

# EMERGENCY WAR BILL PASSED HOUSE

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DOLLAR APPROPRIATION.

## COMPLETE DEBATE IN ONE DAY

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For Army.—Enlisted Men Will Re-  
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Washington.—The House set a record for quick action on major appropriations, completing debate at a single brief session on an omnibus emergency war bill carrying nearly \$3,000,000,000. It was passed with only a few votes against it. No opposition was voiced during the discussion and the only important change made was in the adoption of an amendment doubling the pay of enlisted men in the Army.

Out of a total of \$2,827,653,653 carried by the bill, \$2,320,591,907 is for the military establishment. For the Navy \$503,399,673 is provided and the remainder goes to other departments for miscellaneous purposes, including extraordinary expenses due to the war.

The military appropriation which is in addition to the regular annual Army and fortification bills and the \$3,000,000,000 proposed as an initial appropriation for the new war army, includes items of \$231,000,000 for clothing and camp and garrison equipage; \$130,000,000 for ordnance stores; \$39,000,000 for automatic machine guns; \$3,750,000 for civilian training camps; \$609,000,000 for coast and insular fortifications, and \$4,320,000 for fortifying the Panama Canal.

More than \$125,000,000 was added by the amendment increasing the pay of enlisted men from \$15 to \$30 a month, a proposal already accepted by both Senate and House as part of the army draft bill, but transferred to the appropriation measure to facilitate final enactment.

In the aggregate of more than a half billion carried for the Navy, are included items of \$11,000,000 for aviation; \$7,778,000 for outfits for newly enlisted men; \$200,000,000 for the ordnance bureau, including \$60,000,000 for ship ammunition; \$3,000,000 for medical stores and supplies, and more than \$25,000,000 for the marine corps, including \$7,343,000 for the military stores of that branch of the service.

Enlisted Men to Get \$30 Per Month

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