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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

*June 15, 1910.*

*Resolved*, That the complete report on the condition of woman and child wage-earners in the United States, transmitted and to be transmitted by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor in response to the act approved January twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to report upon the industrial, social, moral, educational, and physical condition of woman and child workers in the United States," be printed as a public document.

CHARLES G. BENNETT,  
*Secretary.*

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## LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, October 19, 1910.*

SIR: In partial compliance with the Senate resolution of May 25, 1910, I beg to transmit herewith a report showing the results of a study of the beginnings of child-labor legislation in certain States.

This report has just been completed, and is the sixth section available for transmission of the larger report on the investigation carried on in accordance with the act of Congress approved January 29, 1907, which provided "That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to investigate and report on the industrial, social, moral, educational, and physical condition of woman and child workers in the United States, wherever employed, with special reference to their age, hours of labor, term of employment, health, illiteracy, sanitary, and other conditions surrounding their occupation, and the means employed for the protection of their health, person, and morals."

The remaining sections of the general report are being completed as rapidly as possible and will each be transmitted at the earliest practical moment.

Respectfully,

CHARLES NAGEL,  
*Secretary.*

HON. JAMES S. SHERMAN,  
*President of the Senate, Washington, D. C.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,  
BUREAU OF LABOR,  
*Washington, October 19, 1910.*

SIR: I beg to transmit herewith Volume VI of the report on woman and child wage-earners in the United States, which relates to the beginnings of child-labor legislation in certain States. This is the sixth section transmitted of the general investigation into the condition of woman and child workers in the United States, carried on in compliance with the act of Congress approved January 29, 1907.

This volume of the report is the work of Dr. Elizabeth Lewis Otey. The work has been carried on under the direction and immediate supervision of Chas. H. Verrill.

I am, very respectfully,

CHAS. P. NEILL,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,  
*Washington, D. C.*

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**CHAPTER I.**

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**EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE COLONIES.**

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