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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION BILL, 1925

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Mr. PHIPPS, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 8839]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 8839) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with various amendments, and presents herewith information relative to the changes made:

Amount of bill as passed House	\$24, 652, 697
Amount added by Senate (net)	3, 449, 322
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Amount of bill as reported to Senate	28, 102, 019
Amount of estimates for 1925	25, 652, 850
Amount of appropriations, 1924	24, 573, 982
The bill as reported to the Senate:	
Exceeds the estimates for 1925	2, 449, 169
Exceeds the appropriations for 1924	3, 528, 037

INCREASE

Executive Office:

Building inspection division--

Temporary additional assistant inspectors.....	\$2,000
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Maintenance of automobiles.....	468
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Plumbing and inspection division--

Temporary services.....	1,000
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Maintenance of motor cycles.....	180
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Total, Executive Office.....	3,648
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License Bureau:

Personal services.....	1,500
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Office of Superintendent of Weights, Measures, and Markets--

Purchase of motor truck.....	650
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Maintenance of motor trucks.....	340
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Total, office of Superintendent of Weights, Measures, and Markets.....	990
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Department of Insurance --

Temporary clerk hire.....	600
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Surveyor's office:

Personal services.....	2,400
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Revision of highway plan.....	8,500
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Total, surveyor's office.....	10,900
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Contingent and miscellaneous expenses:

Purchase of automobiles.....	2,400
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Purchase of special typewriting equipment.....	5,000
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National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State laws.....	250
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Total, contingent and miscellaneous expenses.....	7,650
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Street and road improvement and repair:

Paving Bryant Street NE., Lincoln Road to Fourth Street.....	7,400
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Paving Sixteenth Street SE., East Capitol Street to A Street.....	4,600
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Paving Kansas Avenue NW., Thirteenth Street to Quincy Street.....	6,200
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Street and road improvement and repair—Continued

Grading Fern Street, Blair Road to Eighth Street.....	\$2, 400
Paving Quebec Place, Tenth Street to Thirteenth Street.....	7, 000
Paving Twenty-seventh Street, K Street to L Street.....	14, 000
Paving Vine Street, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to Maple Street..	2, 800
Paving Arkansas Avenue, Georgia Avenue to Emerson Street..	13, 000
Paving Twelfth Street NE., C Street to D Street.....	8, 000
Paving Seventeenth Street NW., Irving Street to Kilbourne Street.....	7, 300
Paving Thirty-ninth Street, Van Ness Street to Yuma Street..	13, 900
Paving Twelfth Street NE., Otis Street to Michigan Avenue..	19, 000
Paving Fifth Street NE., T Street to W Street.....	13, 800
Paving V Street NE., Fourth Street to Fifth Street.....	3, 500
Blanketing with asphalt Seventh Street NW. and SW., Penn- sylvania Avenue to G Street SW.....	35, 000
Repairs.....	50, 000
Trees and parking.....	45, 000
Total, street and road improvement and repair... ..	<u>252, 900</u>

Sewers:

Cleaning and repairing sewers.....	34, 000
Suburban sewers.....	45, 000
Assessment and permit-work sewers.....	100, 000
Total, sewers.....	<u>179, 000</u>

Collection and disposal of refuse:

Purchase of present site of garbage transfer station.....	40, 000
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Public playgrounds:

Purchase of sites.....	7, 300
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Electrical department:

Personal services.....	1, 140
Lighting.....	25, 000
Replacing gas lamps.....	30, 000
Total electrical department.....	<u>56, 140</u>

Public schools:

Business manager.....	83,750
Office of superintendent of schools, personal services.....	7,920
Office of secretary, personal services.....	1,320
Teachers.....	26,400
Vacation schools.....	10,000
Longevity pay.....	10,000
Payment of annuities.....	10,000
Allowance to principals.....	720
Night schools.....	20,000
Americanization work.....	3,830
Care of buildings and grounds, personal services.....	9,444
Fuel, gas, and electric light.....	9,000
Furniture.....	84,588
Textbooks.....	25,000
Purchase of apparatus for science work.....	2,000
Buildings and grounds--	
Plans and specifications for McKinley High School.....	5,000
Site and building for junior high school.....	600,000
Site for school near Third and Rittenhouse Streets.....	20,000
Site near Burrville School.....	7,500
Site for school near Fifth and Buchanan Streets.....	50,000
Athletic field, Western High School.....	125,000
Site for school near Rhode Island and South Dakota Avenues NE.....	15,000
Plans and specifications for junior high school, Twenty-fourth and N Streets NW.....	5,000
Total, public schools.....	1,051,472

