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VIRGINIA STATE HIGHWAY THROUGH THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WORKHOUSE AND REFORMATORY AT OCCOQUAN, VA.

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Mr. SACKETT, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2852]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2852) to provide for the grading and maintenance of the Virginia State highway through the District of Columbia Workhouse and Reformatory Reservation at Occoquan, Va., having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The bill provides that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cooperate with the highway commission of the State of Virginia in the grading, incident to construction, of that part of the State highway which will pass through the District of Columbia Workhouse and Reformatory Reservation at Occoquan, Va. It further authorizes the District Commissioners to maintain such portion of the highway out of appropriations that may be made in District of Columbia appropriation acts for the repair of roads in the workhouse reservation. It is provided that the District Commissioners reserve the right to determine and designate the lines that the highway shall follow through the reservation.

It is the opinion of the District Commissioners that the work of grading and maintenance will be without expense to the District because the labor of those confined to the workhouse and reformatory will be utilized. The highway referred to is that which will connect Richmond, Va., and Washington, D. C., and is provided for by an act of the Virginia Legislature. The District Commissioners are of the opinion that the District should cooperate to the extent provided by the bill in the completion of an important traffic artery which will serve residents of the District. The bill carries no appropriation and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget has stated that it will not conflict with the financial program of the President.

The commissioners' letter recommending enactment of the bill is appended and made a part of this report.

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COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, January 26, 1926.

HON. ARTHUR CAPPER,
*Chairman Committee on the District of Columbia,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

SIR: The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have the honor to transmit herewith a draft of a bill entitled "A bill to provide for the grading and maintenance of the Virginia State Highway through the District of Columbia Workhouse and Reformatory Reservation at Occoquan, Va.," which they request be introduced in this Congress.

The object of the proposed bill is to authorize the commissioners to cooperate with the highway commission of the State of Virginia in the grading, incident to the construction and in maintaining that part of the Virginia State Highway that will pass through the District of Columbia Workhouse and Reformatory Reservation at Occoquan, Va., the cost of maintaining the road to be charged to the appropriations contained in District of Columbia appropriation acts for the repair of roads at the District workhouse and reformatory. It is also provided that the location of the State highway through the said reservation shall be subject to the approval of the commissioners.

The commissioners desire to call attention to the fact that no specific appropriation of District revenues will be required in connection with the grading or maintenance of the road through the reservation.

The act of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia of March 14, 1924 (ch. 261, acts of the Assembly of the State of Virginia, 1924), prescribes that the State highway shall run from Pohick to the Fairfax County line at Occoquan town, and states that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia have expressed a desire to aid in the construction of this part of the highway. After extended correspondence with the Virginia State highway authorities, the commissioners have agreed to request the District Committees of Congress to introduce bills authorizing the commissioners to carry out the desire expressed in the act of the General Assembly of Virginia of March 14, 1924.

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget has returned a copy of the proposed bill with the statement that it will not conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very respectfully,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
By J. F. BELL, Acting President.