

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 5, 1923.

Mr. PORTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Flood Control and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Providing for an appropriation for the purpose of making examinations, investigations, and surveys and preparing plans and estimates of cost for regulating the stream flow and controlling the flood waters of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers and their tributaries.

Whereas the interests of navigation and interstate commerce demand that the Government of the United States join with the States and communities interested in applying a remedy for the amelioration of flood conditions on the rivers of the United States; and

Whereas the Chief of Engineers, in a report made to the Secretary of War under date of December 21, 1916, has recommended that the War Department be authorized to make surveys and prepare plans for flood protection and prevention on certain rivers, among which are included some of the tributaries of the Monongahela River; and

Whereas by act of general assembly entitled "An act making an appropriation to the water supply commission of Pennsylvania or the department of conservation, for the

purpose of cooperating with the Government of the United States in making investigations, examinations, and surveys and in preparing plans and estimates of cost with a view of devising and carrying into effect plans for controlling the flood waters of rivers and their tributaries being either in whole or in part within this Commonwealth," approved the 18th day of July, anno Domini 1919, the State of Pennsylvania has appropriated the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of cooperating with the Government of the United States in making surveys and preparing plans and estimates of cost for flood prevention and protection on rivers of the State of Pennsylvania and their tributaries, whether the same be wholly within or partly within and partly without, or wholly without the State: Therefore

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be
4 necessary, be, and the same is hereby, authorized to be ap-
5 propriated to be expended under the direction of the Secre-
6 tary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers
7 for the purpose of making examinations, investigations, and
8 surveys and preparing plans and estimates of cost for
9 regulating the stream flow and controlling the flood waters
10 of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers and their tribu-
11 taries: *Provided, however,* That the money herein appro-
12 priated shall not be available until the Commonwealth of
13 Pennsylvania has placed at the disposal of the Secretary of
14 War the \$25,000 appropriated by said act of the General

1 Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved
2 the 18th day of July, anno Domini 1919.

3 SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized
4 to enter into such agreements with any officer or officers,
5 commission, department, or other agency of the State of
6 Pennsylvania as he may deem proper for the purpose of
7 securing the said contribution of \$25,000, and the Treasurer
8 of the United States is hereby authorized to receive from
9 said State of Pennsylvania the said sum of \$25,000, and
10 when so received the same is hereby appropriated for the
11 purposes herein specified, to be expended under the direction
12 of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of
13 Engineers.

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