Metropolitan police:

Allowance to mounted men.....	2,700
Policemen and firemen's relief funds.....	50,000

Fire department:

Repairs to apparatus.....	15,000
Hose.....	5,000

Fire department—Continued

Pumping engines.....	\$17, 500
Automobile.....	2, 000
Drill tower and concrete smoke-test building.....	16, 000
Truck house in northeast.....	12, 000
Engine house near Conduit Road.....	11, 000
Total, fire department.....	78, 500

Supreme Court, District of Columbia:

Assistant probation officer.....	1, 400
Allowance for maintenance of automobile.....	72
Total, Supreme Court.....	1, 472

Charities and Corrections:

Tuberculosis hospital, nurses' home.....	3, 500
Gallinger Hospital, personal services.....	25, 000
Total, Charities and Corrections.....	28, 500

Militia:

Expenses of camps.....	3, 000
Rent of armory and drill hall.....	8, 000
Pay of troops.....	2, 000
Total, Militia.....	13, 000

Anacostia River and Flats:

Continuing reclamation.....	50, 000
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Public buildings and grounds:

Purchase of motor cycles.....	1, 250
Improvement, care, etc., of reservations.....	10, 000
Improvement of East Potomac Park.....	10, 000
Outdoor sports.....	5, 000
Increased cost of park maintenance.....	20, 000
Tidal bathing beach.....	2, 000
Lighting public grounds.....	2, 000
Survey of boundary line between District of Columbia and Virginia.....	5, 000
Total, public buildings and grounds.....	55, 250

Water service:

Increased water supply	\$1, 700, 000
Fourth Street NE., water main	44, 000
Total, water service	1, 744, 000
Total increase	3, 635, 522

DECREASE

Street improvements—

Paving Webster Street Northwest, Seventh to Illinois Avenue	\$6, 000
Paving Seventeenth Street, Northwest, Webster Street to Allison Street	4, 800
Paving New Hampshire Avenue, Grant Circle to Allison Street	10, 900
Paving Kennedy Street, Fifth Street to Eighth Street	15, 000
Paving Kansas Avenue, Allison Street to Buchanan Street	7, 500
Paving Georgia Avenue, Military Road to Fern Street	112, 000
Total, street improvements	156, 200

Sewers—

Rock Creek main interceptor	30, 000
Total decrease	186, 200
Net increase	3, 449, 322
Amount of bill as reported to Senate	28, 102, 019

The following amendments were approved by the committee and the chairman of the subcommittee authorized to offer the same to the bill in the Senate:

On page 6, after line 19, insert the following:

All apportionments of appropriations made for the use of the municipal architect in payment for the services of draftsmen, assistant engineers, clerks, copyists, and inspectors, employed on construction work provided for by said appropriations, shall be based on an amount not exceeding 2½ per cent of the amount of the appropriation made for each project.

On page 11, after line 20, insert the following:

All estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1926 on account of the purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of horse-drawn and motor-propelled vehicles, and for allowances to employees for supplying their own vehicles, shall be submitted in three paragraphs under the head of "Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses." One paragraph shall apply to motor-propelled vehicles, one to horse-drawn vehicles, and one to privately owned vehicles, and each shall be accompanied by detailed information showing numbers and distribution by types, and comparative actual and estimated cost figures for the fiscal years 1924, 1925, and 1926. This requirement shall not apply to the police and fire departments, or to the activities provided for herein which are not administered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

On page 14, after line 24, insert the following:

Toward the construction of a fireproof addition to the courthouse of the District of Columbia, at a limit of cost not exceeding \$735,000, which is hereby authorized, for the use of the office of the recorder of deeds and such other activities of the District of Columbia as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may designate, including fireproof vaults and heating and ventilating apparatus, in accordance with plans to be prepared under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol, under whose direction and supervision said building shall be constructed, and including necessary personal services, \$300,000, and the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for the erection of said addition at a total cost not exceeding \$735,000.

