



This measure proposes to repeal a proviso contained in the organic act creating the Hawaii National Park, which provides "that no appropriation for the maintenance, supervision, and improvement of said park in excess of \$10,000 annually shall be made unless the same shall have first been expressly authorized by law."

There is now pending before Congress H. R. 3682, a bill authorizing a three-year program of road construction in the national parks and monuments under the jurisdiction of this department, contemplating an expenditure of \$7,500,000 over the three-year period. This measure was submitted to Congress in accordance with the rules of the Bureau of the Budget and I have been advised that the contemplated expenditure is not in conflict with the President's financial program. Hearings on this measure have been held just recently by your committee.

This general road program as presented to the committee in detail provides for an allotment of \$260,000 for road construction in Hawaii National Park and should the authorization be made by Congress and appropriations later made, under existing law, the road work in Hawaii National Park could not be undertaken. For this reason it is essential that the limitation on appropriations be repealed.

In this connection it should be stated that since 1916 the Federal-aid road bills have not carried any funds for Territorial roads. At the present time the Territory is building a concrete road from the port of Hilo on the island of Hawaii toward the park on which there has already been expended in the neighborhood of \$300,000 and the total cost of which will be \$1,000,000. The Hawaii National Park, because of its scientific interest and importance and because of its spectacular features, is receiving a heavier travel each year, and its development by roads should be undertaken in connection with this road program. I have, therefore, to recommend this bill to the favorable consideration of your committee.

Very truly yours,

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