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AMEND THE ACT RELATIVE TO PER CAPITA COST OF INDIAN SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 5, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. SNYDER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4014]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4014) to amend the act of June 30, 1919, relative to per capita cost of Indian schools, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This is very urgent legislation and must pass during this session of Congress or the Bureau of Indian Affairs will undoubtedly have to close their schools before the end of the regular term. The necessity of this legislation is brought about by the increase in salaries through the reclassification bill, which automatically increased the per capita cost of instructing the pupils in Indian schools.

The recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 19, 1925.

Hon. HOMER P. SNYDER,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. SNYDER: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a draft of a proposed amendment to the act of June 30, 1919 (41 Stat. L. 6), relating to per capita cost of conducting Indian schools. The act of June 30 cited provides:

"That hereafter, except for pay of superintendents and for transportation of goods and supplies and transportation of pupils, not more than $225 shall be expended from appropriations made in this act, or any other act, for the annual support and education of any one pupil in any Indian school, unless the attendance in any school shall be less than two hundred pupils, in which case the Secretary of the Interior may authorize a per capita expenditure of not to exceed $250: *Provided*, That the total amount appropriated for the support of such

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school shall not be exceeded: *Provided further*, That the number of pupils in any school entitled to the per capita allowance hereby provided for shall be based upon average attendance, determined by dividing the total daily attendance by the number of days the school is in session."

The purpose of this amendment is to meet the increased cost of salaries of employees, as authorized by existing law relative to reclassification of such salaries. Actual computations have shown a percentage of increase above the limits prescribed in the law cited, approximating 20 per cent. This percentage has therefore been used in fixing the amounts indicated in the proposed amendment. It is appropriate to say that this is not intended to permit in any way expenditures in excess of amounts appropriated by Congress for the support of Indian schools. Nevertheless, within the limits of appropriations, this legislation will be essential to the financial conduct of the schools now and in the future, without violation of law. I am informed by the Director of the Budget that the proposed bill is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

It is recommended that the proposed bill be enacted into law.

Very truly yours,

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