

AMENDING ACT AUTHORIZING PURCHASE BY McMINN-
VILLE, OREG., OF CERTAIN LANDS

MARCH 3, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state
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Mr. SINNOTT, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8534]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8534) to amend an act entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon,' approved July 25, 1866, as amended by the acts of 1868 and 1869, and to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon,' approved May 4, 1870, and for other purposes," having considered the same, report it to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend the title of the bill to read:

To amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the purchase by the city of McMinnville, Oregon, of certain lands formerly embraced in the grant to the Oregon and California Railroad Company and vested in the United States by the act approved June 9, 1916," approved February 25, 1919. (40 Stat. 1153.)

The reasons for the enactment of the above bill are fully explained in a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, dated February 26, 1926, to the chairman of this committee, which letter is herein set out in full for the information of the House, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 26, 1926.

Hon. N. J. SINNOTT,
*Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SINNOTT: I have your request for report on (H. R. 8534) a bill to amend the act approved February 5, 1919 (40 Stat. 1153), by eliminating

