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EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1925

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Mr. Wood, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8233]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 8233) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, 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 5, 6, 7, and 15.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14, and 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 matter inserted by said amendment, insert the following:

No part of the moneys appropriated or made available by this Act for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall, unless the President shall otherwise direct, be used or expended for the repair or reconditioning of any vessel owned or controlled by the Government, if the expense of such repair or reconditioning is in excess of \$100,000, until a reasonable opportunity has been given to the available Government navy yards to estimate upon the cost of such repair or reconditioning if performed by such navy yards within the limit of time within which the work is to be

done: Provided, That this limitation shall only apply to vessels while in the harbors of the United States, and all expenditures in connection with such work are to be considered in estimating the cost.

And the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference have not agreed on amendments numbered 4 and 10.

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Managers on the part of the Senate.

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 certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 8233) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year 1925, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

Nos. 1, 2, and 3, relating to the American Battle Monuments Commission: Strikes out the limitation of \$20,000 proposed by the House for personal services, and provides, as proposed by the Senate, for the reimbursement of actual travel expenses of the members of the commission at not to exceed \$8 per day, or per diem in lieu of subsistence at not to exceed \$7 per day.

Nos. 5 and 6, relating to the Employees' Compensation Commission: Appropriates \$136,600 as proposed by the House, instead of \$138,040 as proposed by the Senate, for salaries, and \$10,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$12,000 as proposed by the Senate, for contingent expenses.

No. 7: Appropriates \$300,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$390,000 as proposed by the Senate, for contingent expenses of the General Accounting Office.

Nos. 8 and 9, relating to the Smithsonian Institution: Appropriates \$49,550 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$40,000 as proposed by the House, for the system of international exchanges, and appropriates \$2,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,500 as proposed by the House, for the purchase of books, pamphlets, and periodicals.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, and 14, relating to the United States Shipping Board: Strikes out the language proposed by the Senate and inserts a substitute paragraph which provides that no part of the moneys appropriated for the use of the Shipping Board or the Fleet Corporation shall be expended for the repair or reconditioning of any ship where the cost of the repairs or reconditioning is in excess of \$100,000 until the available Government navy yards have been given reasonable opportunity to estimate upon the cost of performing the work, and provides further that the limitation shall apply only to vessels while in the harbors of the United States; corrects a typographical error in the bill; inserts the language proposed by the Senate providing for the employment of officers or employees in excess of \$11,000 at one at not to exceed \$25,000, and six at not to exceed \$18,000 each; and strikes out, as proposed by the Senate, the limitation upon the appropriation to permit the payment of judgments and awards in suits in admiralty.

No. 15: Strikes out the language proposed by the Senate authorizing the sale of a guidebook in the Washington Monument.

The committee of conference have been unable to agree upon the following amendments of the Senate:

No. 4, which provides for the detail of one part-time employee of the Civil Service Commission in the district office at New York City; and

No. 10, which provides for the expenditure of certain unexpended balances of appropriations under the office of the superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings in the erection of a temporary boiler plant for the heating of the Navy and Munitions Buildings and other Government buildings in the vicinity thereof.

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