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MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

ASKING

THAT CONGRESS PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FOR  
THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIALISTS AND EXPERTS TO ASSIST  
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT METHODS TO IN-  
VESTIGATE AND REPORT UPON BUSINESS METHODS AND PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

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JANUARY 22, 1906.—Read, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

On June 2, 1905, I appointed a Committee on Department Methods to investigate the business methods and practice of the Executive Departments, and to report plans for their improvement. This committee has taken up its great task vigorously, and material benefit to the Government service has already resulted from its efforts.

Much valuable information has been gathered, and the preliminary work is largely done. The time has now come for the committee to assign trained men to the detailed investigation of routine throughout the Government service, as a basis for definite steps toward added economy and efficiency. Many men already in the Government service can be assigned temporarily to this work, and some of them can be properly paid under the appropriations against which their salaries are charged. Others must be obtained from outside. The Committee on Department Methods will need the assistance not only of efficient men in the Government service, but also of recognized business experts from private life. To that end I ask that the Congress provide an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to be expended under the direction of the President for the payment of salaries and

expenses of specialists and experts to investigate and report upon business methods and practice throughout the Government service. Since the work of the Committee on Department Methods has already reached a stage where the employment of such experts is necessary, this appropriation should be available immediately and until expended.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 22, 1906.*

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