

NATIONAL SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION COM-
MISSION

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE USE BY THE NATIONAL
SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION OF AN EXIST-
ING APPROPRIATION

MARCH 8, 1926.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered
to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 8, 1926.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress proposed legislation affecting the use by the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission of an existing appropriation.

The details of this legislation, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its 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, March 8, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval, for transmission to Congress, proposed legislation affecting the use by the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission of an existing appropriation.

National Sesquicentennial Exposition.—That the appropriation made in the first deficiency act, fiscal year 1926, to enable the Government of the United States

to participate in the National Sesquicentennial Exposition, may be expended for the purposes enumerated in that act without regard to the provisions of any other act relating to the expenditure of public moneys or the employment of personal services, on the certificate of the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission that the materials or services were necessary to enable the United States Government to participate in said exposition.

The legislation here proposed is deemed necessary in order to facilitate the Government's participation with the highest measure of success in the coming exposition, in view of the very short period of time which remains before the date set for the opening of the exposition.

Further details with regard to the necessity of this proposed amplification of the language of the appropriation are set forth in the letter of the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,

Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

NATIONAL SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION COMMISSION,

Washington, March 4, 1926.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET.

SIR: The first deficiency act, fiscal year 1926, contains an appropriation of \$1,186,500 for the participation of the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government in the National Sesquicentennial Exposition, to be opened at Philadelphia on June 1 next.

Under the wording of the item making this appropriation, those responsible for its expenditure would be bound to observe the provisions of the civil-service laws and the classification act of 1923 in the selection of necessary employees and the provisions of the laws regulating expenditures for printing, rent, supplies, and other contingent items. In view of the very brief time available to the executive departments to prepare the necessary exhibits and to take the other steps essential to enable the Government to participate in the exposition, it would be most difficult, if not impossible, for the commission to observe these limitations in making its preparations. It would be very desirable for Congress to authorize the expenditure of this fund subject to the commission's approval without regard to the restrictions referred to.

There is accordingly transmitted herewith, for your consideration as a supplemental estimate, a draft of a provision which it is hoped may be adopted by Congress, giving the commission the necessary authority along these lines. If this provision meets with the approval of the President, it is requested that it be transmitted to Congress at the earliest possible moment.

Yours very truly,

HERBERT HOOVER,
FRANK B. KELLOGG,
Commissioners.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE SERVICE OF
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926, BY THE NATIONAL SESQUICENTEN-
NIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION

National Sesquicentennial Exposition.—That the appropriation made in the first deficiency act, fiscal year 1926, to enable the Government of the United States to participate in the National Sesquicentennial Exposition, may be expended for the purposes enumerated in that act without regard to the provisions of any other act relating to the expenditure of public moneys or the employment of personal services, on the certificate of the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission that the materials or services were necessary to enable the United States Government to participate in said exposition.



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