

THE QUALIFICATIONS AND THE RECORD

OF YOUR PRESENT SENATOR -H. NICK JOHNSON-

QUALIFICATIONS



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1. Served with U.S. Infantry World War II - 1942-1946. Wounded in Action. Decorated for bravery.
2. Family Man, Father of Three Children, Wife, Edna Roberts Johnson. Children Lynn, Daune, Nicholas.
3. Business Man - Self Employed for past 17 years.
4. Church Man - Life Member of Presbyterian Church, Harlan.
5. Member of Retired Reserve Selective Service System.
6. World Traveler. In July 1961 was selected as Kentucky Governmental delegate on "People to People Program", toured Europe and Russia under auspices of State Department.
7. Chairman for 4 years of powerful Senate Aviation Committee, during which time unparalleled Airport construction accomplished.
8. Elected Senate and House Republican Legislative Chairman.
9. Served in Kentucky House of Representatives 1958-1960, 90th District.
10. Present Senator of 21st District, Harlan-Leslie Counties, from 1960 till now.

ACTIVE MEMBER OF

Blue Grass Chapter 146 Military Order of Purple Heart - V. F. W. Post 1178 Harlan and Mountain Trail Post - Lynch - American Legion Post 237, Kenvir, Disabled American Veterans, Harlan - Kentucky Sheriff's Association, United Commerical Travelers, Fraternal Order of Police, Kentucky and National Real Estate Association, Leslie County Sportsmen League, Hyden, Salvation Army Advisory Board, National Wildlife Week Committee, and the Conservation Education Committee of the League of Kentucky Sportsman.

Recent Citations and Awards

1. Certificate of appreciation from President Dwight D. Eisenhower bestowed on 17th January, 1958.
2. Awarded the First "Certificate of Merit" ever given by the State of Kentucky, April 23, 1958.
3. Commissioned Colonel in Kentucky State Police March 12, 1957.
4. Made Aide de Camp, Department of Public Safety October 20, 1959, Rank Colonel.
5. Made Governor's Aide de Camp, Rank Admiral, March 18, 1958.
6. Given Certificate of Appreciation by Kentucky Out of State Veterans, in Columbus, Ohio, October 16, 1960.
7. Awarded U.S. 2nd Army Certificate of Appreciation, March 1, 1962.

Award Given Johnson For Interest In Safety

Sturgill Says Salon Sponsored
Or Supported All Road Safety Bills

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — State Rep. H. Nick Johnson is the first recipient of a state certificate of merit for interest in public safety.

Safety Commissioner Don Sturgill said Tuesday the Harlan Republican won the award for "his interest in our safety laws during the 1958 legislature." He said Johnson "either sponsored or supported every bill designed to make our highways safe."

The award was presented by Sturgill said certificates will be given to other legislators, judges, annual officers, sergeants and officials who contribute to the Cumberland Vets. Kentucky's safety program and runs of Foreign Wars at the Lynch Country Club Saturday night.) Johnson worked for a drivers license bill for issuance from a

central office in Frankfort, Sturgill said, making it impossible to duplicate a license revoked or suspended for dangerous driving. Other bills which Johnson championed, Sturgill said, were:

A bill which makes 15 and 17-year-old drivers liable in traffic courts instead of juvenile courts for driving violations.

A bill requiring counties to give State Police photographs and fingerprints of persons arrested for felonies.

A bill to lower the retirement age of State Police and make them eligible for retirement benefits immediately after they are permanently disabled in line of duty.

A bill making it illegal to use school buses in no passing zones.

Asks Funds For Needy

Resolution Asks Halt To U.S. Aid To Reds

State Senator H. Nick Johnson said Saturday, that he will introduce a resolution in the Kentucky Senate Monday, request foreign spending by the United States in Communist dominated countries be stopped.

Johnson, in his resolution asked that the state body appeal to the Congress of the United States to stop this type of spending, and channel those funds previously used for this purpose to depressed areas of the United States.

In his resolution Johnson pointed out the fact that the U.S. has

To communist dictator Tito of Yugoslavia, 2.4 billion, including 700 million in the form of military aid.

Over 900 million already given to Communist Poland with more to come.

Indonesia has received over 700 million dollars and at the same time is threatening to grant property of one of our allies, the Netherlands.

Egypt's Nasser has received over 600 million with no tangible results.

Senator Johnson will be in Paducah Sunday to appear on WPSI-TV, to discuss the Republican platform for the General Assembly now in session.

