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AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1926

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Mr. MCNARY, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10404]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 10404) making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with various amendments, and presents herewith information relative to the changes made:

Amount of bill as passed House	$124, 663, 473
Amount added by Senate (net)	125, 005
Amount of bill as reported to Senate	124, 788, 478
Amount of regular and supplemental estimates for 1926	127, 752, 000
Amount of appropriations for 1925	65, 714, 436
The bill as reported to Senate:	
Exceeds the appropriations for 1925	59, 074, 042
Under the estimates for 1926	2, 963, 522

The changes in the amounts of the House bill recommended by the committee are as follows:

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INCREASE

Bureau of Plant Industry:	
Investigation of forest and ornamental trees and shrubs	$2,095
Investigation and improvement of cereals, etc	19,340
Total, Bureau of Plant Industry	21,435
Bureau of Soils:	
Chemical investigations of soil types, soil composition, etc	5,000
Physical investigations of important properties of soil	2,000
Total, Bureau of Soils	7,000
Bureau of Entomology:	
Investigations of insects affecting forests	1,410
Bureau of Agricultural Economics:	
Marketing handling, etc., of farm products	8,123
Collecting, publishing, and distributing market information	90,252
Total, Bureau of Agricultural Economics	98,375
Total increase	128,220

DECREASE

Bureau of Biological Survey:	
Maintenance of Montana National bison range	3,215
Net increase	125,005
Amount of bill as reported to Senate	124,788,478

The following amendments were approved by the committee, and the chairman of the subcommittee authorized to offer the same to the bill in the Senate:

AUTHORITY GIVEN THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO FIX SALARIES OF FIELD EMPLOYEES

On page 3, after line 3, the following:

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to fix the rates of compensation of civilian employees in the field services under the Department of Agriculture to correspond, so far as may be practicable, to the rates established by the classifi-

cation act of 1923 for positions in the departmental services in the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the salary restrictions in other acts which limit salaries to rates in conflict with the rates fixed by the classification act of 1923 for the departmental services.

COOPERATION WITH WAR DEPARTMENT IN PREVENTING AND SUPPRESSING FOREST FIRES BY AIRPLANE CONTROL

On page 35, after line 14, the following:

For cooperation with the War Department in the maintenance and operation of an airplane patrol to prevent and suppress forest fires on national forests and adjacent lands, $50,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the purchase of land or airplanes.