
GOVERNMENT IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS, FISCAL YEAR 1940, AMOUNTING TO \$70,000

AUGUST 4 (legislative day, AUGUST 2), 1939.—Read, referred to the Committee on
Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 4, 1939.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1940, amounting to \$70,000.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, which is transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D. C., August 3, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1940, in the amount of \$70,000, as follows:

GOVERNMENT IN THE TERRITORIES

Defraying deficits in treasuries of municipal governments, Virgin Islands: For an additional amount for defraying the deficits in the treasuries of the municipal governments because of the excess of current expenses over current revenues for the fiscal year 1940, municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, \$30,000, and municipality of St. Croix, \$40,000, in all \$70,000, to be paid to the said treasuries in monthly installments (48 U. S. C. 1391, 1405a; Public, No. 68, 76th Cong.).

Economic conditions in the Virgin Islands are such that local revenues during the current fiscal year will be insufficient to permit the municipal governments to operate on an effective basis. The loss of revenue is attributed to a large extent to drought conditions which have greatly reduced sugar production during the last 2 years. While work-relief programs are being conducted in the islands, it will not be possible for the municipalities to collect revenues sufficient for their urgent needs. It is believed that the amounts contained in this estimate will enable the municipalities to function throughout the present fiscal year.

The foregoing estimate of appropriation is required to meet contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for 1940 and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD D. SMITH,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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This supplemental estimate of appropriation is necessary to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1940. The amount of \$70,000 is included in said estimate and is available until such time as the same is enacted into law.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD D. SMITH,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.