

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

FEBRUARY 7, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RYAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4185.]

In presenting the bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, the Committee on Appropriations herewith make the following report in explanation thereof:

The estimates upon which the bill is based are to be found on pages 97 to 113 of the Book of Estimates and amount to \$5,841,713.91, of which amount the committee recommend in this bill \$4,920,203.91, which is \$921,510 less than the estimates, and \$351,600 greater than the appropriations for the current year.

The amount recommended is made up of the following items:

For fulfilling treaty stipulations, including pay of inspectors and interpreters, and for contingencies.....	\$2, 871, 285 91
For transportation	275, 000 00
For removal, settlement, and subsistence of various tribes.....	1, 135, 500 00
For general incidental expenses.....	176, 000 00
For miscellaneous	363, 200 00
For interest on trust-fund stocks.....	99, 218 00
Total	4, 920, 203 91

The marked changes in the bill from the law for the present year are mainly as follows: In lieu of appropriating for interpreters in detail as heretofore, they are provided for in this bill in gross, and \$20,000 is appropriated for the purpose; the Secretary of the Interior being authorized to employ and distribute them in his discretion, and at salaries in no case exceeding \$400 per annum. Section 2070, fixing salaries of interpreters at a higher rate of compensation, is recommended to be repealed in the bill. The number of agents is reduced from 67 to 60.

The expenses of the commission of citizens serving without pay are specified in detail.