

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926, AMOUNTING TO \$80,345, AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927, \$300,000; ALSO DRAFTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS

APRIL 27, 1926.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 27, 1926.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, amounting to \$80,345, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, amounting to \$300,000; in all, \$380,345. Also two drafts of proposed legislation affecting existing appropriations.

The details of these estimates 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.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, April 26, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926,

amounting to \$80,345, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, amounting to \$300,000; in all, \$380,345. Also drafts of proposed legislation affecting existing appropriations.

Supplemental estimates for the fiscal year 1926

Reclaiming lands, Lummi Indian Reservation, Wash. (reimbursable)..... \$65,000

The act of March 18, 1926 (Public, No. 49, 69th Cong.), authorized an appropriation of \$65,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for reclaiming approximately 3,400 acres of Indian land and 600 acres of privately owned land within and immediately adjacent to the Lummi Indian Reservation in the State of Washington, with provision for return of the construction cost to the Government. It is estimated that the full amount of the authorization will be necessary to carry out the purpose of the act of March 18, 1926.

Payment to certain Sioux Indians of South Dakota for destruction of horses..... \$15,345

During 1895, 1896, and 1897 horses belonging to certain members of the Sioux Nation of Indians residing in South Dakota were suspected of being infected with glanders and many were killed by order of the Federal Government. It was later found that the destroyed animals were not so infected. The act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 477), authorized the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and report the facts to Congress, which he did on December 2, 1924. By the act of March 1, 1926 (Public, No. 32, 69th Cong.), an appropriation of \$15,345 was authorized for the payment of the claims.

Supplemental estimates for the fiscal year 1927

Investigations, Columbia Basin irrigation project..... \$25,000

The purpose of this estimate is to carry into effect the provisions of the act of April 13, 1926 (Public, No. 112, 69th Cong.), section 2 of which authorizes an appropriation of \$25,000 for completing investigations of the feasibility of the Columbia Basin irrigation project.

Coolidge Dam across canyon of Gila River near San Carlos, Ariz. (reimbursable)..... 275,000

The Interior Department appropriation act for the fiscal year 1926 (43 Stat. 1152), appropriated \$450,000 for commencement of construction of the Coolidge Dam, as authorized by the act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 475). The Budget for the fiscal year 1927, page 455, included an item in the same amount for continuing construction during that year.

Since the submission of the Budget for 1927, an agreement has been made by the Secretary of the Interior with the Southern Pacific Co. for the removal of its tracks from the reservoir site on terms satisfactory to the Government and to the company. The text of this agreement appears in the Congressional Record of April 20, 1926, at page 7712. This action will expedite the construction work, and it is now believed that an economical rate of construction will require, in 1927, in addition to the unexpended balance for 1926 to be made available for 1927, and in addition to the \$450,000 carried in the 1927 Budget, the \$275,000 contained in the estimate herewith.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Expenses of Choctaw tribal attorney, 1925 (tribal funds): The Interior Department appropriation act for the fiscal year 1925 (43 Stat. 398), provided that the expenses of the Choctaw and other tribal attorneys of the Five Civilized Tribes should not exceed \$1,500 per annum each during that year. It appears, however, that it was necessary for the Choctaw attorney to incur expenses aggregating \$2,931.46 in properly conducting his work, for which expenses he has been reimbursed to the extent of \$1,500, leaving a balance unpaid of \$1,431.46. The purpose of the estimate herewith is to provide the necessary additional authorization for expenditure from tribal funds of the Choctaw Nation.

Expenses of the principal chief, Choctaw Nation, 1926 (tribal funds): The authorization contained in the Interior Department appropriation act for the fiscal year 1926 (43 Stat. 1148), limited the expenses of the principal chief of the Choctaw Nation for that fiscal year to \$1,500. During the first eight months of the year necessary expenditures in the amount of \$1,472.83 have been incurred. In order to enable the principal chief to defray necessary expenses during the remainder of the year a further authorization of \$1,000 payable from tribal funds of the Choctaw Nation is required.

The above estimates of appropriations, comprising four items, and the two items of proposed legislation are required to meet contingencies which have occurred since the transmission of the Budgets for the fiscal years 1926 and 1927.

Approval of these estimates and the proposed legislation is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,

Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the Department of the Interior

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Reclaiming lands on the Lummi Reservation, Wash. (reimbursable): For construction of dikes and other necessary work incidental thereto, for the reclaiming of approximately 4,000 acres of lands in Indian and private ownership within and immediately adjacent to the Lummi Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, as authorized by the act of Mar. 18, 1926 (Public, No. 49, 69th Cong.), and under the terms and conditions of, and reimbursable as provided in, said act, \$65,000, fiscal year 1926, to be available until June 30, 1927 (submitted)	\$65,000
Payment to certain Sioux Indians of South Dakota for destruction of horses: To pay the claims of certain members of the Sioux Nation of Indians for damages occasioned by the destruction of their horses, as authorized by the act approved Mar. 1, 1926, fiscal year 1926 (act Mar. 1, 1926, vol. 44, p. 135) (submitted)	15,345
Total for 1926	80,345

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, by the Department of the Interior

Object of appropriation	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
Investigations, Columbia Basin irrigation project: For completing investigations of the feasibility of irrigation by gravity or pumping, water sources, water storage, and related problems on the Columbia River and its tributaries, including the Columbia Basin project, as provided for in the act approved Apr. 13, 1926 (Public, No. 112, 69th Cong.), entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, in allocation of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes, and authorizing an appropriation therefor," \$25,000, to be immediately available and remain available until June 30, 1928 (submitted)-----	\$25,000	
Coolidge Dam across canyon of Gila River near San Carlos, Ariz.: For construction of the Coolidge Dam across the canyon of the Gila River near San Carlos, Ariz., as authorized by the act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. pp. 475-476), and under terms and conditions and reimbursable as provided in said act, \$275,000: <i>Provided</i> , That said sum shall be available for acquiring rights of way and other purposes provided for in said act (submitted)-----	275,000	\$450,000
Total for 1927-----	300,000	
Aggregate-----	380,345	

DEFICIENCY ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Expenses of Choctaw tribal attorney (tribal funds): To reimburse E. O. Clark, of Stigler, Okla., for certain expenses incurred by him as Choctaw tribal attorney for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for which he has not been reimbursed, the sum of \$1,431.46, payable out of the tribal funds of the Choctaw Indian Nation, Okla. (submitted).

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Expenses of principal chief, Choctaw Nation (tribal funds): For actual necessary expenses of the principal chief of the Choctaw Indian Nation, Okla., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, the additional sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, payable out of the tribal funds of said Choctaw Indian Nation (submitted).

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