

NAVY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL, 1928

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MR. FRENCH, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15641]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 15641) making appropriations for the Navy Department and the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 3, 4, 7, 8, 22, 23, and 24.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 5, 6, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 26, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$65,068,250; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$2,362,533; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 11:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$124,428,702; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$19,128,975; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 13:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 13, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$4,535,250; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 14:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 14, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$148,092,927; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$8,522,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$20,100,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 21:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 21, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$9,480,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference have not agreed on amendments numbered 25 and 27.

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## STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 15641) making appropriations for the Navy Department and the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes, submit the following written statement explaining the effect of the action agreed on by the conference committee and submitted in the accompanying conference report:

Nos. 1 and 2: Provides for actual expenses of midshipmen while on shore patrol duty at home and abroad, as proposed by the Senate, instead of abroad, only, as proposed by the House.

Nos. 3 and 4: Appropriates \$75,000 for permanent classified employees at the Naval Research Laboratory, as proposed by the House, instead of \$100,000, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 5 and 6, relating to the Naval Reserve: Appropriates \$3,890,500 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$3,850,000, as proposed by the House, and increases the limitation on expenditures from this appropriation on account of aviation material, equipment, and rental of hangars from \$329,888, as proposed by the House, to \$364,010, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 7 and 8: Strikes out the restriction proposed by the Senate on broadcasting from naval radio stations.

Nos. 9 to 15, inclusive, relating to pay, subsistence, and transportation of naval personnel: Appropriates \$148,092,927, instead of \$147,231,000, as proposed by the House, and \$148,954,854, as proposed by the Senate, thus providing for 83,250 enlisted men, instead of 82,500, as proposed by the House, and 84,000 as proposed by the Senate, and strikes out, as proposed by the Senate, the provision with respect to including time spent at the Military Academy or the Naval Academy in computing the length of service of officers.

Nos. 16 to 21, inclusive, relating to aviation, Navy: Appropriates for new construction and procurement of aircraft and equipment \$8,522,000 instead of \$8,412,000, as proposed by the House, and \$10,668,000, as proposed by the Senate; modifies the phrasing of the limitation on the cost of the rigid airship for which the bill makes provision; and authorizes contracts to be entered into for new aircraft and equipment to the extent of \$9,480,000, instead of \$5,000,000, as proposed by the House, and \$10,000,000, as proposed by the Senate, so that, as modified, provision is made for the construction and procurement of new aircraft and equipment to the extent of 245 planes, instead of 161 planes, as proposed by the House, and 323 planes, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 22: Strikes out the appropriation of \$250,000 proposed by the Senate for new boathouse and training quarters for the crews at the Naval Academy.

Nos. 23 and 24: Appropriates \$65,000 for assigned men, Marine Corps Reserve, as proposed by the House, instead of \$112,500, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 26: Strikes out, as proposed by the Senate, the provision raising the limit of cost of one fleet submarine (mine-laying type).

The committee of conference have not agreed upon the following amendments of the Senate:

No. 25, providing for the commencement of the construction of three light cruisers.

No. 27, relating to the payment of premiums to navy yard employees and to the assignment of work to navy yards.

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