

SUPPLEMENTAL AND DEFICIENCY ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS, UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE ESTABLISHMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL AND DEFICIENCY ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE ESTABLISHMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1925, 1926, AND 1927, IN THE SUM OF \$1,489,705.38, AND TWO DRAFTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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DECEMBER 19, 1925.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, December 19, 1925.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress, and without revision, supplemental and deficiency estimates of appropriations under the legislative establishment, House of Representatives, for the fiscal years 1925, 1926, and 1927, in the sum of \$1,489,705.38, and two drafts of proposed legislation.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
*Washington, December 18, 1925.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, supplemental and deficiency estimates of appropriations under the legislative establishment, House of Representatives, for the fiscal years 1925, 1926, and 1927, in the sum of \$1,489,705.38; also two drafts of proposed

legislation, affecting the contingent funds of the House of Representatives:

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Salaries of Members and Delegates:

1925-----	\$367, 833. 33
1926-----	1, 103, 000. 00

## Salaries, officers and employees:

1926-----	2, 423. 70
1927-----	3, 600. 00

Contingent expenses, miscellaneous items, 1925, \$20,848.35, less the unexpended balance of \$8,000 of the appropriation for 1924, to be extended and made available for the fiscal year 1925 (see paragraph below)-----

12, 848. 35

Total-----	1, 489, 705. 38
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## PROPOSED LEGISLATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION

The unexpended balance of \$8,000 of the appropriation for contingent expenses, House of Representatives, miscellaneous items, 1924, is hereby extended and made available for the fiscal year 1925.

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION AMENDING EXISTING LAW

The limitation on expenditures by the Clerk of the House of Representatives for supplies or utensils used in the barber shops of the House Office Building or the House side of the Capitol, made by the act of July 16, 1914 (38 Stat. p. 462), shall not hereafter apply to the purchase of necessary furniture.

The letter of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, submitting these estimates and requesting the proposed legislation, is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

H. N. LORD,

*Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

The PRESIDENT.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

CLERK'S OFFICE,

*Washington, D. C., December 16, 1925.*

Gen. H. M. LORD,

*Director Bureau of the Budget,*

*Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR: I submit the following deficiency and supplemental estimates of appropriations for the service of the House of Representatives, to wit:

Salaries of Members and Delegates, House of Representatives

1925 and 1926-----	\$1, 470, 833. 33
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The deficiency act of March 4, 1925 (vol. 43, p. 1313), made immediately available the appropriation of \$3,304,500, for compensation of Members of the House of Representatives, Delegates from the Territories, the Resident Commissioner from Porto Rico, and the Resident Commissioners from the Philippine Islands, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, the legislative act of March 4, 1925 (vol. 43, p. 1301), having fixed their compensation at \$10,000 per annum and that of the Speaker of the House at \$15,000 per annum.

These rates of compensation, therefore, became effective March 4, 1925, in lieu of the former rates of \$7,500 and \$12,000, respectively and the additional compensation was paid and is being paid from the appropriation for the fiscal year 1926, as authorized by the deficiency act of March 4, 1925, resulting in a deficiency as follows:

From Mar. 4, 1925, to July 3, 1925-----	\$367, 833. 33
From July 3, 1925, to July 3, 1926-----	1, 103, 000. 00
Total deficiency-----	1, 470, 833. 33

*Salaries, officers, and employees, House of Representatives, 1926 and 1927*

## SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE

Office of the clerk: For compensation of three additional telephone operators, at \$100 per month each, from Jan. 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927-----	\$5, 400. 00
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This is made necessary by the installation of a new switchboard in the House Office Building with 19 positions, 5 more than were carried on the old board, in order efficiently to handle the increased business.

## DEFICIENCY ESTIMATE

For pay of substitute telephone operator, fiscal year 1926-----	\$623. 70
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The current appropriation of \$500 for substitute telephone operator is on the old basis of pay, \$2.50 per diem, and is inadequate. The per diem rate is now \$3.30. The three-year average is 26 working days a month, or \$1,029.60 per year. On this basis the amount of the estimate will be necessary for this service from December 24, 1925, to June 30, 1926, 189 working days.

Contingent expenses, House of Representatives: Miscellaneous items, 1925-----	\$20, 848. 35
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This amount represents unpaid vouchers for telegraph and telephone service, as follows:

For telegrams-----	\$11, 103. 34
For telephone service, all charges except operation-----	9, 745. 01
Total-----	20, 848. 35

It is recommended that an unexpended balance, fiscal year 1924, of \$8,000 be reappropriated and made available for this purpose, thereby reducing the amount of the deficiency to \$12,848.35.

This unexpended balance accrued by reason of the payment from the appropriation for the fiscal year 1925 of amounts approximating the total amount of this deficiency to beneficiaries of deceased employees of the House of Representatives under authority of resolutions of the House, instead of from the appropriation, fiscal year 1924.

It is also recommended that the following limitation in the act of July 16, 1914 (Stat. L., vol. 38, p. 462), be amended by striking out the word "furniture," viz:

Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the Clerk of the House to pay out of any moneys of the House of Representatives any bills for laundry, furniture, supplies, or utensils used in the barber shops of the House Office Building or the House side of the Capitol.

The furniture in these shops is the property of the United States. It is very old and in need of replacement. Some of the chairs are in unsafe condition. Neither repairs nor new equipment can lawfully be furnished while the inhibition as to furniture remains, and it is thought unreasonable to impose this expense upon the employees whose occupation is practically limited to the duration of the sessions of Congress.

Very truly yours,

WM. TYLER PAGE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

*Deficiency estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, by the legislative establishment*

	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
Salaries of Members and Delegates, 1925: For additional amount required to pay the increase in salaries provided by the act of Mar. 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 1301), from Mar. 4 to June 30, 1925.....	\$367,833.33	\$3,304,500.00
Contingent expenses, miscellaneous items, 1925: For additional amount required to pay vouchers for telegraph and telephone service, \$20,848.35, less unexpended balance of \$8,000 of the appropriation for 1924, to be extended and made available for the fiscal year 1925.....	12,848.35	190,000.00
Total for 1925.....	380,681.68	3,494,500.00

*Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the legislative establishment*

	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
Salaries of Members and Delegates, 1926: For additional amount required to pay the increase in salaries provided by the act of Mar. 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 1301), fiscal year 1926.....	\$1,103,000.00	\$3,304,500.00
Salaries, officers and employees, 1926:		
For compensation of 3 additional telephone operators, at \$100 per month each, from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1926 (submitted).....	\$1,800.00	
For pay of substitute telephone operator, fiscal year 1926 (submitted).....	623.70	
	2,423.70	
Total for 1926.....	1,105,423.70	3,304,500.00

*Supplemental estimate of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, by the legislative establishment*

	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
Salaries, officers and employees, 1927: For compensation of 3 additional telephone operators, at \$100 per month each, fiscal year 1927 (submitted).....	\$3,600.00	
Aggregate.....	1,489,753.38	\$6,799,000.00

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