
 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

President Taft vetoed thirty-nine bills, of which thirty were regular vetoes and nine were pocket vetoes. One was overridden (Item No. 994). There were no vetoes in the first session of the Sixty-first Congress.

Sixty-first Congress, Second Session

Regular Vetoes

- 960 S. 1751.
 To amend an act entitled "An Act creating Mesa Verde National Park," approved June 29, 1906.
Vetoed April 28, 1910. The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. No. 515. (45 Cong. Rec. 5483).
Veto unchallenged.
- 961 S. 4671.
 To amend the military record of Aaron Cornish.
Vetoed March 28, 1910. The veto message was laid before the Senate, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed as S. Doc. No. 464. (45 Cong. Rec. 3848).
Veto unchallenged.
- 962 S. 5752.
 To correct the military record of Charles J. Smith.
Vetoed April 4, 1910. The veto message was laid before the Senate, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed as S. Doc. No. 472. (45 Cong. Rec. 4207, 4208).
Veto unchallenged.
- Pocket Vetoes
- 936 H.R. 3346.
 For the relief of Frank E. Lyman, Jr.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 61st Congress had adjourned sine die on June 25, 1910. The bill was presented to the President on June 23, 1910. (June 23, 1910, H. Jour., p. 840; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 40).

964 H.R. 18376.

Directing that patents issue to certain settlers for lands within the former Siletz Indian Reservation in Oregon.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 61st Congress had adjourned sine die on June 25, 1910. The bill was presented to the President on June 23, 1910. (June 23, 1910, H. Jour., p. 839; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 40).

965 H.R. 20644.

For the relief of Frederick B. Neilson.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 61st Congress had adjourned sine die on June 25, 1910. The bill was presented to the President on June 23, 1910. (June 23, 1910, H. Jour., p. 840; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 40).

Sixty-first Congress, Third Session

Regular Vetoes

966 S. 10172.

For the relief of Ten Eyk De Witt Veeder, Commodore on the retired list of the United States Navy.

Vetoed March 4, 1911. The veto message was laid before the Senate, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and printed as S. Doc. No. 865. (46 Cong. Rec. 4290).

Veto unchallenged.

967 S.J. Res. 94.

Authorizing the President to give certain former cadets of the United States Military Academy the benefit of a recent amendment relative to hazing at that institution.

Vetoed February 14, 1911. The veto message was laid before the Senate, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed as S. Doc. No. 819. (46 Cong. Rec. 2473).

Veto unchallenged.

968 H.R. 5015.

For the relief of Clarence Frederick Chapman, United States Navy.

Vetoed January 20, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs. (46 Cong. Rec. 1209).

Veto unchallenged.

969 **H.R. 25569.**

To authorize a patent to be issued to Margaret Padgett for certain public lands therein described.

Vetoed February 25, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Public Lands. (46 Cong. Rec. 3483).

Veto unchallenged.

970 **H.R. 30969.**

For the relief of William Porter White.

Vetoed March 4, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 1419. (46 Cong. Rec. 4333).

Veto unchallenged.

Pocket Vetoes

971 **H.R. 30273.**

For the relief of the city of Quincy, the towns of Weymouth and Hingham, and the Old Colony Street Railway Company, all of Massachusetts.

Pocket veto occurred after the 3d session of the 61st Congress had adjourned sine die on March 3, 1911. The bill was presented to the President on March 2, 1911. (March 2, 1911, H. Jour., p. 409; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 40).

972 **H.R. 32531.**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to permit the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Coal Company and the Eastern Coal & Mining Company to exchange certain lands embraced within their existing coal leases in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation for other lands within said nation.

Pocket veto occurred after the 3d session of the 61st Congress had adjourned sine die on March 3, 1911. The bill was presented to the President on March 2, 1911. (March 2, 1911, H. Jour., p. 425; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 41).

Sixty-second Congress, First Session

Regular Vetoes

973 **H.R. 4413.**

To place on the free list agricultural implements, cotton bagging, cotton ties, leather, boots and shoes,

fence wire, meats, cereals, flour, bread, timber, lumber, sewing machines, salt, and other articles.

Vetoed August 18, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House and printed as S. Doc. No. 102. (47 Cong. Rec. 4171, 4172).