Other aid to communist dominated countries listed in the resolution includes the following:

Put a proven fighter back in the Senate

G.O.P. To Ask Bonus Extension

Program Also Covers Taxes, Appointments, Teacher Pay

By The Associated Press

Harlan, Ky., Jan. 5.—State Senator H. Nick Johnson unveiled a nine-point Republican legislative program Friday, including a six-month extension of the Kentucky veterans-bonus deadline.

The deadline for applying for the bonus payments passed last Sunday, but Johnson said the Republican minority in the Legislature wants it extended to June 30.

At Frankfort, Adjutant General A. Y. Lloyd, administrator of the bonus, said he felt there was little purpose in extending the deadline because most veterans who intended to file already had done so.

"I doubt if an extension of the deadline would produce very many more applications," Lloyd said.

Claims Party Backing

Johnson, chairman of the Republican Legislative Committee, said the nine-point program has the backing of the 26 Republican members of the House and nine G.O.P. senators.

He listed other points in the program:

1. Appointment of a Republican member to the Public Service Commission, which he said is now composed of all Democrats.

2. Removal of the Highway Department and its employees from partisan politics. Johnson also said Republicans would push for a new formula for distribution of road funds among counties.

Pegging Teachers' Pay

3. Setting teachers' salaries at the national average and providing that they be maintained at that level without further legislation.

4. Removal of salary limits for officials of cities in the first four classes. Johnson said individual cities should be allowed to set their own limits.

5. Exemption of the first \$1,000 of personal income State income tax. Kentucky now has a \$20 tax credit which officials say is equivalent to a \$1,000 exemption.

Amending Tax Law

6. Amendment of the corporation income-tax law to provide for net-operating-loss deduction as it is now set forth in the Kentucky revenue code of 1934.

7. Legislation to provide insurance of civil liberties and opportunities for equal employment and education for all citizens.

8. Requirements that all State buildings fly the American flag.

Johnson Asks Probe of Spending

By George W. Hackett

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 22 (AP)—Sen. Nick Johnson tonight demanded an investigation of money spent by the Economic Development Department while some of its members were on an industry-hunting trip to New York in 1952.

The Harlan Republican said the commission "frankly submitted" bills that were designed to cover expenditures for whiskey, cigars and other entertainment. Johnson, who claimed he made an investigation personally, signed out one bill for \$251.38 for "reception food and service, and charges for reception room."

He said the hotel informed him that it did not charge for a reception room when 15 or more people were present.

His accusations were denied by Lt. Gov. Wilson Wyatt and Bruce Kennedy, commissioner of the Economic Development Department, who said no money was "spent for whiskey or anything like that."

Says Records Open Kennedy said his records were open to anyone "who wanted to look at them. We've got nothing to hide."

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Hard Lines for the Reds

Back from Iron Curtain lands, Harlan State Senator Nick Johnson says he will introduce legislation in 1952 Assembly to take away from Kentucky Communists 'privileges they would destroy.'

By The Courier-Journal Frankfort Bureau

FRANKFORT, Ky., Aug. 19.—State Senator H. Nick Johnson returned recently from Russia with some definite ideas about how Reds in this country should be treated.

The Harlan Republican was in a People-to-People delegation of businessmen touring the Iron Curtain territories of East Berlin, Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union.

"I came back strongly convinced that the Communists in this country have it too soft," Johnson said. "They enjoy comforts and privileges that the May-at-home Communists don't have, and say they don't want."

"I will introduce legislation on the first day of the 1952 Legislature to take away from the Kentucky Communists those privileges which they would destroy if they had the power."

"If they don't like our privileges, they shouldn't enjoy them."

Johnson said his bill will provide that confessed or proven Communists in Kentucky should be denied the rights to vote, enter into a marriage contract, own property, hold a driver's license, or any other privileges denied them in the Communist countries.

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Pay-As-You-Go Bonus Bill Is Due

Harlan's Nick Johnson Would Pay Veterans As Sales Taxes Collected

By HUGH MORRIS
Courier-Journal Correspondent

Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Dec. 16.—Declaring that payment of veterans bonus in Kentucky does not require a constitutional amendment, Senator H. Nick Johnson, Harlan Republican, said Wednesday he would offer a bill in the 1950 legislature to levy a 3 per cent sales tax for a pay-as-you-go bonus plan.

Members of the 1950 Legislature, with Governor Combs, are attending a conference here on possible legislation in the coming session.

Johnson takes the view that payment of a veterans bonus is not prohibited by Kentucky's Constitution, provided no debt in excess of the charter's \$300,000 limit is incurred.

Further, the Constitution does not forbid the Legislature to enact a retail sales tax of any amount.

