

## NAVY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL, 1925

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

### CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6820]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6820) making appropriations for the Navy Department and the naval service 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 9, 10, 18, 21, 32, 41, 46, 47, 49, and 64.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 42, and 61; and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed, insert \$2,550,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 6, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert the following: \$3,409,826; for aviation material, equipment, fuel, and rental of hangars, \$320,174; in all, \$3,900,000, not more than \$1,242,289 of; and the Senate 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 sum proposed, insert \$62,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 19:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 19, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$17,550,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$2,100,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 22:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 22, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment amended to read as follows:

*Provided further, That no part of this or any other appropriation contained in this act shall be available for maintaining in commission, exclusive of vessels of other types, more than four cargo ships, two transports, and one ammunition ship, unless, in case of emergency, the President should otherwise direct. Nothing in this proviso shall be construed to hinder the return of any vessel to the port where it will be decommissioned.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 24:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 24, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment insert the following: *plant appliances as now defined by the Navy Classification of Accounts*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 29:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 29, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment insert the following:

*And provided further, That in computing for any purpose the length of service of any officer of the Navy, of the Marine Corps, of the Coast Guard, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, or of the Public Health Service, who was appointed to the United States Naval Academy or to the United States Military Academy after March 4, 1913, the time spent at either academy shall not be counted.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 36:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 36, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert the following: *in all, \$50,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 56:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 56, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment, amended to read as follows:

*No officer of the Navy or Marine Corps, while on leave of absence engaged in a service other than that of the Government of the United States, shall be entitled to any pay or allowances for a period in excess of that for which he is entitled to full pay, unless the President otherwise directs.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 57:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 57, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed, insert \$1,385,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 58:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 58, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed, insert \$8,911,800; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 62:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 62, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert the following: , *and limiting the number of officers and enlisted men;* and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 63:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 63, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment insert the following: *and that no part of the moneys herein appropriated for the Naval Establishment or herein made available therefor shall be used or expended under contracts hereafter made for the repair, purchase, or acquirement, by or from any private contractor, of any naval vessel, machinery, article or articles that at the time of the proposed repair, purchase, or acquirement, can be repaired, manufactured, or produced in each or any of the Government navy yards or arsenals of the United States, when time and facilities permit, and when, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy, such repair, purchase, acquirement, or production would not involve an appreciable increase in cost to the Government;* and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference have not agreed on amendments numbered 8, 25, 28, 30, 31, 40, 43, 44, 45, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 59, and 60.

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(Not in agreement with action on amendment 64),

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*Managers on the part of the House.*

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(Not in agreement with Senate amendment 64, which I insisted upon),

*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 the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6820) making appropriations for the Navy Department and the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for other purposes, submit the following written statement explaining the effect of the action agreed on by the conference committee and submitted in the accompanying conference report, as to each of said amendments, namely:

Nos. 1 and 2, relating to the appropriation "Pay, miscellaneous": Increases the limitation on account of communication expenditures from \$175,000, as proposed by the House, to \$200,000, as proposed by the Senate, and appropriates \$2,550,000 instead of \$2,500,000, as proposed by the House, and \$2,600,000, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 3: Strikes out the provision proposed by the House prohibiting the payment of compensation to officers of the Navy attached to the Office of Chief of Naval Operations and engaged upon work not specifically assigned by law to such office.

Nos. 4 and 5, relating to naval training stations: Appropriates \$250,000 for Newport, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$215,000, as proposed by the House, and appropriates \$260,000 for Hampton Roads, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$215,000, as proposed by the House.

Nos. 6 and 7, relating to the Naval Reserve Force: Appropriates \$3,900,000 instead of \$3,570,000, as proposed by the House, and \$4,000,000, as proposed by the Senate; makes specific provision for reserve aviation, and limits the amount which may be expended for maintenance, operation, and repair of vessels and aircraft.

Nos. 9, 10, and 11, relating to the Naval War College: Appropriates \$100,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$130,000, as proposed by the Senate, and fixes the limitation on expenditures for classified employees at \$62,500, instead of \$50,000, as proposed by the House, and \$70,278.56, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 12 to 17, inclusive, relating to the Naval Home: Appropriates \$1,200 for the superintendent of grounds, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,080, as proposed by the House; strikes out, as proposed by the Senate, a store laborer at \$660 and a matron and office assistant at \$720; appropriates for a seamstress at \$360, as proposed by the Senate; appropriates \$600 and \$540 for two assistant cooks, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$540 and \$480, respectively, as proposed by the House, and appropriates \$600 for head waitress, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$480, as proposed by the House.

No. 18: Appropriates \$300,000 for personal services in the Hydrographic Office, as proposed by the House, instead of \$311,000, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 19, 20, and 21, relating to the appropriation, "Engineering": Appropriates \$17,550,000 for "Engineering," instead of \$18,012,300, as proposed by the House, and \$16,550,000, as proposed by the Senate; makes available immediately \$2,100,000, instead of \$2,562,300, as proposed by the House, and \$1,100,000, as proposed by the Senate, and makes \$600,000 available for developing and testing submarine motive power, as proposed by the House.

No. 22: Restores the limitation proposed by the House with respect to the number of cargo ships, transports, and ammunition ships which may be maintained in commission, amended so as to permit the return of any greater number of such vessels to the port of decommissioning.

