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Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,

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Honorable Secretary,

Department of Commerce and Labor.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to refer to you the bill, H. R. 196, a copy of which is herewith inclosed, and to ask you to furnish the Committee with such suggestions as you may deem proper touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

Very respectfully,

J E Hill
Clerk.

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59TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 4, 1905.

Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To authorize the construction of light-house keepers' dwellings at Buffalo Harbor, New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized to build a suitable double dwelling on the shore, near the south pier, for the keepers of the light-house at the north end of the old breakwater, southerly side of the main channel to Buffalo Harbor, New York, and that the limit of cost be six thousand two hundred dollars.

58TH CONGRESS,
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MARCH 16, 1904.

Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

SUBJECT:
Buffalo Breakwater, N.Y.
Keepers' Dwelling.

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 10TH DISTRICT
BUFFALO, N. Y.

May 16, 1905.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

In compliance with the Board's request in its letter, File No. 2169, dated April 14, 1905, we, the Inspector and the Engineer of the Tenth Light-House District have the honor to submit the following joint report with reference to the recommendation made in the Board's last annual report for

Buffalo Breakwater, North End, Light-Station, N.Y.
Keepers' Dwelling, $6,200.

The conditions at this station remain unchanged. The keeper lives about two miles from the boathouse on the mainland and the assistant keeper about the same distance. The former states he pays $10.00 a month or $120.00 a year rent for a dwelling and the latter $12.00 a month or $144.00 a year.

It is our opinion that a dwelling should be provided for the two keepers of this light and fog-signal station and that the Board's recommendation for an appropriation therefor should be renewed in its next annual report.

Respectfully,

J. Pratt

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector Tenth Light-House District.

H. M. Adams

Lieut.Col.,Corps of Engineers,U.S.A.,
Engineer Tenth Light-House District.

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December 21, 1905.

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The Chairman of
The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

This Department has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated December 14, 1905, from your Committee enclosing a copy of H. R. Bill No. 196, "To authorize the construction of a light-house keeper's dwelling at Buffalo Harbor,New York", on which suggestions are asked touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply this Department begs leave to state that the Light-House Board, to which this matter was referred, reports that in its last four annual reports it recommends that an appropriation of $6,200 be made for this purpose, and that it is still of opinion that this appropriation should be made. This appropriation is also recommended on page 208 of the current Book of Estimates.

The following is an extract from page 128 of the Board's annual report for 1905 relative to this subject:

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22 March, '04.

The Chairman of

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,

House of Representatives.

Sir:

This Department has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your Committee, dated 17 March, '04, inclosing a copy of H. R. Bill No. 14041, "To authorize the construction of light-house keepers' dwellings at Buffalo Harbor, New York", on which suggestions are asked touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage. In reply, this Department begs leave to state that the Light-House Board, to whom the matter was referred, states that in its Annual Report for 1903, it recommended, on pages 65 and 66, that an appropriation of $6,200 be made for this purpose, and that it is still of the opinion that this appropriation should be made.

The following is an extract from pages 65 and 66 of the Light-House Board's Annual Report for 1903, in which the above named recommendation is made:

> "79. Buffalo Breakwater, north end, southerly side of the main entrance to Buffalo Harbor, New York.
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> This station is situated at the north end of the old breakwater at Buffalo, N. Y., and is the fixed outpost for the main entrance to Buffalo Harbor. The structure is located on a crib, which is within the breakwater, and room allotted to it is very limited. The two light-keepers stationed here take care of the 4th-order light and operate the steam fog-signal and a fog bell, and all this requires mechanical ability and experience of a high order. The yearly salary of the keeper is $560 and that of the assistant keeper $450, and no dwelling is provided for them. This is an important station, and should command the services of first-class men for keepers. But the salaries paid are inadequate, although they would be sufficient if a proper

"79. Buffalo Breakwater, north end, southerly side "of the main entrance to Buffalo Harbor, New York.- The "following recommendation, made in the Board's last three annual reports, is renewed:

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This Department concurs in these views of the Light-House Board, and has the honor to recommend the passage of the bill in question.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

dwelling was furnished them and the keepers did not have to hire quarters for their families, and pay rent for them out of their meager compensation. A double dwelling can be built on the shore, on Government land, near the south pier. This site would be convenient for these keepers, as they must row to and from the light-station in a small boat. It is estimated that a suitable keepers' dwelling can be erected here for $5,500.

Owing to the increases in the prices of materials and labor, it is now estimated that the building will cost $6,200, and the Board recommends that an appropriation of that amount be made therefor."

This Department concurs in the recommendation of the Light-House Board, and recommends the passage of the bill in question.

Respectfully,

Secretary.