'Veterans Have Spoken'

The only reason the sales tax-bonus proposition was proposed by the 1949 Legislature in the form of an amendment, Johnson said, was to determine the wishes of the people on the question.

"The voters have spoken in no uncertain terms," Johnson said. "They want a bonus paid to Kentucky veterans and they are willing to pay a sales tax to finance it."

Under Johnson's plan, no State bonds would be issued and no debt would be incurred. Instead, the sales tax would be imposed and proceeds from it deposited in a special veterans-bonus fund. Meantime, a State bonus commission would be set up to receive and process veterans' applications. Each application would be numbered, consecutively as it is received.

"Could Then Repeal Tax" "As the sales-tax revenue comes into the fund," Johnson said, "bonuses would be paid out to veterans in the order that their applications were received."

When all applicants were paid, the Legislature could repeal the sales tax, or devote income from it to other purposes if it were decided to retain it.

Johnson said his bill would expressly declare that members of the 1950 General Assembly who are veterans would not be eligible to apply for or receive bonus payments.

Speaks Of Big Savings Johnson said his plan would save the State millions of dollars in interest on the 30-year bonds it will have to issue if the courts should uphold the plan approved last November by the voters.

Johnson estimates that a 3 per cent sales tax would bring in about \$50,000,000 a year and enable bonuses to be paid to eligible veterans within perhaps a five-year period.

Johnson, a veteran, has been eyeing the Eighth District seat in Congress vacated by Representative Eugene Siler.

The Eighth District, embracing Southeastern Kentucky, voted overwhelmingly in favor of the sales tax-bonus plan last November.



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Nick Johnson Plans Anti-Reds Measure

His Bill Would Bar Marriage, Voting, Other Citizen Rights

By PAUL R. JORDAN
Associated Press Writer

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 20.—State Senator H. Nick Johnson says he will sponsor a bill to bar Communists from marrying, voting, or exercising any rights of citizenship in Kentucky.

The Harlan Republican, who visited Russia last summer, plans to introduce the measure when the General Assembly convenes January 2.

Declaring that effective means must be employed to halt the Communist conspiracy, the bill would bar any person convicted in the courts of being a Communist from:

1. Holding any office, elective or appointive, or any other position of profit or trust in or employment by the State Government or its political subdivisions.
2. Filing or standing for election to any public office.
3. Voting in any election.
4. Holding any property, real or personal.
5. Entering into any contractual relation.
6. Entering into a valid marriage.

The State attorney general would institute legal proceedings if he had reason to believe that any person living in Kentucky has become or is a Communist.

Would Weigh Evidence

The jury would consider evidence, if presented, as to whether the accused person had ever been connected in any way with the Communist Party.

The proceedings would be conducted in the same manner as those for the prosecution of a felony—except the court's final order would contain a "short and clear statement" whether the accused person is or is not a Communist.

Senator Johnson, McDowell Attack Oil Quota Increase

The recent Federal order increasing the quotas of foreign residual imports by 10 per cent which will take away markets for four million tons of U. S. coal are attacked by C. D. McDowell, president of Harlan Coal Operators Association, and Senator H. Nick Johnson.

Senator Johnson will attack this, joining McDowell, in protests to U. S. officials, and Johnson says he plans to introduce legislation attempting to strengthen the position of the coal industry.

Johnson also will introduce a bill striking at the discrepancy between depletion allowances for tax purposes amounting to 37 per cent for developing new oil fields, and only 10 per cent for coal for similar expenses.

Quotas for imports of oil already were taking away markets for 40 million tons of U. S. coal, McDowell pointed out, before the increase of 10 per cent was allowed Monday. The increase was fixed by order of Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton.

Government has deliberately favored the oil and gas industry at the expense of the coal industry," McDowell said. "If the Federal Government chooses to do so, it could immediately reverse the trend, thus allowing coal to compete on a more equal footing with coal's strongest competitor, gas and oil."

Senator Johnson also plans to attack the acreage allotment program for tobacco, he says, planning legislation to give Harlan farmers more tobacco acreage. He pointed out that tobacco growers can "clear \$1,000 to \$1,500 before the increase of 10 per cent each season growing cent was allowed Monday. The increase was fixed by order of Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton.

"It appears that the Federal price is so low, he said.



Staff Photo by Bud Kaminich

LEGISLATIVE AMENITIES . . . Governor Combs, left, greets Republican State Senator H. Nick Johnson, Harlan, after delivering his address to a joint session of the special Legislature he convened yesterday to broaden the veterans-bonus act.

The Man that has fought for your welfare