No. 23: Appropriates \$313,000 for personal services in the Bureau of Construction and Repair, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$305,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 24: Makes the appropriation "Ordnance and ordnance stores" available specifically for the acquirement of plant appliances, as proposed by the Senate, amended to restrict such appliances to those at present defined by the "Navy classification of accounts."

No. 26: Appropriates \$850,000 for the purchase and manufacture of torpedoes and appliances, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$500,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 27: Provides for an allowance of two midshipmen from Porto Rico appointed on nomination of the Resident Commissioner, as proposed by the Senate, instead of one midshipman, as proposed by the House.

No. 29: Denies counting time spent at the Naval or Military Academies after March 4, 1913, in computing for any purpose the length of service of any officer of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, or Public Health Service in language as proposed by the Senate, instead of as proposed by the House.

No. 32: Strikes out the amendment proposed by the Senate changing the punctuation of the appropriation "Care of the dead."

Nos. 33 to 39, inclusive, relating to public works, Bureau of Yards and Docks: Appropriates \$10,000 for circulating pumps for heating system, navy yard, Portsmouth, N. H., as proposed by the Senate; changes the designation of the foundry building to be reroofed at the navy yard, Boston, Mass., as proposed by the Senate; strikes out under the navy yard, Philadelphia, Pa., the appropriations proposed by the House and Senate, respectively, of \$22,000 for acetylene gas plant, extension and remodeling, and \$30,000 for continuing paving; appropriates \$50,000 for replacing caisson, Dry Dock No. 1, navy yard, Norfolk, Va., as proposed by the Senate; appropriates \$30,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$20,000, as proposed by the House, for dredging at the navy yard, Charleston, S. C., and appropriates \$57,500, as proposed by the Senate, for plant renewals, naval coal depot, Tiburon, Calif.

No. 41: Strikes out the appropriation of \$15,000 proposed by the Senate for certain reroofing work at the Naval Academy.

No. 42: Appropriates \$14,000 for fresh water tank at the naval station, Guantanamo, Cuba, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 46: Strikes out the appropriation of \$200,000 proposed by the Senate on account of the submarine and destroyer base, Columbia River, Oreg.

No. 47: Strikes out the appropriation of \$100,000 proposed by the Senate for extending the distributing system, submarine base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

No. 49: Strikes out the appropriation of \$15,000 proposed by the Senate for paint and oil storehouse, naval base, San Diego, Calif.

No. 56: Restores the provision proposed by the House denying pay or allowances to officers of the Navy or Marine Corps while on leave of absence in excess of accrued leave, amended so as to apply only where the absence is on account of the absentee being engaged in a service other than that of the Government of the United States.

Nos. 57 and 58, relating to the Marine Corps: Appropriates \$1,385,000 for clothing for enlisted men instead of \$1,325,000, as proposed by the House, and \$1,450,000, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 61 and 62: Extends the provision with respect to another conference on the limitation of naval armament to include such other governments besides Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan as the President may deem proper, as proposed by the Senate, and also to include within the scope of the conference the question of limiting the number of officers and men, instead of men only, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 63: Retains the provision proposed by the House with respect to having work performed in navy yards instead of by private contractors, when a money saving would result, amended (1) so as to provide that Government arsenals, as well as navy yards, shall be taken into account, (2) by partly defining the work embraced by the provision, (3) by making the provision subject to the availability of time and facilities, and (4) by providing, in lieu of the condition that there should be a money saving, that an appreciable increase in cost to the Government, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy, would not be involved.

No. 64: Strikes out the paragraph proposed by the Senate with respect to former officers of the Navy or Marine Corps who joined or left such services in order to join the Confederate forces.

The committee of conference have not agreed upon the following amendments of the Senate:

No. 8, relating to the Volunteer Naval Reserve and the Naval Militia.

No. 25, relating to the care and operation of schools built at ordnance stations.

No. 28, relating to enlistments under the age of 21 years.

No. 30, relating to the establishment of a special working fund to finance miscellaneous transactions.

No. 31, providing for reimbursement on account of issues made for relief of sufferers in Japan following the earthquake which occurred September 1, 1923.

No. 40, appropriating \$400,000 for certain public works at the Puget Sound Navy Yard.

No. 43, appropriating \$55,000 for certain public works at the naval station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

No. 44, appropriating \$77,000 for certain public works at the naval station, Tutuila, Samoa.

No. 45, appropriating \$60,000 for storage for war heads at the naval fuel depot, San Diego, Calif.

No. 48, appropriating \$175,000 for certain public works at the naval station, San Diego, Calif.

No. 50, appropriating \$500,000 for constructing a building for use as a supply depot of the Marine Corps at San Francisco, Calif.

No. 51, appropriating \$560,000 for public works at certain naval air stations.

No. 52, providing for the settlement of damage claims growing out of the operation of naval aircraft.

No. 53, providing for the acceptance, without cost to the United States, of lands required for providing a water supply for the naval air station, Pensacola, Fla.

No. 54, relating to civilian professors or instructors at the Naval Academy.

No. 55, relating to the transportation on foreign vessels of naval and civil personnel.

Nos. 59 and 60, relating to the construction of a submarine.

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