Relief; Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Plan.

During the last (75th) Congress Starnes voted with opponents of labor and progressive legislation on a number of bills.

Relief: Voted against increasing the 1937-1938 Relief Appropriation to one and one-half (1 1/2) billion dollars. On final roll calls voted for relief appropriations.

Housing: Voted for present Low-Rent Housing Act.

Home and Hour Act: Opposed passage during Special Session-voted for recommitment. Voted for present Act.

Farm Aid: Opposed Farm Bill in Special Session, but voted for conference report in last session.

Voted for appropriations for Farm Tenant Aid and rural electrification.

Undistributed profits tax and Salary Publicity: During First Session voted for repeal of a Revenue Act provision which required the Treasury to list and report corporation officers earning more than \$15,000 a year.

During the last session voted against the undistributed profits tax provided in Title 1-B, Revenue Bill HR9682.

Favored Dies Anti-Sit-Down-Strike Resolution and retention of Red Rider in District of Columbia appropriation bill.

MASCH, NOAH MORGAN - Republican, Illinois, Twelfth District
Includes Boone, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, and
Winnebago. Largest city, Rockford, Ill., in Winnebago
County.

Elected to 75th Congress, 1936
Vote: Democrat-59,781; Republican-53,263

HISTORY

In school work for 35 years as teacher, principal of
grade school, and superintendent of schools; member of the State
senate, 1930-1935.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS

Opposed most labor legislation and major farm bills.

Relief: Voted against increasing 1937-1938 Relief
Appropriation to one and one-half (1.5) billion dollars, but on
final roll call voted for the appropriation. Voted against the
current 1938-1939 appropriation.

Housing: Voted for the present Low-Rent Housing Act.

Wage and Hour Act: Opposed this legislation. Voted
for recommitment during special session, and voted against present
Act in last session.

Farm Aid: Voted against the House Farm Bill and
against the farm bill as finally passed.

Did not vote on Farm Tenant Aid Appropriation
(June 30, 1937). Voted for continuing low farm interest rates
and for rural electrification appropriation provided in 1936-
1939 relief bill.

Undistributed profits tax and salary liability:
During First Session voted for repeal of a Revenue Act provision
which required the Treasury to list and report corporation of-
ficers earning more than \$15,000 a year.

During the last session voted against the undis-
tributed profits tax provided in Title I-B, Revenue Bill H.R. 8000.

Favored Dixie Anti-Sit-Down-Strike Resolution.

DAMPSEY, JOHN J. - Democrat, New Mexico, Representative At Large

Elected to 74th Congress, 1934

Vote: Dempsey-76,833; Republican-70,669

Re-elected to 75th Congress, 1935

Vote: Dempsey-105,957; Republican-62,375

HISTORY:

Telegrapher and various other positions Brooklyn Union Elevator Company. Was vice-president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; independent oil operator; president, United States Asphalt Corporation; appointed State NRA director in 1933; also served as head of New Mexico housing campaign; president, board of regents, University of New Mexico.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

During the 74th Congress voted for practically all progressive, labor and farm measures, against crippling amendments and against reactionary attempts to prevent or delay action on progressive measures through recommitment.

He voted for the Coal Bill (1935); Social Security Act; Relief Appropriations; TVA; extension of NRA; Home Mortgage Relief; Soil Conservation Domestic Allotment Plan and for the 1936 Tax Revenue Act.

During the 75th Congress Dempsey lined up in voting several times with opponents of labor and farm measures. He voted for the Dies Anti-Sit-Down-Strike motion; for recommitment of the Wage and Hour Bill during the Special Session (voted for the Wage and Hour Act as finally passed); and against the House Farm Bill during the Special Session.

During the last session he voted against the Undistributed profits tax provided in Title I-B, House Revenue Bill HR9682.

He voted for the Low-rent Housing Bill; Relief Appropriations; Farm Tenant Aid; low farm loan interest; Rural Electrification Appropriation and present Farm Act.

MOSIER, HAROLD G. - Democrat, Ohio, Representative at Large.

Elected to 75th Congress, 1936
Defeated in last primary - August, 1938

HISTORY:

Member of the Ohio State Senate, 1932-34; served as
Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, 1934-36.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

During the Special Session of Congress Mosier lined up
with the opponents of the Wage and Hour Bill. Worked and voted
for recommitment (voted for the Wage and Hour Act as passed in
last session.

He voted for the Relief Appropriations, Low-rent Housing
Act; and against the Dies Anti-Sit-Down-Strike motion.

Labor's Non-Partisan League of Ohio opposed Mosier in the
recent primaries in which he was defeated.

HEALEY, ARTHUR DANIEL - Democrat, Massachusetts, Eighth District.
Middlesex County: City of Cambridge, wards 2 and 3; cities
of Everett, Malden, Medford, and Somerville.

Elected to 73rd Congress, 1932
Vote: Healey-50,266; Republican-48,080

Reelected to 74th Congress, 1934

Reelected to 75th Congress, 1936
Vote: Healey-60,211; Republican-46,446

HISTORY:

Lawyer, and associated with his brother, Robert T. Healey, under firm name of Healey & Healey, with offices in Boston; World War veteran, member of American Legion.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Consistently progressive-pro-labor.

Throughout the three sessions during which Healey has served in Congress he has voted for all the major progressive and labor measures.

Relief: In all three sessions he voted for every major relief appropriation.

Coal Industry: Voted for Guffey Coal Bill.

Social Security: Voted for Social Security Act and against crippling amendments.

NRA: Voted for original NRA and for extension in 1935.

Wages and Hours: Voted against recommitment in Special Session of 75th Congress and for present Act.

Housing: Voted for present Low-rent Housing Bill and for Home Mortgage relief measures.

TVA and Utilities: Voted for all major TVA bills and for the Utility Bill providing for regulation of public utility holding companies.

Farm Legislation: Voted for House Farm Bill and final Conference Farm Aid Bill in last session (75th). Also voted for Farm Tenant Aid appropriation. (Voted against original AAA and against 1936 Soil Conservation and Allotment Plan.

Opposed Dies Anti-Sit-Down-Strike Motion.

Voted for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

DIES, MARTIN - Democrat, Texas, Second District.

Counties: Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Tyler.

Elected to 72nd Congress, 1930, reelected successively since. (No record of primary vote--final election votes not significant.)

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Congressman Dies' voting record does not, to any appreciable extent reveal the reactionary role he has played in Congress as a member of the Rules Committee and otherwise.

During the 73rd, 74th, and 75th Congresses he voted for all the major New Deal measures except the Coal Bill (1935), the Soil Conservation and Allotment Plan of 1936, and the Wage and Hour Bill (Special Session).