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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2712]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2712) authorizing an appropriation from the tribal funds of the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota for the construction of a road on the Leech Lake Reservation, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

This is a departmental bill and the facts are fully set forth in letter from the Secretary of the Interior under date of January 22, 1926, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, January 22, 1926.

Hon. J. W. Harreld,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Harreld: There is inclosed herewith draft of bill to authorize an appropriation of $6,000 from tribal funds of the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, for the construction of a road on the Leech Lake Reservation from the Chippewa sanatorium at Onigum to the State highway.

The sanatorium is located across the bay from Walker, the railroad station. During much of the year the direct route across the bay can not be used, which makes it necessary to go around the bay, a distance of 16 miles, the first 11 miles of which out of Walker, being part of the State highway system, is kept in good condition by the State and county, but the last 5 miles is not on the system and State and county funds can not be used therefor. The present route is in reality but little more than a trail, which becomes impassable at times. This proves a serious handicap in the operation of the sanatorium and the transportation of employees, patients, visitors, and supplies.

In view of the necessity for this road, it is recommended that the proposed legislation receive the favorable consideration of your committee and of Congress. The Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that the contemplated appropriation is not in conflict with the President's financial program.

Very truly yours,

Hubert Work,