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## TO AMEND SECTION 47-D, NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT

DECEMBER 17 (calendar day, DECEMBER 18), 1926.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 4694]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (S. 4694) to amend sect on 47-d, national defense act, having considered the same, reports thereon favorably with the recommendation that it do pass.

This measure is recommended by the War Department and the attitude of the department is set forth in a letter from the Secretary of War which is appended hereto and made a part of this report as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, D. C., December 7, 1926.

Hon. JAMES W. WADSWORTH, Jr.,  
*Chairman Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR WADSWORTH: I submit a draft of a bill which I request be introduced in the Senate and enacted into law.

Under the provisions of this section the Secretary of War is authorized to pay civilians attending the Citizens' Military Training Camps travel allowances at the rate of 5 cents per mile or to furnish transportation in kind. Those young men who are furnished transportation in kind will receive in addition 1 cent a mile, which is believed ample to cover the cost of subsistence while traveling. The payment of travel allowances for the return journey in advance of the actual performance of the journey is also authorized.

Many of the young men who are furnished transportation in kind for the journey to camp are unable to secure reimbursement in full for the subsistence obtained while en route on account of their failure to secure the receipts required therefor by the Comptroller General. Also, considerable doubt exists as to the propriety of making payments covering the actual cost of subsistence for the return journey before such expenses have been actually incurred. The legislation requested will eliminate these two objections and will greatly simplify the settlement of subsistence claims.

The enactment of this amendment will not involve any requests for the increase of any appropriation.

The proposed legislation has been submitted to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, who advises that it is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

