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RESPECTING DIVISION AND APPORTIONMENT OF WATERS
BELLE FOURCHE AND CHEYENNE RIVERS

JANUARY 15, 1927.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. WINTER, from the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4411]

The Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, to whom referred the bill (S. 4411), granting the consent of Congress to compact or agreements between the States of South Dakota and Wyoming with respect to the division and apportionment of the waters of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers and other streams in which the States are jointly interested, having considered the same and report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill pass without amendment.

The purpose of this bill is merely to give the consent of Congress to the States of South Dakota and Wyoming to enter into an agreement between themselves, upon the condition that no such compact or agreement shall be binding or obligatory upon either of said States unless and until it has been approved by the legislature of each of such States and by the Congress of the United States, relative to the division and apportionment for irrigation and other necessary purposes of the waters of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers and other streams in which such States are jointly interested. It is felt that the said States should be allowed to divide and apportion the waters which lie within their borders as they see fit. Under the provisions of this bill, they will be allowed so to do, subject to the conditions thereof.

The bill was referred to the Secretary of the Interior and his report follows and is made a part of this report.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 12, 1927.

Hon. ADDISON T. SMITH,
Chairman Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. SMITH: I have your letter of January 8, inclosing with request for report, copy of S. 4411 "Granting the consent of Congress to compact

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as between the States of South Dakota and Wyoming with respect to
on and apportionment of the waters of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne
and other streams in which such States are jointly interested.”
in accord with the plan of adjusting differences relating to the division
waters of interstate streams by means of compacts between the States
ed. I know of no reason why any disputes or controversies regarding the
of the streams mentioned should not be adjusted in this manner.
bill provides, in section 2, for the appointment by the President of a repre-
sative from the Department of the Interior to participate in the negotiations.
appropriation is authorized or made and it is not apparent how the expenses
representative of the Interior Department may be borne.
Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK, *Secretary.*

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