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gress, and therefore the proposed amendment is subject to a point of order.

Mr. WARREN. Mr. President, I shall have to make a point of order against the amendment because there is no authorization for the proposed appropriation.

Mr. SWANSON. Mr. President, if the Senator will permit me, I think an estimate was made for an appropriation of \$150,000 in order to do the work contemplated at Wakedfield. However, it was thought better before that amount was appropriated to determine whether it was sufficient or too much. We desire a survey and an estimate to be made for the improvement.

Mr. FESS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. SWANSON. Yes.

Mr. FESS. To refresh the Senator's memory, when the Bicentennial Commission was considering it there was a communication from General Lord stating that he was ready to make the recommendation, awaiting any action that Congress might take. As I understand, while the commission has taken no action, the item does not in any way interfere with the plans of the Budget.

Mr. GLASS. Not at all; on the contrary, the War Department itself has approved a proposed appropriation of \$150,000.

Mr. SWANSON. If the Senator who has charge of the bill will permit me, I should like to say that, in my opinion, it would be in order to offer an amendment carrying \$150,000, as has been estimated for. This project has been under way for a great many years.

Mr. EDGE. Let me ask the Senator how does it differ from other amendments which have been ruled out? Does it not propose new legislation to be introduced into the appropriation bill?

Mr. SWANSON. Not at all, because it has already been approved; the monument has already been erected, and so forth. We thought, however, there ought to be a survey before the full money was appropriated. This is an enterprise that has been, as I have said, under way for some time.

Mr. EDGE. By Government appropriation?

Mr. SWANSON. Of course; the monument has already been erected. We thought, as I have said, that there ought to be a survey before final determination that the amount should be \$150,000. We did not know whether that would be enough or whether it would be too much; we wanted to do what was right. All we ask is a survey rather than to ask for the entire amount of \$150,000. I hope the Senator will not make any objection when we have been so generous in matters of this kind.

Mr. WARREN. Mr. President, I simply make the point of order and will let the Chair decide it. Of course, we are going to be interfered with from day to day by the rules in the consideration of items of this kind, but we have made the rules and now let us undertake to follow them.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The point of order is sustained.

Mr. GLASS. Mr. President, I send to the desk a proposed amendment to come in on page 65.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The amendment will be stated.

The CHIEF CLERK. After the word "for" and the period, in line 21, page 65, it is proposed to insert:

And the sum of \$5,000 for such a survey and investigation as will enable the Secretary of the Navy to report whether and where there is available on the east coast of the United States a proper site for a central eastern ammunition depot corresponding to the one herewith provided for at Hawthorne, Nev.

Mr. WARREN. I have no objection to that amendment.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. HAYDEN. Mr. President, I offer the amendment which I send to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The amendment will be stated.

The CHIEF CLERK. On page 41, line 17, after the word "only," it is proposed to insert the following proviso:

Provided further, That any lands purchased under authority of this act within the State of Arizona shall be subject to the annual payment of an amount equal to the taxes levied by said State, or any county thereof, on lands of similar character and value; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, to pay such amounts to said State or counties from the fund on deposit in the Treasury to the credit of the Navajo Tribe.

Mr. WARREN. Mr. President, I understand that to be an amendment to a House paragraph. Is that correct?

Mr. HAYDEN. That is correct.

Mr. WARREN. And that the House paragraph contains language that would bring it within the rule. At least I will not object to it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. HAYDEN. I ask leave to insert in the Record a letter from the chief of the Navajo Tribe of Indians relative to this matter.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered. The letter is as follows:

ST. MICHAELS, ARIZ., December 3, 1927.

The Hon. CARL HAYDEN,  
Washington, D. C.

HONORABLE AND DEAR SIR: I am sorry that I did not get to meet you when you passed through Gallup on your way to Washington, because I was very anxious to speak to you concerning our land problem. Since the appropriation for \$1,000,000 for the purchase of lands for the entire tribe did not go through last January, I have concluded that it would be best after all that we work for our own jurisdiction.

The Navajos living off the Fort Defiance jurisdiction to the south, as you perhaps know, have been leasing for many years approximately 200,000 acres from the Santa Fe Railroad, and I believe the best plan would be to ask Congress to appropriate annually \$100,000 for the purchase of these lands until the entire 200,000 acres shall have been bought. I am sure, too, that you understand that we are not asking for more lands; we are only trying to buy, with our own money realized from oil, lands which members of our tribe have been occupying and using from time immemorial; the Navajos were living there long before any white man ever came here; then later on, when the railroad received its extensive land grants in 1872, our people who were living on these very lands were not at all considered. Now the railroad company is prepared to sell large parcels of these lands to whoever can pay therefor, and thus there is great danger that a good deal of the land will slip away from us. For this reason I am convinced that delay or postponement will prove disastrous to us and I must ask you to do what you can for us so that this land problem, which is the most urgent problem confronting our tribe at the present time, be solved, and that as soon as possible.

My dear Senator, you have always been a true friend to us Navajos and I know you will be glad to help us in this matter, just as you have done so often before. I especially appreciate your kind and successful efforts in placing Executive order reservations on the same basis as treaty reservations, and I shall be very thankful to you for whatever assistance you might render toward the successful issue of the plan which I have mentioned above.

Thanking you for your kind interest in our behalf, I am  
Very sincerely yours,

CHEK DODGE.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I have presented to the members of the committee some amendments relating to an item which was under discussion yesterday.

On page 31, line 10, I move to amend by adding, after the word "established" and before the word "shall," the word "as," and after the word "shall" by striking out the word "thereafter."

On page 31, line 18, I move to strike out the words "unless the" and insert in lieu thereof the words "and then only in such."

And on page 31, line 20, I move to strike out the words "in each year."

So that, as amended, it would provide for the State to make the 50 per cent contribution.

Mr. WARREN. Mr. President, I understand that that is in the line of reducing expenses. Therefore I have no objection to it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BLAINE. Mr. President, I desire to inquire of the chairman of the committee about pages 65 and 66, the deficiency appropriation for the Marine Corps. The total amount proposed, in round numbers, is \$3,200,000. As I understand, that is about double the amount reported by the Secretary of the Navy when the naval appropriation bill was before Congress, at least double the amount that the Secretary reported as expended for the marines in Nicaragua.

Mr. HALE. No; I think the figures are just the same as the figures which were given at that time when the bill was up. I think they are exactly the same.

I gave the figures in the Senate one day. I do not recall the exact date, but they were exactly the figures that are given now. At that time it was understood what the estimates would be for the deficiency, and I so announced in the Senate.

Mr. BLAINE. Then the cost of maintaining the marines in Nicaragua was \$3,200,000?

Mr. HALE. No; that includes China as well as Nicaragua. The amount for Nicaragua was \$1,365,010, and the amount for China was \$1,835,074.

Mr. BLAINE. Then this \$3,200,000 includes the amount expended for the marines in China and Nicaragua?

Mr. HALE. In China and Nicaragua; that is correct.