The House sustained the veto on August 18, 1911 by a vote of 227 yeas to 126 nays. (47 Cong. Rec. 4174).

Veto sustained.

974 H.R. 11019.

To reduce the duties on wool and manufactures of wool.

Vetoed August 17, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House and printed as S. Doc. No. 101. (47 Cong. Rec. 4103, 4104).

The House sustained the veto on August 18, 1911 by a vote of 227 yeas to 129 nays. (47 Cong. Rec. 4170).

Veto sustained.

975 H.R. 12812.

To reduce duties on manufactures of cotton.

Vetoed August 22, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and printed as S. Doc. No. 108. (47 Cong. Rec. 4393).

Veto unchallenged.

976 H.J. Res. 14.

To admit the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico as States into the Union upon an equal footing with the original States.

Vetoed August 15, 1911. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Territories, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 106. (47 Cong. Rec. 3964-3966).

Veto unchallenged.

Sixty-second Congress, Second Session

Regular Vetoes

977 S. 67.

For the relief of Captain Joseph Herring, United States Army, retired.

Vetoed August 24, 1912. The veto message was laid before the Senate, referred to the Committee on Claims, and printed as S. Doc. No. 950. (48 Cong. Rec. 11866).

Veto unchallenged.

978 S. 4862.

For the relief of certain persons who supplied labor and materials for the construction of the Corbett Tunnel of the Shoshone irrigation project.

Vetoed July 18, 1912. The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. No. 878. (48 Cong. Rec. 9230).

The Senate overrode the veto on July 31, 1912 by a vote of 42 yeas to 17 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 9938).

The House sustained the veto on August 16, 1912 by a vote of 138 yeas to 77 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 11127, 11128).

Veto sustained.

(A similar resolution, S.J. Res. 134, became Public Resolution 62-56; 37 Stat. 643).

979 S. 4948.

Relating to the inherited estates in the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma.

Vetoed August 5, 1912. The veto message was laid before the Senate on August 6, 1912 and printed as S. Doc. No. 899. (48 Cong. Rec. 10261-10264).

Veto unchallenged.

980 S. 7343.

To authorize the building of a dam across the Coosa River in Alabama, at a place suitable to the interests of navigation about 7½ miles above the city of Wetumpka.

Vetoed August 24, 1912. The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. No. 949. (48 Cong. Rec. 11796, 11797).

Veto unchallenged.

981 H.R. 8853.

For the relief of John L. Baird.

Vetoed February 27, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 574. (48 Cong. Rec. 2538).

Veto unchallenged.

982 H.R. 9845.

Authorizing the sale of burnt timber on public lands.

Vetoed March 29, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 656. (48 Cong. Rec. 4067).

Veto unchallenged.

983 H.R. 18642.

To amend an act entitled "An Act to provide revenue, equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved August 5, 1909.

Vetoed August 14, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 908. (48 Cong. Rec. 10931).

The House overrode the veto on August 14, 1912 by a vote of 174 yeas to 83 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 10942).

The Senate sustained the veto on August 16, 1912 by a vote of 32 yeas to 39 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 11069).

Veto sustained.

984 H.R. 18956.

Making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

Vetoed June 17, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 835. (48 Cong. Rec. 8282-8284).

Veto unchallenged.

(A similar bill, H.R. 25531, became Public Law 62-338; 37 Stat. 569).

985 H.R. 20347.

To authorize the Dixie Power Company to construct a dam across the White River at or near Cotter, Arkansas.

Vetoed August 6, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 899. (48 Cong. Rec. 10318).

Veto unchallenged.

986 H.R. 22195.

To reduce the duties on wool and manufactures of wool.

Vetoed August 9, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House on August 13, 1912 and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 903. (48 Cong. Rec. 10835, 10836).

The House overrode the veto on August 13, 1912 by a vote of 174 yeas to 80 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 10845, 10846).

The Senate sustained the veto on August 16, 1912 by a vote of 39 yeas to 36 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 11081).

Veto sustained.

987 H.R. 24023.

Making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

Vetoed August 15, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 910. (48 Cong. Rec. 11025-11027).

The House sustained the veto on August 15, 1912 by a vote of 147 yeas to 107 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 11034, 11035).

