

LILLY O. DYER

APRIL 29, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7152]

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred H. R. 7152, a bill for the relief of Lilly O. Dyer, having had the same under consideration, reports thereon, with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

Letters from the Secretary of State dated, February 9 and February 26, 1926, also letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, dated March 16, 1926, and a list of precedents are hereto attached and made part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 9, 1926.

MY DEAR MR. PORTER: I have received your letter of January 9, 1926, requesting a report upon a bill (H. R. 7152) for the relief of Mrs. Lilly O. Dyer, widow of the late Francis John Dyer, a former American consul, by appropriating for her an amount equal to one year's salary of her deceased husband.

I regret to say that inasmuch as the department has been informed by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that the legislation proposed in this bill would be in conflict with the financial program of the President, I am not in a position to advocate its enactment into law. However, if at any time you should desire any of the facts in relation to the record of Mr. Dyer in the service it would give me pleasure to send them to you.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK B. KELLOGG.

HON. STEPHEN G. PORTER,
House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 26, 1926.

MY DEAR MR. PORTER: I have received your letter of February 24, 1926, requesting a report upon a bill (H. R. 7152) for the relief of Mrs. Lilly O. Dyer,

the widow of Mr. Francis John Dyer, formerly an American consul, by appropriating for her an amount equal to one year's salary of her deceased husband.

In reply there is given below a record of Mr. Dyer's service:

Appointed consul of Class IX, March 2, 1915; assigned to Swansea, April 3, 1915, and was in charge of office May 6 to May 10, 1915; on detail in the Department of State, May 26, 1915, to October 23, 1915; assigned to Ceiba, September 17, 1915; assigned to Tegucigalpa, March 20, 1917; consul of Class VIII, April 16, 1917; detailed to Nogales, February 25, 1919; assigned consul at Nogales, May 22, 1919; consul of Class VI, September 5, 1919; assigned consul at Coblenz, May 17, 1922; Foreign Service officer, Class VII, July 1, 1924. Died at his post, December 26, 1924. Mr. Dyer's salary at the time of his death was at the rate of \$4,000 per annum.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK B. KELLOGG.

HON. STEPHEN G. PORTER,
House of Representatives.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, March 16, 1926.

MY DEAR MR. PORTER: Referring to your favor of March 13, concerning certain bills looking to the payment of a year's salary to the widow or other dependents of diplomatic and consular officers who died at their posts of duty, I was very glad indeed, in compliance with your request, to again present this matter to the President. This I had the opportunity of doing this morning, and the President has not changed his attitude with regard to these proposed relief measures which he had previously held as being in conflict with his financial program.

Sincerely yours,

H. M. LORD, *Director.*

HON. STEPHEN G. PORTER,
House of Representatives.

PRECEDENTS

The Department of State has made an investigation in regard to the payment by Congress in the past of sums of money for the relief of widows of deceased diplomatic and consular officers, and has prepared the following list of such cases:

Act of July 28, 1892, authorized payment to heirs of Alexander Clark, late minister and consul general to Liberia, of one year's salary, \$4,000.

Act of March 3, 1893, authorized payment to Mrs. Sarah O. Hanna, widow of Bayless W. Hanna, late minister resident and consul general at Buenos Aires, of \$5,375.

Act of March 2, 1895, authorized payment to Mrs. Celeste H. McCoy, widow of W. D. McCoy, late minister and consul general to Liberia, of \$1,000.

To Mrs. Verona E. Pollock, widow of Alexander L. Pollock, who died while consul at San Salvador, \$6,840.

Act of April 17, 1900, authorized payment to Mrs. Clare M. Ashby, widow of William W. Ashby, drowned while consul at Colon, \$2,866, balance of one year's salary.

Act of March 3, 1901, authorized payment to Mrs. Ella Lowery Moseley, widow of Robert E. Moseley, consul general at Singapore, \$750, equal to three month's salary.

