

MILITARY AND NONMILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE
WAR DEPARTMENT

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7877]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 7877) making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department 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 4, 15, 18, 20, 27, 28, 33, 34, 44, 46, 58, and 94.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 16, 17, 19, 24, 26, 35, 36, 37, 42, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, and 93, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

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

Provided, That hereafter upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence as to his age and upon application for discharge by his parent or guardian presented to the Secretary of War within sixty days after the date of his enlistment, any man enlisted after July 1, 1924, in the Army, under twenty-one years of age who was enlisted without the written consent of his parent or guardian, if any, shall be discharged with the form of discharge certificate and the travel and other allowances to which his service, after enlistment, shall entitle him.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the matter stricken out by said amendment amended as follows: On page 13 of the bill, in line 14, after the word "who" insert the following: *having been retired before reaching the age of sixty-four*; 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 matter inserted by said amendment insert the following: *\$16,500,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

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

None of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any of the unexpended balances of any other Act shall be used for the purchase of motor-propelled passenger or freight carrying vehicles for the Army except those that are purchased solely for experimental purposes, and except one automobile for the official use of the Secretary of War, and with the further exception that not to exceed \$50,000 may be used as part payment in exchange of motor-propelled passenger or freight carrying vehicles.

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:

In lieu of the sum proposed in said amendment insert *\$120,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 23:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 23, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *\$45,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

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

For procurement of forage, bedding, and so forth, for animals used by the National Guard, \$1,607,642.

For compensation of help for care of material, animals, and equipment,
\$2,350,000.

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 sum proposed insert \$2,850,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 30:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 30, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

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

Amendment numbered 31:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 31, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$397,666; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 32:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 32, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$2,798,132; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 43:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 43, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$725,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference have not agreed on amendments numbered 8, 13, 14, 21, 38, 39, 40, 41, 78, 91, and 92:

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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. 7877) making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conference committee and submitted in the accompanying conference report:

No. 1, relating to the appropriation for salaries, office of the Secretary of War: Appropriates \$204,916, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$202,756, as proposed by the House, for personal services in the office of the Secretary of War other than the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, making the total of the paragraph \$226,916, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$224,756, as proposed by the House.

Nos. 2 and 3, relating to the appropriation for contingent expenses, War Department: Appropriates \$109,810, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$104,810, as proposed by the House, and retains language inserted by the Senate making the appropriation of not to exceed \$5,000 for purchase or exchange of an automobile for the official use of the Secretary of War applicable to the maintenance and repair of the machine.

No. 4: Restores limitation stricken out by the Senate preventing the payment of more than \$100 a day to an auctioneer from funds appropriated in this act.

No. 5, relating to the appropriation for military post exchanges: Appropriates \$87,800, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$71,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 6, relating to salaries in The Adjutant General's office: Appropriates \$1,399,592, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,331,340, as proposed by the House.

No. 7, relating to the discharge of enlisted men under the age of 21 who were enlisted without the consent of their parent or guardian: Restores the House language stricken out by the amendment, amended so as to make it apply only to men enlisted after July 1, 1924, and to provide that in order for an enlisted man to be discharged the application of the parent or guardian must be submitted within 60 days after the date of enlistment.

No. 9: Substitutes language proposed by the Senate for that carried in the House bill denying the counting of time spent at the Military or Naval Academies in computing for any purpose the length of service of any officer of the Army who was appointed to the Military or Naval Academies after August 24, 1912.

No. 10, relating to employment of retired officers: Restores the House language, amended so as to make the second part of the paragraph apply only to officers who have been retired before reaching the age of 64.

No. 11, relating to the appropriation for transportation of the Army: Appropriates \$16,500,000, instead of \$16,400,000, as proposed by the House, or \$16,700,000, as proposed by the Senate, and strikes out language proposed by the Senate making \$200,000 applicable to the removal of high explosives from Raritan Arsenal, N. J.

No. 12: Restores House language stricken out by the Senate prohibiting the purchase of motor-propelled passenger or freight-carrying vehicles except those purchased for experimental purposes and except one automobile for the Secretary of War, and adds language giving authority for the expenditure of not to exceed \$50,000 for use as part payment in exchanging motor-propelled passenger or freight carrying vehicles.

No. 15, relating to the limitation of \$46,203.13 for repair and completion of the New Dixie Highway at Camp Knox, Ky., carried in the appropriation for roads, walks, wharves, and drainage: Strikes out language proposed by the Senate providing that the funds for this work shall not be available until the Kentucky authorities vacate the old Dixie Highway at Camp Knox and accept and agree to maintain the new highway.

No. 16, relating to the appropriation for salaries, office of the Surgeon General: Appropriates \$267,804, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$254,414, as proposed by the House.

No. 17, relating to the appropriation for repair and maintenance of certain historical fortifications: Appropriates \$50,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$25,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 18, relating to the appropriation for searchlights and electric light and power plants for the seacoast fortifications in the Hawaiian Islands: Appropriates \$11,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$61,000, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 19, relating to the appropriation for alteration and maintenance of mobile artillery: Appropriates \$600,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$448,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 20, relating to the appropriation for operation and maintenance of the Rock Island bridge: Appropriates \$30,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$20,000, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 22 and 23, relating to the appropriations for pay of the service and Engineer detachments at the United States Military Academy at West Point: Appropriates \$120,000 and \$45,000, respectively, instead of \$105,660 and \$40,000, respectively, as proposed by the House, or \$135,660 and \$51,413, respectively, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 24, relating to the appropriation for installing kitchen range, boilers, and bathtubs in quarters of enlisted men at the Military Academy: Changes the designation from "headquarters" to "quarters," as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 25 and 28, relating to the appropriations for forage, bedding, etc., for National Guard animals and for help for care of material, animals, and equipment pertaining to the National Guard: Retains these two appropriations in the positions in the bill proposed by the House and appropriates \$2,350,000 for the latter purpose, instead of \$2,250,000, as proposed by the House, or \$2,500,000, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 26, relating to the appropriation for transportation of equipment and supplies for the National Guard: Appropriates \$415,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$400,000, as proposed by the House.

