AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD ON THE LEECH LAKE RESERVATION

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9967]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9967) authorizing an expenditure of $6,000 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.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 584, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

[House Report No. 584, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9967) authorizing an expenditure of $6,000 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 thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

The letter from the Secretary of the Interior recommending this measure is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 28, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Leavitt: There is inclosed herewith draft of a bill to authorize an appropriation for $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.