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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, AMOUNTING TO $70,000; ALSO A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION

FEBRUARY 25, 1927.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed


The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, amounting to $70,000; also a draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation.

The details of this estimate and the proposed legislation, the necessity therefor, and the reason for their submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.


The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, amounting to $70,000; also a draft of proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE

Contingent expenses, foreign missions........................................ $70,000
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The total amount of this appropriation for the fiscal year 1927 is $740,500, of which $149,000 is listed for telegraphic service in the schedule of estimated expenditures as shown in the Budget.

The disturbed conditions in China and Nicaragua have necessitated daily telegraphic correspondence with the American diplomatic and consular officers in those countries, and the expense for this service has been greatly in excess of the amount anticipated when the Budget for 1927 was submitted. The department estimates that $70,000 additional will be necessary to meet requirements for telegraphic service for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Conference on oil pollution of navigable waters.

The unexpended balance of the appropriation of $42,000 made by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, and continued available by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1926, approved July 3, 1926, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a conference of maritime nations to be held in Washington in accordance with the authorization in Public Resolution No. 65, approved July 1, 1922, to consider the adoption of effective means for the prevention of oil pollution of navigable waters, shall remain available for the purposes specified in said deficiency acts and for any further conference or conferences on this subject in Washington or elsewhere, including preparation therefor and expenses in connection therewith, until June 30, 1928.

Public Resolution No. 65, approved July 1, 1922, requested the President to call a conference of maritime nations with a view to the adoption of effective means for the prevention of pollution of navigable waters by oil-burning and oil-carrying steamers by the dumping into such waters of waste, fuel oil, oil sludge, oil slop, tar residue, and water ballast.

It was thought that this conference, which was to be held at Washington, would meet in the winter of 1925–26, and an appropriation of $42,000 was provided in the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the conference. The conference was postponed, and the appropriation was continued available through 1927 in order that a preliminary conference might be held. This conference was held during June and July, 1926, and the results of the conference are now being discussed with foreign governments, but since the results of that discussion have not definitely developed it is thought wise to have the appropriation continued for another year in order that the conference may be held as desired by Congress when the results of the pending discussions are made known.

This estimate of appropriation and the proposed legislation affecting an existing appropriation are required to meet unforeseen contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1927, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. Lord,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The President.
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*Supplemental estimate of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, by the Department of State*

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