

TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

REQUEST, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1927, THAT THE SUM OF \$32,560 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE APPROPRIATION "EXPORT INDUSTRIES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE," TO THE APPROPRIATION "MINERAL MINING INVESTIGATIONS, BUREAU OF MINES."

JANUARY 6, 1926.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 5, 1926.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a request, in connection with the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1927, that the sum of \$32,560 be transferred from the appropriation "Export industries, Department of Commerce," to the appropriation "Mineral mining investigations, Bureau of Mines."

The details of this request and the necessity therefor are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 5, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, a request from the Secretary of Commerce in connection with the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1927, that the sum of \$32,560 be transferred from the appropriation "Export industries, Department of Commerce," to the appropriation "Mineral mining investigations, Bureau of Mines." This transfer is requested in order to avoid possible duplication of work and to consolidate within the Bureau of Mines, so far as may be practicable, all the department's activities in the economics of coal, petroleum, minerals, and metals.

The proposed transfer involves no increase in the total estimate for the department. It reduces the estimate of \$638,000 now before Congress for "Export industries" (Budget, p. 335) to \$605,440, and increases the estimate of \$116,100 for "Mineral mining investigations" (Budget, p. 410) to \$148,660. It likewise reduces the limitation for personal services in the District of Columbia in the case of the former appropriation to \$583,529, and increases that in the latter appropriation to \$52,560.

The details of the transfer desired are set forth in the letter of the Acting Secretary of Commerce, dated December 21, 1925, transmitted herewith.

Approval of this request is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, December 21, 1925.

The DIRECTOR BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: Following the transfer of the Bureau of Mines to this department on July 1 last, it would be advantageous, in order to provide against possible duplications of work, to consolidate within that bureau, so far as may be practicable, all the department's activities in the economics of coal, petroleum, minerals, and metals. To this end it is desired to transfer to the Bureau of Mines, as of July 1, 1926, a portion of the personnel of the coal and minerals divisions of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. It is requested that your approval be given to a transfer, in the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1927, of the sum of \$32,560 from the appropriation "Export industries, Department of Commerce," to the appropriation "Mineral mining investigations, Bureau of Mines." This amount is the estimated sum required for the salaries and traveling expenses of the personnel, which it is desired to transfer from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, as shown in the following tabulation:

Estimated expenditures, 1927 appropriation

Employees	Average—	
	Number	Salary
Departmental service:		
Salaries; clerical, administrative, and fiscal service—		
Grade 12, \$5,200 to \$6,000; average, \$5,600—		
Chief business specialist (chief of division).....	1	\$5,200
Grade 9, \$3,000 to \$3,600; average, \$3,300—		
Business specialists.....	3	3,367
Grade 7, \$2,400 to \$3,000; average, \$2,700—		
Assistant business specialist.....	1	2,700
Grade 5, \$1,360 to \$2,400; average, \$2,100—		
Business assistants.....	3	2,020
Grade 3, \$1,500 to \$1,860; average, \$1,680—		
Senior stenographers.....	2	1,560
Assistant clerks.....	2	1,500
Grade 2, \$1,320 to \$1,680; average, \$1,500—		
Senior typist.....	1	1,380
Total number of employees.....	13	-----
Total salaries.....		31,560
Travel expenses.....		1,000
Total.....		32,560

Very truly yours,

J. WALTER DRAKE,
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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