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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION BILL, 1927

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10198]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 10198) 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, 1927, 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	\$33, 759, 291
Amount deducted by Senate (net)	61, 520
Amount of bill as reported to Senate	33, 697, 771
Amount of estimates for 1927	34, 053, 022
Amount of appropriations, 1926	36, 188, 402
The bill as reported to the Senate—	
Under the estimates for 1927	355, 251
Under the appropriations for 1926	2, 490, 631
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The changes in the amounts of the House bill recommended by the committee are as follows:

INCREASE

Coroner's office, salaries-----	\$900
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Street and road improvement and repair:

Street improvements—

Increase—

Northwest: For paving Oak Street, Ogden Street to Sixteenth Street-----	7, 900
Northwest: For paving Ninth Street, Quincy Street to Rock Creek Church Road-----	4, 300
Northwest: For paving Rock Creek Church Road, Georgia Avenue to Spring Road-----	5, 600
Northeast: For paving Second Street, T Street to Rhode Island Avenue-----	2, 000
Northwest: For grading University Avenue, south of Massachusetts Avenue-----	7, 000
Increase, street improvements-----	26, 500

Decrease—

Northwest: For paving Nicholson Street, west of Colorado Avenue-----	7, 900
Northeast: For paving Franklin Street, Sixth Street to Seventh Street-----	7, 200
Northwest: For paving Cleveland Avenue, Cathedral Avenue to Garfield Street-----	14, 000
Northwest: Audubon Terrace, Linnean Avenue to Broad Branch Road (grading)-----	15, 000
Decrease, street improvements-----	44, 100
Net decrease, street improvements-----	17, 600

Gasoline tax and road fund—

Increase—

Northwest: K Street, Twelfth Street to Connecticut Avenue-----	19, 400
Northwest: K Street, Connecticut Avenue to Eighteenth Street-----	8, 800
Northwest: Belmont Street, Fourteenth Street to Fifteenth Street-----	11, 200
Northwest: Chapin Street, Fourteenth Street to Fifteenth Street-----	12, 500

Street and road improvement and repair—Continued.

Gasoline tax and road fund—Continued.

Increase—Continued.

Southeast: Third Street, E Street to Virginia Avenue.....	\$7, 400
Northeast: Fourteenth Place, North Carolina Avenue to D Street.....	9, 500
Northeast: D Street, Fourteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.....	8, 900
Northeast: Orleans Place, Sixth Street to Seventh Street.....	4, 000
Northeast: Morton Place, Sixth Street to Seventh Street.....	4, 000
Increase, gasoline tax and road fund....	<u>85, 700</u>

Decrease—

Northwest: Pennsylvania Avenue (south side), Washington Circle to Twenty-fifth Street.....	5, 000
Southeast: Minnesota Avenue, Good Hope Road to Eighteenth Street.....	28, 000
Northwest: Thirty-fifth Street, Prospect Street to Wisconsin Avenue.....	75, 000
Northwest: Calvert Street, Connecticut Avenue to Twenty-ninth Street.....	24, 000
Northwest: Varnum Street, Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street.....	8, 000
Northwest: Eighteenth Street, Varnum Street to Webster Street.....	5, 300
Northwest: Webster Street, Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street.....	8, 000
Northwest: Thirteenth Street, Upshur Street to Allison Street.....	21, 000
Northwest: Eleventh Street, New York Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue.....	45, 000
Decrease, gasoline tax and road fund...	<u>219, 300</u>
Net decrease, gasoline tax and road fund..	<u>133, 600</u>

Increase—

Purchase of small park areas.....	10, 000
Repairs.....	400, 000
Net increase, street and road improvement and repair.....	<u>258, 800</u>

Playgrounds, salaries-----	\$6, 160
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Public schools:

Sanitary paper towels-----	2, 400
Buildings and grounds-----	
Langley Junior High School-----	100, 000
Rent of school buildings-----	3, 000
Total, public schools-----	105, 400

Police court:

Salaries-----	300
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National Zoological Park:

Public exhibition building for birds-----	49, 000
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Water department:

Site new third high-service reservoir-----	25, 000
Total, increase-----	445, 560

DECREASE

Public Utilities Commission:

Salary of attorney at law-----	6, 000
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Public schools:

Buildings and grounds-----	
Francis Junior High School-----	25, 000
New McKinley Technical High School-----	200, 000
Junior High School to replace Garnet Patterson School-----	100, 000
Petworth School combined gymnasium and assembly hall-----	75, 000
West School, combined gymnasium and assembly hall-----	75, 000
Total, public schools-----	475, 000

Public welfare:

Personal services-----	10, 080
Medical charities-----	
Washington Home for Incurables-----	5, 000
Georgetown University Hospital-----	3, 000
George Washington University Hospital-----	3, 000

Public welfare—Continued.

Southern Relief Society-----	\$5, 000
Total, public welfare-----	26, 080
Total decrease-----	507, 080
Net decrease-----	61, 520
Amount of bill as reported to Senate-----	33, 697, 771

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:

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY GOVERNMENT

On page 2, in line 8, after the word "appropriated" insert, *to be advanced July 1, 1926*

STREETS

On page 26, after line 13, insert as a separate paragraph the following:

In addition to the provision of existing law requiring contractors to keep new pavements in repair for a period of one year from the date of the completion of the work, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall further require that where repairs are necessary during the four years following the said one-year period, due to inferior work or defective materials, such repairs shall be made at the expense of the contractor, and the bond furnished by the contractor shall be liable for such expense.

STREET LIGHTING

On page 32, in line 25, after the numerals "\$750,000," insert:

: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for the payment of rate for electric street lighting in excess of 87½ per centum of rates heretofore established by law, and rates established by the commissioners in accordance with law, and payment for electric current for new forms of street lighting shall not exceed two cents per kilowatt-hour for current consumed.

ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT PUPILS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On page 40, after line 8, insert as a separate paragraph the following:

The children of officers and men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and children of other employees of the United States stationed outside the District of Columbia shall be admitted to the public schools without payment of tuition.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

On page 49, line 16, strike out "Columbia, \$1,825,430" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Columbia," including the present chief clerk of the fire department, who shall be appointed a battalion chief engineer in the fire department of the District of Columbia and shall act as ex officio chief clerk, \$1,828,680.

On page 49, line 18, strike out "\$7,080" and insert in lieu thereof \$3,780.

MERIDIAN HILL PARK

On page 80, line 16, after the numerals "\$15,000," insert the following:

: Provided further, That not to exceed \$5,000 may be expended by contract or otherwise for architectural or other professional services without reference to the classification act of 1923 or civil service rules, as approved by the director, in the development of Meridian Hill Park.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

On page 91, after line 23, insert as a separate paragraph the following:

Sec. 7. That in disbursing funds appropriated for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia the commissioners of said District shall require such form of receipt as evidence of payment as may be deemed sufficient in the opinion of the corporation counsel of said District to give full legal acquittance to the District of Columbia.

