INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1928

JANUARY 15, 1927.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 15959]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 15959) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with various amendments, and presents herewith information relative to the changes made.

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

Amount of bill as passed House........................................... $512,901,808.00

Amount added by Senate...................................................... 2,000.00

Amount of bill as reported to Senate................................. 512,903,808.00

Amount of the appropriations, 1927................................. 513,504,936.64

Amount of the regular and supplemental estimates, 1928........ 512,964,641.00

The bill as reported to the Senate—

Under the estimates for 1928........................................... 60,833.00

Under the appropriations for 1927................................. 601,128.64

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National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics........................ 2,000.00

Amount of bill as reported to Senate................................. 512,903,808.00
The following amendments were approved by the committee, and
the chairman of the subcommittee authorized to offer the same to
the bill in the Senate:
On page 9, after line 14, insert as a new paragraph, the following:

BOARD OF MEDIATION

Hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be
construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the Board of Mediation
including arbitration boards established under the railway labor act, when the aggre-
gate amount involved does not exceed the sum of $50.

On page 9, in line 20, after the numerals "1926," where they appear
the second time insert the following:

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

personal services (including twelve employees at rates of compensation to be fixed
by the board, not in excess of $7,500 each per annum), stenographic reporting services
to be obtained on and after the passage of this act by the board in its discretion, through
the civil service or by contract.

On page 10, line 9, after the word "bureau" insert the following:

BUreau OF EFFICIENCY

at $10,000 per annum,

On page 11, in line 9, after the word "secretaries," insert the following:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer
or detail any of its employees herein provided for to or from its office or field force.

On page 27, line 23, after the numerals "$725,500," insert the following:

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

: Provided, That hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States
shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the Office of
Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital when the aggregate
amount involved does not exceed the sum of $50.

On page 31, line 7, after the word "Association" insert the following:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

: Provided, That the expenditure of this sum shall not be restricted to a pro rata
amount in any period of the fiscal year.

On page 31, after line 7, insert the following as a separate para-
graph:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be
construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the bureaus under the
Smithsonian Institution when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum
of $50.
UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

On page 33, in line 23, after the word "purposes," insert the following:
the examination of estimates of appropriations in the field,

On page 35, in line 2, after the word "Corporation" insert the following:
to make loans to purchasers of ships, and

On page 35, after line 25, insert as a new paragraph, the following:
Hereafter the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be known as the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation.

On page 33, line 20, strike out the heading "Emergency Shipping Fund" and insert in lieu thereof the following:
United States Shipping Board Shipping Fund.

On page 33, in line 22, strike out the word "Emergency" and insert in lieu thereof the word—
Merchant.

On page 35, in line 1, strike out the word "Emergency" and insert in lieu thereof the word—
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On page 35, in line 12, strike out the word "Emergency" and insert in lieu thereof the word—
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On page 35, in line 16, strike out the word "Emergency" and insert in lieu thereof the word—
Merchant.

On page 35, in line 22, strike out the word "Emergency" and insert in lieu thereof the word—
Merchant.

On page 39, in line 15, after the numerals "$35,275,000" insert the following:
: Provided, That this appropriation shall be available for the purchase of subsistence supplies for sale to employees, the appropriation being reimbursed by the proceeds of such sales.
at the following:

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