Veto sustained.

988 **H.R. 26321.**

Making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

Vetoed August 21, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House. (48 Cong. Rec. 11472).

The House overrode the veto on August 21, 1912 by a vote of 154 yeas to 53 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 11478).

The Senate sustained the veto on August 21, 1912 by a vote of 34 yeas to 27 nays. (48 Cong. Rec. 11458).

Veto sustained.

989 **H.J. Res. 178.**

Creating a commission to investigate and report on the advisability of the establishment of a permanent military camp at or near the city of Anniston, Alabama, and for other purposes.

Vetoed March 29, 1912. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 657. (48 Cong. Rec. 4067).

Veto unchallenged.

Pocket Vetoes

990 **S. 2534.**

To extend the time for the completion of the Alaska Northern Railway, and for other purposes.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 62d Congress had adjourned sine die on August 26, 1912. The bill was presented to the President on August 24, 1912. (August 24, 1912, S. Jour., p. 619; *see also* H.R. Doc. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 41).

991 **H.R. 21708.**

To authorize the lighting of Piney Branch Road from Georgia Avenue to Butternut Street.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 62d Congress had adjourned sine die on August 26, 1912. The bill was presented to the President on August 20, 1912. (August 20, 1912, H. Jour., p. 994; *see also* H.R. Doc. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 41).

Sixty-second Congress, Third Session

Regular Vetoes

992 S. 2600.

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to prevent the exhibition of obscene, lewd, indecent, or vulgar pictures in public places of amusement in the District of Columbia.

Vetoed February 10, 1913. The veto message was laid before the Senate, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 1066. (49 Cong. Rec. 2897, 2898).

Veto unchallenged.

993 S. 3175.

To regulate the immigration of aliens to, and the residence of aliens in, the United States.

Vetoed February 14, 1913. The veto message was laid before the Senate and printed as S. Doc. No. 1087. (49 Cong. Rec. 3156).

The Senate overrode the veto on February 18, 1913 by a vote of 72 yeas to 18 nays. (49 Cong. Rec. 3318).

The House sustained the veto on February 19, 1913 by a vote of 213 yeas to 114 nays. (49 Cong. Rec. 3429).

Veto sustained.

994 S. 4043.

Divesting intoxicating liquors of their interstate commerce character in certain cases.

Vetoed February 28, 1913. The veto message was laid before the Senate. (49 Cong. Rec. 4291, 4294).

The Senate overrode the veto on February 28, 1913 by a vote of 63 yeas to 21 nays. (49 Cong. Rec. 4299).

The House overrode the veto on March 1, 1913 by a vote of 246 yeas to 95 nays. (49 Cong. Rec. 4447).

Veto overridden. (37 Stat. 699; Public Law 62-398).

995 H.R. 28775.

Making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914.

Vetoed March 4, 1913. The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 1451. (49 Cong. Rec. 4852).

The House overrode the veto on March 4, 1913 by a vote of 264 yeas to 48 nays. (49 Cong. Rec. 4852, 4853).

The veto message was read in the Senate on March 4, 1913, but no vote was taken. (49 Cong. Rec. 4838).

Veto sustained.

996 H.J. Res. 210.

Authorizing the President to appoint a member of the New Jersey and New York Joint Harbor Line Commission.

Vetoed February 4, 1913. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 1339. (49 Cong. Rec. 2553).

Veto unchallenged.

Pocket Vetoes

997 H.R. 18213.

To refund to the Sparrow Gravely Tobacco Company the sum of \$173.52, with penalty and interest, the same having been erroneously paid by them to the Government of the United States.

Pocket veto occurred after the 3d session of the 62d Congress had adjourned sine die on March 3, 1913. The bill was presented to the President on March 1, 1913. (March 1, 1913, H. Jour., p. 330; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 41).

998 H.R. 23673.

To promote the welfare of American seamen in the merchant marine of the United States; to abolish arrest and imprisonment as a penalty for desertion, and to secure the abrogation of treaty provisions in relation thereto; and to promote safety at sea.

Pocket veto occurred after the 3d session of the 62d Congress had adjourned sine die on March 3, 1913. The bill was presented to the President on March 1, 1913. (March 1, 1913, H. Jour., p. 373; *see also* H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 41).