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61ST CONGRESS, } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. } REPORT
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MEMORIAL TO COMMODORE PERRY, ETC.

DECEMBER 21, 1910.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RODENBERG, from the Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 29503.]

The Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 29503) to promote the erection of a memorial in conjunction with a Perry's Victory Centennial celebration on Put-in-Bay Island during the year 1913 in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie and the Northwestern campaign of Gen. William Henry Harrison in the War of 1812, having considered same, begs to submit the following report and recommends that same do pass when amended as follows:

On page 2 of the bill strike out the fifth and sixth preambles.

On page 3, line 6, after the word "of," strike out the word "such" and add the word "a."

On page 3, line 6, after the word "memorial," add the words "in commemoration of the victory of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry on Lake Erie."

On page 3, line 10, after the word "Commission," strike out the remainder of section 1, so as to make the amended paragraph read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars toward the erection of a memorial in commemoration of the victory of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry on Lake Erie, and in aid of the Perry's Victory Centennial celebration, to be held during the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, on Put-in-Bay Island, Lake Erie, Ohio, the same to be disbursed by the Perry's Victory Centennial Commission.

In section 2, line 23, after the word "pay," add the following:

but who shall be reimbursed and paid out of the money herein appropriated for their actual and necessary expenses in attending their official duties

So as to make the amended paragraph read as follows:

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby authorized to appoint three citizens of the United States as commissioners of the said Perry's Victory Centennial, who shall serve without pay but who shall be reimbursed and paid out of the money herein appropriated for their actual and necessary expenses in attending to their official duties, of whom one shall be chosen from the Army and one from the Navy to represent the National Government in the proposed celebration and in the erection of the proposed Perry Memorial, in conjunction with the commissioners representing the several participating States.

In section 3, line 8, page 4, after the word "any," add the word "further."

In section 3, line 8, page 4, after the word "in," add the words "connection with," so as to make the amended paragraph read as follows:

SEC. 3. That the making of the appropriation provided for in section one of this act shall in no way operate by implication or otherwise to require the United States to incur any further debt or obligation in connection with the erection of such memorial or in connection with said centennial celebration.

In section 4, line 17, page 4, after the word "act," add the following words:

Provided, That no part of the sum hereby appropriated shall be available for the said Perry's Victory Centennial celebration until the said United States commissioners are satisfied that a sufficient sum has been appropriated by the States participating therein, including the amount hereby appropriated, for the completion of said memorial.

So as to make the amended section read as follows:

SEC. 4. That the money appropriated by this act shall be paid out on the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States from time to time and to the treasurer of the organization engaged in the erection of such monument and in promoting and in holding the said centennial celebration, and on said Secretary being satisfied the money appropriated will be disbursed for the objects, uses, and purposes expressed in section one of this act. *Provided*, That no part of the sum hereby appropriated shall be available for the said Perry's Victory Centennial celebration until the said United States commissioners are satisfied that a sufficient sum has been appropriated by the States participating therein, including the amount hereby appropriated, for the completion of said memorial.

It is proposed to erect a suitable memorial on Put-in-Bay Island, Lake Erie, in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and to hold a centennial celebration in the year 1913 commemorative of Perry's historic victory, and also commemorative of the northwestern campaign of Gen. William Henry Harrison. The State of Ohio has taken the initiative in the matter, and the legislature of that State has appropriated the sum of \$80,000 toward the proposed memorial and celebration. A commission has been created by act of the Ohio Legislature, known as Perry's Victory Centennial Commission, of which President Taft and Gov. Harmon are honorary vice-presidents. The governors of the States of Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Rhode Island, and Kentucky, under the unanimous authority of their respective legislatures, have each appointed similar commissions, and the States of Indiana and Minnesota are expected to do likewise. Bills will be introduced in the legislatures of these States when they are convened in January, 1911.

calling for appropriations for the proposed memorial and celebration. The gentlemen appearing before the committee, among whom were Commodore Worthington, Webster H. Huntington, Col. Henry Waterson, Gen. Philip C. Hayes, Gov. Judson Harmon, and Senator John P. Sanborn, gave it as their confident belief that the 10 participating States would contribute not less than \$350,000 toward the success of this undertaking.

In view of the far-reaching importance to the American Republic of Perry's brilliant naval victory and as a tribute to the memory of one of our greatest naval officers, your committee is unanimously of the opinion that the Federal Government should cooperate with the States in the erection of this memorial and celebration, and we believe that the Congress should appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for such purposes.

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