Act of February 6, 1903, authorized payment to widow of W. W. Cobb, who died while consul at Colon, \$1,755.49, balance of salary for the year of his death.

Diplomatic and Consular Service bill approved March 4, 1919: Congress authorized the payment of \$5,500 (one year's salary) to Mrs. Natalie Summers, the widow of Maddin Summers, consul general at Moscow.

Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation act for fiscal year ending June 30, 1921: Congress approved payment to Mrs. Winifred T. Magelssen, widow of William C. Magelssen, formerly consul at Melbourne, Australia, \$4,500, one year's salary of her deceased husband who died returning to the United States from his post of duty from illness incurred in the Consular Service.

Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation act for fiscal year ending June 30, 1922: Congress approved payment to Mrs. Anna Gale White, widow of Jay White, late consul at Naples, Italy, \$4,500, one year's salary of her deceased husband who died while at his post of duty from illness incurred in the Consular Service.

Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation act for fiscal year ending June 30, 1922: Congress approved payment to Mrs. Mary A. Higgins, widow of Edward Higgins, late consul at Bahia, Brazil, \$4,000, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty from illness incurred in the Consular Service.

Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation act for fiscal year ending June 30, 1923: Congress approved payment to Daisy Crawford Carroll, widow of B. Harvey Carroll, late consul at Cadiz, Spain, \$3,500, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty from illness incurred in the Consular Service.

Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation act for fiscal year ending June 30, 1923: Congress approved payment to Alice Potter, widow of Julian Potter, late consul at Rouen, France, \$3,000, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died as a result of illness incurred in the Consular Service.

Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation act for fiscal year ending June 30, 1924: Congress approved payment to Louise Carroll Masterson, widow of William W. Masterson, late consul to Plymouth, England, \$4,500, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died at his post of duty from illness incurred in the Consular Service.

Deficiency act, January 22, 1923, makes an appropriation of \$4,500 for payment to Pauline G. Swalm, widow of Herbert W. Swalm, late consul to Hamilton, Bermuda, being one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died at this post of duty from illness incurred in the Consular Service.

The act making appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, approved May 28, 1924, carried the following similar appropriations:

For Carrie Kitchin Hazeltine, widow of Ross Hazeltine, late consul at Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty of illness incurred in the Consular Service, \$4,500.

For Pauline M. Robinson, widow of Fred R. Robinson, late consul to Saltillo, Mexico, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while returning to the United States from his post of duty, of illness incurred in the Consular Service, \$3,500.

For May Adelaide Sharp, widow of Hunter Sharp, late consul at Edinburgh, Scotland, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty of illness incurred in the Consular Service, \$5,000.

For Ethel Roberts Loop, widow of Carl R. Loop, late consul at Catania, Italy, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty of illness incurred in the Consular Service, \$4,000.

For William B. Kirjassoff and David M. Kirjassoff, minor children of Max D. Kirjassoff, late consul at Yokohama, Japan, one year's salary of their deceased father, who died in the earthquake and fire, while at his post of duty, \$3,500.

For Eliza R. Seidmore, sister of George H. Seidmore, late consul general at Yokohama, Japan, one year's salary of her deceased brother, who died of illness incurred in the Consular Service, \$8,000.

For Frances R. Jewett, widow of Milo A. Jewett, late consul of the United States at Trondhjem, Norway, \$3,500, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty of illness incurred in the Consular Service.

For Teresa B. Handley, widow of William W. Handley, late consul general at Callao-Lima, Peru, \$5,500, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty of illness incurred in the Consular Service.

For Irene Gracie Pontius, widow of Albert W. Pontius, late consul general at Mukden, China, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died while at his post of duty of illness incurred in the Consular Service, \$5,500.

By act approved March 24, 1925, the Congress authorized the appropriation of the sum of \$9,000 for the relief of Margarethe Murphy, widow of the late George Herbert Murphy, late American consul general at Zurich, Switzerland, being one year's salary of her deceased husband.

JANUARY 18, 1926.

