

CHAP. 34.—An act making appropriation for the improvement and repair of the military road between Springfield and Fort Randall in the Territory of Dakota.

Jan. 24, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, to be expended by and under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War, for the improvement and repair of the military road leading from Sioux City, in the State of Iowa, to Fort Randall, in the Territory of Dakota, the same to be expended between Springfield in said Territory and Fort Randall.

Appropriation for military road.

Approved, January 24, 1877.

CHAP. 36.—An act making appropriations to supply certain deficiencies in the Contingent Fund of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Jan. 26, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the sums as provided under the following resolutions of the House, and as otherwise herein expressed, namely:

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Appropriations.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under resolution of August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay to the members of the Capitol police and employees of the House discharged by reason of the reduction of force provided for in the act of August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, being only those employees who were discharged on and subsequently to the fourteenth of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-six three thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars and six cents.

Payment to discharged employes.

Under joint resolution of August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay clerks to committees of the House to August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, two thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

Clerks to committees.

Under resolution of August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay William H. Smith, from December first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to March fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, at three dollars and sixty cents per day, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and forty cents.

Wm. H. Smith.

Under resolution of August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay Hugh J. Mohun, messenger, from August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, sixty-one dollars and twenty cents.

Hugh J. Mohun.

Under resolution of August ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay W. M. Merrick, W. H. Trescott, and Henry W. Garnett, counsel for defense in the case of Hallet Kilbourne versus Michael C. Kerr and others, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; one-half of which only may be paid to them by the Clerk of the House during the progress of the suit.

W. M. Merrick,
W. H. Trescott, H.
W. Garnett.

Under resolution of December thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay the clerk to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, from December thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to March fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, three hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

Clerk to Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

Under resolution of December nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay Frank C. Hopkins the sum of six hundred dollars for services rendered as clerk to the Committee of Ways and Means in the absence of the clerk of that committee during the 44th Congress.

Frank C. Hopkins.

Under resolution of December twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to pay the widow of Michael C. Kerr, late Speaker of the House, four thousand six hundred and sixty-nine dollars and eighty-six cents.

Widow of Michael C. Kerr, deceased.

- Ventilation of hall of Representatives. Under resolution of August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to provide for the expense of the ventilation of the hall of the House, to be expended under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol, three thousand five hundred dollars.
- Folding documents. For material for folding documents, three thousand dollars.
For amount necessary to pay the foreman of the folding-room from August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to March fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and twenty-five cents.
- C. L. Freeman. For the payment of C. L. Freeman for services rendered in folding room House of Representatives from August fourteenth, to September first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, seventeen days at sixty dollars per month, thirty-three dollars and thirty-five cents.
- John T. Chauncey. To pay John T. Chauncey from June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, pursuant to resolution of the House of December thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, at the rate of three dollars and sixty cents per day, during the time of his employment the amount necessary therefor.
- Henry Lewis. To pay Henry Lewis for labor in the Doorkeeper's Department performed during the months of September, October, November and December eighteen hundred and seventy-six, at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars per year, two hundred and forty dollars.
- Miscellaneous items and special committees. For miscellaneous items, and to defray the actual necessary expenses of the Committees making investigations ordered by direction of the House and to pay expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith thirty-three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; twenty-four thousand five hundred and forty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents of which shall be exclusively applied to pay fees of witnesses summoned before Committees of the House, and other expenses incident to investigations not otherwise provided for. That the expenses of members of Committees directed to make investigations at points other than the Capitol, shall only be paid their actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of said duties: *Provided further*, That eight thousand dollars of this sum may be used for purposes other than those relating to investigations.
- Expenses of members of committees. Proviso.
- Funeral expenses of late Speaker. For balance necessary to pay the funeral expenses of the late Speaker, six hundred dollars.
- Official postage Sergeant-at-Arms. For official postage-stamps for the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, two hundred and seventy dollars and ninety cents.

SENATE.

- Compensation and mileage of Senators. For compensation and mileage of Senators for the current fiscal year, ten thousand three hundred and eleven dollars and seventy-two cents.
- Messengers. For nine messengers, from January first to March fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, eighteen hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventeen cents.
- Clerks to committees and pages. For clerks to committees and pages for the current fiscal year, five thousand dollars.
- Miscellaneous items. For miscellaneous items for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, two hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty-five cents.
- Stenographers. To pay the stenographers for the select committee of the Senate appointed to investigate the election in the State of Mississippi the amounts certified to be due by the chairman of said committee, one thousand five hundred and eighty-one dollars and thirty cents.
- Expenses of Committee on Privileges and Elections. To defray the actual and necessary expenses of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and other expenses necessarily incurred in making the investigations directed by Senate resolution of December fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, in the several States named therein, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; said appropriation to be paid into the contingent fund of the Senate; and the disbursing-officer of the Senate shall
- How advanced.

advance such parts of the sum above appropriated to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate as the chairman of said committee shall in writing direct, for the purposes aforesaid; and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall, as soon as practicable, make a detailed report of the expenditures thereof, with proper vouchers, which, when so made, shall be received by said disbursing officer, and returned with his accounts to the proper officer of the Treasury Department.

Report of expenditures.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To provide for a deficiency in the contingent expenses of the Department of Justice arising from omissions in enrolling act of last session "making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1877, and other purposes" eleven thousand dollars to be disbursed under the Attorney General.

Contingent expenses Department of Justice.

For transportation of notes, bonds, and other securities of the United States, being a deficiency for the current fiscal year, forty thousand dollars.

Transportation of securities.

For the purchase of coal and labels for the Botanical Garden, five hundred dollars.

Botanical Garden.

Approved, January 26, 1877.

CHAP. 37.—An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March fourth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-seven

Jan. 29, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Senate and House of Representatives shall meet in the hall of the House of Representatives, at the hour of one o'clock post meridian, on the first Thursday in February, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-seven; and the President of the Senate shall be their presiding officer. Two tellers shall be previously appointed on the part of the Senate, and two on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates, and papers purporting to be certificates, of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter A; and said tellers having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from the said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted as in this act provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, and the names of the persons, if any, elected, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice-President of the United States, and, together with a list of the votes, be entered on the journals of the two houses. Upon such reading of any such certificate or paper when there shall be only one return from a State, the President of the Senate shall call for objections, if any. Every objection shall be made in writing, and shall state clearly and concisely, and without argument, the ground thereof, and shall be signed by at least one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives before the same shall be received. When all objections so made to any vote or paper from a State shall have been received and read, the Senate shall thereupon withdraw, and such objections shall be submitted to the Senate for its decision; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall, in like manner, submit such objections to the House of Representatives for its decision; and no electoral vote or votes from any State from which but one return has

Counting votes for President and Vice-President. Meeting. Presiding officer. Tellers.

Order of counting votes.

Duties of tellers.

Announcement of vote.

Objections in case of one return, form of.

Proceedings on objections.