SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISCAL YEAR 1946, AMOUNTING TO $66,000

April 3 (legislative day, March 5), 1946.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

The White House,
Washington, April 3, 1946.

The President of the Senate pro tempore.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriation for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1946, amounting to $66,000.

The details of these estimates, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, in whose comments and observations therewith I concur.

Respectfully yours,

Harry S. Truman.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., April 2, 1946.

The President,
The White House.

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration supplemental estimates of appropriation for the fiscal year 1946, in the amount of $66,000, for the Department of the Interior, as follows:
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Maintenance, San Carlos Irrigation Project, Gila River Reservation, Arizona: For an additional amount, fiscal year 1946, for operation and maintenance of the San Carlos project for the irrigation of lands in the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona, $23,200 (power revenues), from which total amount expenditures shall not exceed the aggregate receipts covered into the Treasury in accordance with section 4 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934. $23,200

The purpose of this item is to provide funds for the purchase of 10,000,000 kilowatt-hours of additional electrical energy due to a shortage of stored water at Coolidge Dam, necessary to meet contractual obligations of the project to supply power to its customers.

Maintenance, irrigation systems, Flathead Reservation, Montana: For an additional amount, fiscal year 1946, for operation and maintenance of the irrigation and power systems on the Flathead Reservation, Montana, $12,800 (operation and maintenance collections), from which total amount expenditures shall not exceed the aggregate receipts covered into the Treasury in accordance with section 4 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934. $12,800

The additional funds requested in the foregoing item are necessary to complete the program of operation and maintenance of the irrigation system on the Flathead Reservation during the remainder of the fiscal year 1946. The need for these supplemental funds is occasioned primarily by increased costs of labor and supplies, and for employment of additional labor required to service additional acreage brought under irrigation.

Maintenance, Wapato Irrigation and Drainage Systems, etc., Yakima Reservation, Washington: For an additional amount, fiscal year 1946, for operation and maintenance of the Wapato irrigation and drainage system, and auxiliary units thereof, Yakima Indian Reservation, Washington, $16,000 (collections from the water users on the Wapato-Satus, Toppenish-Simcoe, and Ahtanum units), from which total amount expenditures shall not exceed the aggregate receipts covered into the Treasury in accordance with section 4 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934. $16,000

This estimate is to provide funds to complete the program of operation and maintenance of the irrigation systems on the Yakima Reservation during the remainder of the fiscal year 1946. It is occasioned by increased compensation to ditch riders for use of privately owned automobiles; to increase labor costs with a decrease in man-hours of labor due to 40-hour workweek; and to increased costs of repairs and replacements of broken equipment parts.

GOVERNMENT IN THE TERRITORIES

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

Insane of Alaska: For an additional amount for "Insane of Alaska" including the objects specified under this head in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1946. $14,000
The purpose of this item is to provide additional funds for the maintenance of Alaskan insane patients at the Morningside Hospital, Portland, Oreg., due to rising costs and to an increase in patient population over the number for whom funds are provided in the current appropriation.

The foregoing supplemental estimates are required to meet contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1946 and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully yours,

HAROLD D. SMITH,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

S. Doc. 156