

TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO DECLARE THE
NAVAL DISPENSARY AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION,
GUANTANAMO, CUBA, TO BE A NAVAL HOSPITAL, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. WOODRUFF, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 16580]

The Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 16580) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to declare the naval dispensary at the United States naval station, Guantanamo, Cuba, to be a naval hospital, and for other purposes, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon, without amendment, and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The bill meets with the approval of the Navy Department, as shown by the following letter from the Secretary of the Navy addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives, which is hereby made a part of this report.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 19, 1927.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: There is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter together with a copy of a proposed draft of a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to declare the naval dispensary at the United States naval station, Guantanamo, Cuba, to be a naval hospital, and for other purposes, this day forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR, Secretary of the Navy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 19, 1927.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a proposed draft of a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to declare the naval dispensary at the United States naval station, Guantanamo, Cuba, to be a naval hospital, and for other purposes.

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to declare the naval dispensary at the United States naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba, to be a naval hospital, and to authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$50,000 for necessary alterations, extensions, and additions to the existing dispensary buildings in order to enlarge and adapt them for a hospital capable of handling approximately 50 patients.

If this proposed legislation is enacted, the Navy Department contemplates making provisions in its next annual estimates for the construction of the work authorized.

This proposed legislation was referred to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget with the above information as to cost and a statement to the effect that the Navy Department contemplated recommending approval thereof, and under date of December 4, 1926, the Navy Department was advised that this proposed legislation will not be in conflict with the financial program of the President.

In view of the foregoing, the Navy Department recommends the enactment of the legislation proposed in the inclosed draft of bill.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR, *Secretary of the Navy.*

A BILL To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to declare the naval dispensary at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo, Cuba, to be a naval hospital, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare the naval dispensary at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo, Cuba, to be a naval hospital, and to make the necessary alterations, extensions, and additions to the said dispensary buildings in order to enlarge and adapt them for a hospital of approximately fifty patients, at a total cost of not to exceed \$50,000.