No. 27: Strikes out language proposed by the Senate directing that certain National Guard appropriations shall be disbursed and accounted for as one fund.

No. 28: Explained with amendment No. 25.

No. 29, relating to the appropriation for arms, uniforms, equipment, etc., for field service, National Guard: Appropriates \$2,850,000, instead of \$2,700,000, as proposed by the House, or \$3,000,000, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 30, 31, and 32, relating to the appropriations for pay and allowances and mileage of members of the Officers' Reserve Corps: Appropriates \$2,000,000 for pay and allowances of reserve officers on active duty for not exceeding 15 days' training, instead of \$1,638,600, as proposed by the House, or \$2,457,900, as proposed by the Senate; appropriates \$397,666 for mileage, instead of \$335,594, as proposed by the House, and \$476,000, as proposed by the Senate; making the total for pay and allowances and mileage of members of the Officers' Reserve Corps; \$2,798,132, instead of \$2,374,660, as proposed by the House, or \$3,334,366, as proposed by the Senate, which provides for 15-day training for 14,647 reserve officers, instead of 12,000, as proposed by the House, and 18,000, as proposed by the Senate.

Nos. 33 and 34, relating to the appropriation for headquarters and camps for the Organized Reserves: Appropriates \$400,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$500,000, as proposed by the Senate, and limits the amount of this appropriation which may be used for establishment and maintenance of divisional and regimental headquarters to \$100,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$150,000, as proposed by the Senate.

No. 35, relating to the appropriation for Reserve Officers' Training Corps: Removes the restriction carried in the House bill providing that none of the appropriation should be used for the organization of additional air units in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Nos. 36 and 37, relating to the appropriation for civilian military training camps: Appropriates \$2,330,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$2,100,000, as proposed by the House, and adopts language proposed by the Senate validating expenditures for gymnasium and athletic supplies.

No. 42, relating to the appropriation for maintaining and improving national cemeteries: Adopts language proposed by the Senate making the appropriation applicable to the maintenance and improvement of permanent American military cemeteries abroad.

Nos. 43 and 44, relating to the appropriation for construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and trails in Alaska: Appropriates \$725,000, instead of \$650,000, as proposed by the House, or \$800,000, as proposed by the Senate, and strikes out language proposed by the Senate authorizing the War Department to incur obligations for road work in Alaska for the fiscal year 1926 in an amount not exceeding 75 per cent of the appropriation for the fiscal year 1925 if an appropriation for the fiscal year 1926 shall not have been made prior to March 1, 1925.

No. 45: Adopts an appropriation of \$3,000, proposed by the Senate, for completion of the MacDonough Memorial on Lake Champlain.

No. 46, relating to the appropriation for maintenance and improvement of rivers and harbors: Strikes out language proposed by the Senate authorizing the expenditure of \$6,300 from this appropriation for dredging a harbor near the United States fish-cultural station at Homer, Minn.

Nos. 47 to 57, inclusive, 59 to 77, inclusive, and 79 to 90, inclusive, relating to the appropriations for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers: Appropriates the amounts proposed by the Senate for all branches, the effect of which is to increase the total for each branch as indicated below:

Central Branch, increased from \$976,938 to \$1,051,950.

Northwestern Branch, increased from \$774,840 to \$796,590.

Eastern Branch, increased from \$332,272 to \$344,772.

Southern Branch, increased from \$564,284 to \$583,900.

Western Branch, increased from \$553,500 to \$562,580.

Pacific Branch, increased from \$952,500 to \$1,004,600.

Marion Branch, increased from \$707,650 to \$722,650.

Danville Branch, increased from \$501,500 to \$510,750.

Mountain Branch, increased from \$677,700 to \$687,000.

Battle Mountain Branch, increased from \$263,420 to \$266,870.

No. 58: Strikes out language proposed by the Senate authorizing the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to sell surplus land at the Northwestern Branch.

No. 93: Corrects the total for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to agree with the changes made in the appropriations for the various branches.

No. 94: Strikes out language proposed by the Senate permitting the appropriations for the Panama Canal to be disbursed and accounted for as one fund.

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

No. 8, relating to pay and allowances of commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps while serving on duty in connection with the coordination of the business of the Government as now being conducted by the President under the general supervision of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Nos. 13 and 14, increasing the appropriation for military posts from \$428,332 to \$1,028,332, and authorizing the expenditure of \$500,000 for beginning the construction of permanent buildings at Camp Lewis, Wash., and \$100,000 for beginning permanent construction at Camp Bragg, N. C.

No. 21, authorizing the expenditure of \$25,000 from the appropriation for Chemical Warfare Service for agricultural experiments in exterminating the cotton-boll weevil.

Nos. 38, 39, 40, and 41, relating to the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice.

No. 78, authorizing the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to sell surplus land at the Pacific Branch.

No. 91, amending section 4826 of the Revised Statutes by eliminating therefrom the requirement that members of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers shall be residents of States which furnished organized bodies of sol-

diers to aid in suppressing the rebellion commenced in 1861, and that no person who gave aid or countenance to the rebellion shall be eligible for election to the board.

No. 92, relating to eligibility for admission to the National Home or Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

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