

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT; CONSTRUCTION
AND EQUIPMENT OF COAST GUARD CUTTER

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1926, \$35,000; ALSO A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGIS-
LATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 26, 1926.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, \$35,000; also a draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation.

The details of this estimate and an explanation of the proposed legislation, the necessities therefor, and the reasons for their submission at this time 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, March 26, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Treasury Department for

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the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, \$35,000; also a draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT

Mechanical equipment for public buildings, 1926----- \$35,000

The appropriation under this heading for the fiscal year 1926 is \$521,700, and this amount, it is claimed, is insufficient to meet the indispensable requirements of the service for the year.

During the first three-quarters of the fiscal year 1925, the heavy demands upon the appropriations for that year indicated a possible deficiency, and to avoid this instructions were issued in February, 1925, to the custodians of all public buildings to restrict their mechanical repair work to immediate and essential requirements. In the month of April following, the custodians were instructed immediately after the close of the heating season "to forward reports as to the condition of and requirements for their heating plants," but many reports were not received in time to permit of the performance of this work before the close of the fiscal year. The result was a "carry-over" into the present year of approximately \$35,000 worth of work, and an unexpended balance of \$36,482.70 in the fiscal year 1925 appropriation.

The appropriation for the current fiscal year has been severely taxed by extraordinary demands not susceptible of being deferred, such as new boilers, piping systems for heating apparatus, and entire water piping systems which became defective by reason of the injection of chemicals into the water supply of certain cities in order to purify it.

The entire maintenance and upkeep of the mechanical equipment in approximately 1,400 buildings under the control of the Treasury Department is dependent upon this appropriation. In these buildings there are in operation upward of 774 elevators and 2,000 boilers, 190 boilers being of the high-pressure type.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION

COAST GUARD

Construction and equipment of Coast Guard cutter: The sum of \$925,000 appropriated in the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, for constructing and equipping a Coast Guard cutter for duty in Alaskan waters and for cruises into the Arctic Ocean, authorized by the act approved January 7, 1925, to remain available until June 30, 1926, is hereby made available for expenditure until March 31, 1927.

The second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, contained an item of \$925,000 for the construction and equipment of a Coast Guard cutter for duty in Alaskan waters to take the place of the Coast Guard cutter *Bear*, to be available until June 30, 1926.

The preparation of the design of this vessel has been expedited as much as possible, but on account of the necessity of departing from previous practice in the plans and specifications, due to the special service in which this vessel will be employed, it is now apparent that the construction of the vessel can not be completed as soon as was at first anticipated. Moreover, on account of unusual features, occa-

sion may arise during the building of the ship which will make it imperative to call for minor changes in construction.

It is therefore deemed advisable and to the best interests of the Government to extend the date of the availability of the appropriation to March 31, 1927, which it is believed is sufficiently far ahead of the present date to cover all contingencies in connection with the designing and constructing of the vessel.

The above estimate of appropriation and draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation are required to meet unavoidable contingencies which have occurred since the transmission of the Budgets for the relative fiscal years.

Approval of this estimate and the proposed legislation is recommended.

Very respectfully,

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

The PRESIDENT.

Supplemental estimate of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the Treasury Department

Mechanical equipment for public buildings:

For the installation and repair of mechanical equipment in all completed and occupied public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, etc., without change in the limitation provided for marine hospitals and quarantine stations, Treasury, Treasury Annex, Liberty Loan, Butler, and Auditors Buildings, and the pneumatic tube service in the city of New York, and including the same objects specified under this head in the Treasury Department appropriation act for the fiscal year 1926 (act Jan. 22, 1925, vol. 43, p. 779) ----- \$35,000
Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926 ----- 521,700

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Construction and equipment of Coast Guard cutter: The sum of \$925,000 appropriated in the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved Mar. 4, 1925, for constructing and equipping a Coast Guard cutter for duty in Alaskan waters and for cruises into the Arctic Ocean, authorized by the act approved Jan. 7, 1925, to remain available until June 30, 1926, is hereby made available for expenditure until Mar. 31, 1927.



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