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AMEND THE PLANT QUARANTINE ACT

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Mr. McNARY, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 5546]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5546) to amend section 10 of the plant quarantine act, approved August 20, 1912, having considered the same, report thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass. A letter from the Department of Agriculture is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, February 9, 1927.

HON. CHARLES L. McNARY,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Your letter of the 2d instant, transmitting S. 5546 to amend section 10 of the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912, has been received.

You are advised that this is a department amendment very much needed for the adequate enforcement of the corn borer, Japanese beetle, and other similar quarantines, to prevent the spread of new and dangerous crop pests, and it has my approval. As you perhaps have been advised, it has already been introduced in the House and has been approved by the Committee on Agriculture. (See Report No. 1810 inclosed herewith.)

The portions of this report under the captions "Need for the proposed amendment plant quarantine act" and "Legal status of the amendment" were drafted in this department and have my hearty approval.

Under the first heading the urgency for this amendment is clearly indicated, and under the second its legal status is perhaps adequately discussed. You will note that the provision of search as applying to persons is limited to persons coming into the United States where the enforcement of such power is very necessary, more particularly along the Mexican border, but also in connection with the enforcement of the prohibition of entry of fruits and other articles which may easily be brought into the United States by passengers, and which may be the means of the introduction of the Mediterranean fruit fly or other dangerous pests. It frequently happens that infested fruit is so intercepted at San Francisco, New Orleans, and other southern ports and even at North Atlantic ports. I respectfully recommend, therefore, that should your committee act favorably on this bill, you make use of the statements referred to which are embodied in the House report.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary.*