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PROVIDING FOR REMODELING, REPAIRING, AND IMPROVING
THE PAWNEE INDIAN SCHOOL PLANT, PAWNEE, OKLA., AND
PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

FEBRUARY 1 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 12), 1926.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1834]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1834) providing for remodeling, repairing, and improving the Pawnee Indian School plant, Pawnee, Okla., and providing an appropriation therefor, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass with the following amendments:

On page 1, line 3, after the word "is," insert the words "hereby authorized to be."

Strike out all of section 2.

This legislation has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as is set forth in letter from him under date of January 30, 1926, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 30, 1926.

HON. J. W. HARRELD,
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
United States Senate.*

MY DEAR SENATOR HARRELD: The department acknowledges receipt of your recent request for an opinion on S. 1834, making provision for an appropriation of \$22,000 for remodeling, repairing, and improving the Pawnee Indian School plant, Pawnee, Okla.

It is believed that conditions on the Pawnee Reservation will necessitate the maintenance of this school for a number of years. Owing chiefly to the lack of available funds for repairs and improvements, the buildings have deteriorated to such an extent that extensive repairs are necessary to put the plant in proper shape. There is urgent need of a suitable school building. The present sewer system has been described as a menace to the health of the pupils and of the

surrounding community. The barns and fences are in need of extensive improvements. The employees' quarters and girls' building also need to be remodeled and repaired.

The Bureau of the Budget has reported that the proposed legislation would be in accord with the President's financial program if the bill were modified to authorize an appropriation of \$22,000 instead of making a direct appropriation. The language used in the bill would then read in part:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of moneys," etc.

As a result of the considerations outlined above, it is believed that the proposed expenditure is justified and the department is pleased to submit a favorable report on the bill with the understanding that the change in the language, suggested by the Bureau of the Budget, be made before it is submitted for the consideration of the Congress.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.