The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 96) authorizing an appropriation of $25,000 from the tribal funds of the Indians of the Quinaielt Reservation, Wash., for the construction of a system of water supply at Taholah, on said reservation, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 321, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

[House Report No. 321, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 96) authorizing an appropriation of $25,000 from the tribal funds of the Indians of the Quinaielt Reservation, Wash., for the construction of a system of water supply at Taholah on said reservation, having considered the same, report thereon with the following amendments:

Line 3, strike out the words “an appropriation of $25,000” and insert in lieu thereof the following “to be expended the sum of $3,000.”

Line 8, after the word “Interior,” add the following: “and to be available until expended: Provided, That Indian labor shall be employed as far as practicable.”

Amend the title so as to read:

“A bill authorizing an expenditure of $3,000 from the tribal funds of the Indians of the Quinaielt Reservation, Washington, for the construction of a system of water supply at Taholah on said reservation.”

The Indian council has requested that this system of water supply be constructed, as evidenced by the attached minutes of the council meeting of June 16, 1925.

The favorable report of the Secretary of the Interior is also attached hereto and made a part of this report.
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE QUINAIELT AND QUILTEUTE TRIBES

At the annual council meeting of the Quinaielt and Quileute Indian Tribes held at Taholah, Wash., on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1925, a large attendance of the tribe was present, both from among those living outside of the reservation and those living inside of the reservation.

The meeting was called to order by William Mason, and it was stated that the first business would be the organization of the meeting. Whereupon Harry Shale was nominated as chairman, his nomination was duly seconded, and there being no other nominations, Harry Shale was unanimously elected as chairman of the meeting. On motion duly made and seconded, Frank W. Law was nominated for secretary of the meeting and was unanimously elected as secretary. Both of these officers assumed the duties of their office.

The council considered the matter of the construction of waterworks for the town site of Taholah. After the matter was debated, a vote was taken and the tribal council was directed to petition the Department of the Interior to cause to be appropriated from their tribal funds the further sum of $25,000 to be used for the construction of suitable waterworks in order that water may be delivered to each of the families residing at Taholah. They believe that this will add to the health of the community, as the water in the wells at times becomes very salty, owing to its proximity to the ocean, and is not suitable for drinking water. They point out the fact that there are springs available from which water can be taken to supply the village of Taholah.

The council therefore respectfully urges on the Department of the Interior that their petition, as set forth herein, be granted from their tribal funds used for the purposes herein set forth.

Harry Shale,
Chairman of the Meeting.
Frank W. Law,
Secretary of the Meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 27, 1926.

Hon. Scott Leavitt,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

My Dear Mr. Leavitt: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16, 1925, transmitting therewith copy of H. R. 96, authorizing an appropriation of $25,000 from tribal funds of the Indians of the Quinaielt Reservation, Wash., for the construction of a system of water supply at Taholah.

A few years ago this matter was investigated and it was reported that the installation of a water system was not advisable in so small a place, but that a small system with street hydrants for domestic service could be installed for about $3,000. It was also stated that a sewer system for the village is not practical, as the Indian houses are not suitable for plumbing. Since the agency is no longer located at Taholah, it would appear that white traders would be generally benefited by the installation of an elaborate water-supply system. In view of the above, it is not believed that an appropriation of more than $3,000 should be made for this purpose.

By letter dated January 2, 1926, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that the proposed report recommending authorization of an appropriation of $3,000 in lieu of the proposed amount of $25,000 is in accord with the President's financial program.

Very truly yours,

Hubert Work.