

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS—COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE
USE OF WATERS OF THE RIO GRANDE—INTERNATIONAL
RADIOTELEGRAPHIC CONVENTION

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FIS-
CAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE AMOUNTING TO \$92,068.03, ALSO TWO DRAFTS OF PRO-
POSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 10, 1926.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, for the Department of State, amounting to \$92,068.03; also two drafts of proposed legislation affecting existing appropriations.

The details of these estimates, explanations of the proposed legislation, the necessity therefor, and the reason for their submission at this time, are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, April 10, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, supplemental estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, for the Department of State, amounting to \$92,068.03; also drafts of proposed legislation affecting existing appropriations.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES

Payment to Mrs. Margarethe Murphy, widow of George Herbert Murphy..... \$9,000

This estimate is submitted pursuant to Private Act No. 269, approved March 4, 1925, which authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to Margarethe Murphy, widow of George Herbert Murphy, late American consul general at Zurich, Switzerland, the sum of \$9,000, being one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died of illness incurred while in the Consular Service, and authorizes to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated a sufficient sum to carry out the purpose of this act.

Pan American (International) Sanitary Bureau..... \$18,068.03

At the Seventh Pan American Sanitary Conference held in Habana, Cuba, in November, 1924, a convention was signed fixing the total amount for the purpose of discharging the functions and duties of this bureau at \$50,000, to be apportioned among the signatory governments on the basis of population, of which amount the proportion of the United States would be \$29,222.32. The United States Senate advised and consented to the ratification of this convention on February 23, 1925, and it was proclaimed by the President on April 28, 1925. Prior to this convention the annual budget of the bureau was \$20,000, and the proportion of the United States was \$11,154.29, which amount was appropriated for the fiscal year 1926, leaving a deficiency for that year of \$18,068.03.

International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy..... \$10,000

Under the treaty of June 7, 1905, the United States became a member of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy. The institute is composed of a permanent committee which is in continuous session at Rome, and a general assembly which meets on dates fixed by the last general assembly and according to a program proposed by the permanent committee and adopted by the adhering governments. The next meeting of the general assembly will be held at Rome on April 19, 1926, and the estimate of \$10,000 is to cover the expenses of the delegates from the United States who will attend this meeting, which it is expected will last about 60 days.

General and Special Claims Commissions, United States and Mexico. \$55,000

Under the treaty of September 8, 1923, the General Claims Commission, sitting at Washington, has jurisdiction over all claims (except revolutionary claims) of American citizens against Mexico or of Mexican citizens against the United States arising since the signing on July 4, 1868, of the claims convention between the United

States and Mexico. And under the treaty of September 10, 1923, the Special Claims Commission, sitting at Mexico City, has jurisdiction over claims of American citizens against Mexico arising from losses or damages through revolutionary acts which occurred within the period from November 20, 1910, to May 31, 1920. Under the terms of these treaties the work of the General Claims Commission must be completed by August 30, 1927, and the Special Claims Commission by August 18, 1929, and in order that the claims may be prepared and presented to the two commissions within the time stipulated in the treaties it will be necessary to have a supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year for use as follows: Additional attorneys and stenographic help for the agency, printing and binding, professional services for the purpose of taking care of the accumulation of evidence, typewriting of annexes, exhibits, etc., for memorials, and the payment of moiety charges.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS

Commission on Equitable Use of Waters of the Rio Grande.—The appropriation of \$20,000 made by Public Act No. 292, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved December 5, 1924, for the expenses of a commission to make a study of the equitable use of the waters of the Rio Grande below Fort Quitman, Tex., and continued available until June 30, 1926, by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, shall remain available until June 30, 1927.

The second deficiency act, fiscal year 1924, approved December 5, 1924, provided an appropriation of \$20,000 for the expenses of a commission to study in cooperation with representatives of Mexico the equitable use of the waters of the Rio Grande below Fort Quitman, Tex., with a view to their proper utilization for irrigation and other beneficial uses. As it seemed evident that the commission could not complete its work by the end of the fiscal year 1925, the appropriation was continued available until June 30, 1926, by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925. It now appears that the work can not be finished during the current fiscal year and it is necessary that this appropriation continue available for the fiscal year 1927 in order that the obligations of the United States may be fulfilled.

