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## TREASURY FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 2075]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2075) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to order to the United States on their statutory leaves of absence officers and employees serving abroad, and to govern the payment of traveling expenses and duties while on leave, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

This legislation was recommended to the Congress by the Treasury Department with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget. The purpose and necessity of it is explained in the following letter of November 14, 1941, from the Secretary of the Treasury, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report, reading as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,  
*November 14, 1941.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: There is enclosed a draft of a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to order to the United States, on their statutory leaves of absence, officers and employees of the Department of the Treasury serving abroad, and to govern the payment of traveling expenses and duties while on leave.

The Department of the Treasury has at present a number of officers and employees in Europe and the Far East who conduct investigations into matters relating to the value, dutiable status, and customs treatment of merchandise imported from those areas. In normal times the number of such officers and employees stationed in Europe is considerably greater than at present.

In general, existing law provides for the payment by the Government of the traveling expenses of its officers and employees only while they are engaged on official business.

Special provisions, however, practically identical to those embodied in the accompanying draft of a bill for the "Foreign Service" of the Department of the Treasury, have been made for the officers and employees of the Foreign Service of the Department of State. See section 15 of the act of May 24, 1924 (43 Stat. 143), as amended by section 22 of the act of February 23, 1931 (46 Stat. 1210, U. S. C., title 22, sec. 17), and as further amended and extended only recently by the act of March 17, 1941 (Public, No. 17, 77th Cong.).

The Congress has also enacted similar provisions for the payment of the traveling expenses of the officers and employees of the Foreign Commerce Service and of the officers and employees of the Foreign Agricultural Service. See section 3 (e) of the act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1395, U. S. C., title 15, sec. 197b (e)), and section 2 of the act of June 5, 1930 (46 Stat. 498, U. S. C., title 7, sec. 542 (f)). (Those services, formerly of the Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture, respectively, were consolidated with the Foreign Service of the Department of State by section 1 of the President's Reorganization Plan No. II of May 9, 1939.)

It is the purpose of the proposed bill to place those officers and employees of the Department of the Treasury who have foreign posts of duty upon a plane of equality, as concerns traveling expenses, with the officers and employees specified above. The enactment into law of a bill for that purpose is respectfully recommended.

A letter of like tenor is being addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

This Department has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to the presentation of this proposed legislation.

HERBERT E. GASTON,  
*Acting Secretary of the Treasury.*

