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TO PROVIDE A WATER SYSTEM FOR THE INDIANS OF THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY, NEV.

FEBRUARY 28, 1927.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HARRELD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4998]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4998) to provide a water system for the Indians of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nev., having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

This legislation has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as is set forth in letter from him under date of February 18, 1927, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 18, 1927.

Hon. J. W. HARRELD,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR HARRELD: Reference is made to your communication of January 1, requesting a report on S. 4998, a bill to provide a water system for the Indians of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nev. There are at the present time 300 Indians living at this colony. The water supply, which consists of but one well, is entirely inadequate for the need of the Indians. Furthermore, it frequently dries up and necessitates the Indians' carrying water from ranches of their white neighbors. This, of course, is very inconvenient to the Indians and unsatisfactory to the white people in that locality. The need of a water system at this colony is urgent.

The city water mains are too far away from the colony to have the water pipe extended there. It is thought that an independent water system should be installed at the colony if an appropriation is made available. It is desirable that the tract of land adjacent to the Reno-Sparks Colony, which was recently purchased, should be included when the water system is installed.

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It is believed that \$6,000 is sufficient to cover the expense involved in the installation of the proposed water system. The water system will include a storage tank of 15,000 or 20,000 gallon capacity, the drilling and casing of a well, a pump and engine, the erection of a tower to hold the storage tank, necessary pipe for conducting the water to the Indians' houses, and necessary skilled labor required to install same. It is understood that the Indians will excavate the trenches and do such other labor as they can without expense to the Government.

In view of the above, favorable action on this bill is recommended.

By letter dated February 10, 1927, the Bureau of the Budget advises that this report is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.



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