On page 24, after line 9, insert the following:

That, commencing July 1, 1924, the assistant to the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia charged with the duty of instituting proceedings for condemnations for opening, widening, extending, and straightening alleys and minor streets shall be paid in accordance with the rate of compensation fixed under the classification act approved March 3, 1923.

On page 27, in line 16, after the word "specified," insert the following:

Provided further, That hereafter moneys derived from assessments against private property for paving and resurfacing streets under provisions of existing law, arising from the expenditure of the fund created by such act of April 23, 1924, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States and be credited to, and shall constitute a part of, said fund and shall thereafter be available for appropriation in the same manner as the proceeds of the gasoline tax.

On page 49, after line 25, insert the following:

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed to erect the school building for the care of tubercular children on such part of the site now occupied by the Tuberculosis Hospital as in their judgment may be best suited for such purpose, the said site being described on the tax records of the District of Columbia as parcels 84-134, 84-146, and 84-147, and the said building having been appropriated for in the act entitled "An act making appropriation to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and prior fiscal years, and for other purposes," approved June 16, 1921:

On page 63, line 4, after \$41,516, insert the following:

Provided, That hereafter the court shall have authority in the absence of an employee to deputize another employee to act in the capacity of the absent employee.

On page 88, after line 6, insert the following:

When funds appropriated for the improvement and care of public grounds in the District of Columbia, or for other general maintenance purposes under the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds, are apportioned among two or more subappropriation items, any amount which may remain unexpended under any such subappropriation item may be applied, during the fiscal year for which appropriated, to other such items under the same general appropriation: Provided further, That the total expenditure under this authority shall not exceed 10 per centum of the total appropriated under any such subappropriation item.

On page 89, after line 22, insert the following:

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to acquire, by purchase so far as they may be able to purchase at prices deemed by them to be reasonable and fair, otherwise by condemnation proceedings under and in accordance with the act approved August 30, 1890, section 3 (United States Statutes at Large, volume 26, pages 412 and 413), the following tracts of land for park purposes, to wit: The tract known as the Klinge Road Valley Park, as shown on park map numbered 1002 in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, containing about eighteen and one-half acres; the Piney Branch Valley Park east of Sixteenth Street as shown on park map numbered 291 in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, containing about eleven acres; areas for widening the Piney Branch Valley Park west of Sixteenth Street to preserve the forests to the top of the hillsides, as shown on map numbered 291-A in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, containing about nineteen acres; and a portion of the Patterson tract known

as parcel 129-2 as shown on park map numbered 641 C in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, containing about fifty-nine and sixteen one-hundredths acres; said commissioners are further authorized to reduce the area to be acquired in any of said tracts, when by reason of improvements constructed or unreasonable prices asked or for other reasons in their judgment the public interest may require: Provided, That if acquired by purchase the cost of the respective tracts shall not exceed the following sums: The Klinge Road Valley Park, \$200,000; the Pincy Branch Valley Park, \$155,000; accas for widening the Pincy Branch Valley Park west of Sixteenth Street, \$107,000; the portion of the Patterson tract as described, \$300,000: Provided further, That the tracts herein authorized to be acquired shall become part of the park system of the District of Columbia and be under control of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, and the cost of the acquisition, and the improvement and maintenance of said tracts as public parks, shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and the general funds of the Treasury in the same proportion as other expenses of the Government of the District of Columbia, and there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$762,000 for the acquisition of the tracts of land herein named.

On page 102, after line 17, insert the following:

Sec. 7. Surplus revenues: To carry out the provisions of Senate bill numbered 703, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, entitled "An act making an adjustment of certain accounts between the United States and the District of Columbia," as passed the Senate May 5, 1924, there shall be credited to the general account of the District of Columbia the net balance of \$4,438,154.92 as set forth in said Senate bill numbered 703 and said credit shall be subject to the provisions and limitations contained in said Senate bill.

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