International Radiotelegraphic Convention.—International Radiotelegraphic Conference: The appropriations made available by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the Conference for Revision of the International Radiotelegraphic Convention of July 5, 1912, to be held in Washington during the fiscal year 1926, shall remain available until June 30, 1927.

For the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the Conference for Revision of the International Radiotelegraphic Convention of July 5, 1912, to be held in Washington during the fiscal year 1926, there was provided by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, an appropriation of \$75,000, and in addition thereto the unexpended balance in the appropriation of \$75,000 for the Conference on International Communications authorized by the act of December 17, 1919, and the unexpended balance in the appropriation of \$30,000 for the Inter-American Committee on

Electrical Communications contained in the deficiency act approved May 26, 1924, were made available for the purpose specified. The date of the conference was set for the spring of 1926, but as a result of recent developments several new subjects have been added to the agenda of the conference and it appears that the collection of the proposals of the governments and circulation of the book of proposals by the International Bureau of the Telegraphic Union at Berne can not be completed in time to hold the radiotelegraphic conference as previously planned. It is desired, therefore, to continue this appropriation available during the fiscal year 1927, to enable the conference to be held if practicable in the spring of 1927.

The above estimates of appropriations and the proposed legislation affecting existing appropriations are required to meet unforeseen contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budgets for the fiscal years 1926 and 1927, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the Department of State

Detailed object of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
Payment to Mrs. Margarethe Murphy, widow of George Herbert Murphy—For the payment to Mrs. Margarethe Murphy, widow of George Herbert Murphy, late consul general at Zurich, Switzerland, one year's salary of her deceased husband, who died of illness incurred while in the Consular Service (act Mar. 4, 1925, vol. 43, pt. 2, p. 242)-----	\$9,000.00	-----
Pan American (International) Sanitary Bureau—For the annual share of the United States for the maintenance of the Pan American (International) Sanitary Bureau for the year 1926, in addition to the amount already appropriated (treaties Oct. 15, 1905, vol. 35, pt. 2, p. 2094; Nov. 24, 1924, art. 60; act Feb. 27, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1021)-----	18,068.03	-----
International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy—For the payment of the expenses of delegates to the General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture, to be held at Rome during the calendar year 1926, including traveling and subsistence expenses (and the Secretary of State may allow per diem in lieu of subsistence for foreign travel at not to exceed \$8), and the reimbursement of similar expenses which may have been incurred by delegates prior to the approval of this act, \$10,000, to be expended under the direction and in the discretion of the Secretary of State (treaty June 7, 1905, vol. 35, pt. 2, p. 1918)-----	10,000.00	-----
General and Special Claims Commissions, United States and Mexico—For an additional amount for the expenses of the settlement and adjustment of claims by the citizens of each country against the other under a convention concluded Sept. 8, 1923, and of citizens of the United States against Mexico under a convention concluded Sept. 10, 1923, between the United States and Mexico, including the same objects specified under this head in the act making appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal year 1926 (treaties Sept. 8, 1923, vol. 43, pt. 2, p. 102; Sept. 10, 1923, vol. 43, pt. 2, p. 110; act Feb. 27, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1024)-----	55,000.00	\$171,930.00
Total-----	92,068.03	-----

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Commission on equitable use of waters of the Rio Grande.—The appropriation of \$20,000 made by Public Act No. 292, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved December 5, 1924, for the expenses of a commission to make a study of the equitable use of the waters of the Rio Grande below Fort Quitman, Tex., and continued available until June 30, 1926, by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, shall remain available until June 30, 1927. (Acts Dec. 5, 1924, vol. 43, p. 692; Mar. 4, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1340.)

International Radiotelegraphic Convention.—International Radiotelegraphic Conference: The appropriations made available by the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1925, approved March 4, 1925, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the conference for revision of the International Radiotelegraphic Convention of July 5, 1912, to be held in Washington during the fiscal year 1926, shall remain available until June 30, 1927. (Act Mar. 4, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1340.)



