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## INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1935

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Mr. BYRNES (for Mr. GLASS), from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6663]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 6663) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with various amendments, and presents herewith information relative to the changes made.

Amount of bill as passed House	\$566, 435, 693
Amount added by Senate (net)	21, 565, 855
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Amount of bill as reported to Senate	588, 001, 548
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Amount of the appropriations, 1934	625, 642, 286
Amount of the regular and supplemental estimates, 1935 (includes \$21,092,205 by reason of revised regulations affecting veterans)	595, 172, 098
The bill as reported to the Senate:	
Under the estimates for 1935	7, 170, 550
Under the appropriations for 1934	37, 640, 738

The changes in the amounts of the House bill recommended by the committee are as follows:

#### INCREASE

#### Federal Trade Commission:

Salaries (additional funds needed to carry into effect Securities Act of 1933, and to carry on the work devolving upon the Commission by the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act)	\$500, 000
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## Veterans' Administration:

Salaries and expenses on account of change in regulations--	\$9, 590, 192
Pensions, on account of change in regulations-----	11, 502, 013
Hospitalization of veterans suffering from neuropsychiatric ailments in State institutions-----	500, 000
Total Veterans' Administration-----	<u>21, 592, 205</u>
Total increase-----	<u>22, 092, 205</u>

## DECREASE

## Interstate Commerce Commission:

Valuation of property of carriers-----	526, 350
Net increase-----	<u>21, 565, 855</u>
Amount of bill as reported to the Senate-----	<u>588, 001, 548</u>

## ECONOMY PROVISIONS

The House bill continued the maximum of 15 percent reduction in the compensation of officers and employees during the remainder of the fiscal year 1934, and provided that the percentage of reduction during the fiscal year 1935 should not exceed 10 percent. The effect of the committee amendments in section 21 is to provide that the percentage of reduction during that portion of the fiscal year 1934 beginning February 1 and ending June 30 shall not exceed 10 percent, and during the fiscal year 1935 the percentage shall not exceed 5 percent. It should be noted, however, that under the provisions of the act of March 20, 1933, which in this respect are continued, in the event that the cost of living indexes show for either 6-month period of the fiscal year 1935 that a lower percentage of compensation reduction than 5 percent should be applied, that figure will govern.

The compensation of Senators, Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners, of the officers and employees of the Congress and others under the legislative establishment, and other officers and employees, is, by the bill as reported, placed upon the same basis of pay reduction, both for the remainder of the fiscal year 1934 and the fiscal year 1935.

The bill as it came from the House provided that section 201 of the original economy act, as continued, which prohibited all automatic increases in compensation, should not prevent increases in compensation by reason of advancement in rank under the Joint Pay Act of June 10, 1922. The committee has amended this provision to provide that section 201 shall apply during the fiscal year 1935 only to the extent that it suspends the longevity increases for the services mentioned in the Pay Adjustment Act, that is, the 5-percent increase over the base pay for each 3 years of service. The effect of the committee provision is to restore on July 1, 1934, all automatic promotion privileges except in the one instance noted.

The committee has also inserted as subsection (e) of section 21 an indefinite appropriation of moneys necessary to carry out the purposes of the amendments to the bill as reported by the committee. The amendment covers the amounts necessary for the remainder of the fiscal year 1934 and for the fiscal year 1935, and will render unnecessary revision of figures in all pending appropriation bills.

## VETERANS

There were referred to the committee certain amendments affecting veterans of the World War. As a result of this, hearings were held and statements made by representatives of national organizations of the ex-service men of the World War and of the Spanish-American War. The committee has not reported any proposals affecting veterans' benefits. Some members of the committee were of the opinion that the proposals constituted general legislation upon an appropriation bill and would be in violation of the rules of the Senate. The statement was made by the chairman of the subcommittee having charge of the bill that he would give notice of a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of offering certain amendments affecting veterans' benefits and the committee recommends that this motion be agreed to in order that veterans' legislation may be considered as amendments to the bill.

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