



[PUBLIC—No. 2—74TH CONGRESS]

[H. R. 3410]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, namely:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

For compensation of the President of the United States, \$75,000.

For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, \$15,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Salaries: For personal services in the office of the President, including the Secretary to the President, and two assistant secretaries to the President at \$9,500 each; \$125,884: *Provided*, That employees of the executive departments and other establishments of the executive branch of the Government may be detailed from time to time to the office of the President of the United States for such temporary assistance as may be deemed necessary.

Contingent expenses: For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, including stationery, record books, telegrams, telephones, books for library, furniture and carpets for offices, automobiles, expenses of garage, including labor, special services, and miscellaneous items, to be expended in the discretion of the President, \$50,350, of which \$5,000 shall be immediately available.

For printing and binding, \$2,700.

Traveling expenses: For traveling and official entertainment expenses of the President of the United States, to be expended in his discretion and accounted for on his certificate solely, \$25,000.

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

For the care, maintenance, repair and alteration, refurnishing, improvement, heating, and lighting, including electric power and fixtures of the Executive Mansion, the Executive Mansion greenhouses, including reconstruction, and the Executive Mansion grounds, and traveling expenses, to be expended as the President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, \$143,298, to be immediately available.

Total, Executive Office, \$437,232.

INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for or incident to the work of the American Battle Monuments Commission authorized by the Act of March 4, 1923 (U. S. C., title 36, secs. 121-133), and by Executive Order Numbered 6614 of February 26, 1934, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries for carrying out the purposes of said Act and Executive order without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 34, sec. 520; title 40, sec. 255); employment of personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; travel expenses; rent of office space in foreign countries; the maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles which may be furnished to the Commission by other departments of the Government or acquired by purchase; the purchase of one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle at a cost not exceeding \$2,400; printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting, including the publication of information concerning the American activities, battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries in Europe; the purchase of maps, textbooks, newspapers and periodicals, \$199,059: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations, and under such terms and conditions as the Commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, the Commission may contract for work in Europe and engage by contract or otherwise, the services of architects, firms of architects, and other technical and professional personnel: *Provided further*, That the Commission may purchase supplies and materials without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$500: *Provided further*, That when traveling on business of the Commission officers of the Army serving as members or as secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commission: *Provided further*, That the Commission may delegate to its chairman, secretary, or officials in charge of either its Washington or Paris offices, under such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, such of its authority as it may deem necessary and proper.

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Board of Tax Appeals as authorized under title IX, section 900, of the Revenue Act of 1924, approved June 2, 1924, as amended by title X of the Revenue Act of 1926, approved February 26, 1926, and title IV of the Revenue Act of 1928, approved May 29, 1928, and title IX of the Revenue Act of 1932, approved June 6, 1932, including personal services and contract stenographic reporting services, rent outside the District of Columbia, traveling expenses, car fare, stationery, furniture, office equipment, purchase and exchange of typewriters, law books and books of reference, periodicals, and all

other necessary supplies, \$514,000, of which amount not to exceed \$477,900 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Tax Appeals, \$26 000.

Total, Board of Tax Appeals, \$540,000.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

For three Commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including personal services required for examination of Presidential postmasters, and including not to exceed \$2,500 for employment of expert examiners not in the Federal service on special subjects for which examiners within the service are not available, and for personal services in the field; for medical examinations; for necessary traveling expenses, including those of examiners acting under the direction of the Commission, and for expenses of examinations and investigations held elsewhere than at Washington, including not to exceed \$1,000 for expenses of attendance at meetings of public officials when specifically directed by the Commission; for furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; rental of equipment; supplies; advertising; telegraph, telephone, and laundry service; freight and express charges; street-car fares not to exceed \$300; stationery; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, not to exceed \$1,000; charts; purchase, exchange, maintenance, and repair of motor trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles; garage rent; postage stamps to prepay postage on matter addressed to Postal Union countries; special-delivery stamps; and other like miscellaneous necessary expenses not hereinbefore provided for, \$2,020,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Civil Service Commission is authorized to expend during the fiscal year 1936 not to exceed \$2,100 of this amount for actuarial services pertaining to the civil service and Canal Zone retirement and disability funds, to be obtained by contract, without obtaining competition, at such rates of compensation as the Commission may determine to be reasonable: *Provided further*, That no details from any executive department or independent establishment in the District of Columbia or elsewhere to the Commission's central office in Washington or to any of its district offices shall be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of the boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the district managers: *Provided further*, That the Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees to or from its office or field force.

For all printing and binding for the Civil Service Commission, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington and elsewhere, \$75,000.

CIVIL-SERVICE RETIREMENT FUND

For financing of the liability of the United States, created by the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees in the clas-

sified civil service, and for other purposes", approved May 22, 1920, and Acts amendatory thereof (U. S. C., Supp., VII, title 5, sec. 707a), \$40,000,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "civil-service retirement and disability fund."

CANAL ZONE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY

For financing of the liability of the United States, created by the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States", approved March 2, 1931, and Acts amendatory thereof (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 48, sec. 1371n), \$500,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "Canal Zone retirement and disability fund."

Total, Civil Service Commission, \$42,595,000.

EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

For three Commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including not to exceed \$1,000 for temporary experts and assistants in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to be paid at a rate not exceeding \$8 per day, and for personal services in the field, for furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; law books, books of reference, periodicals; stationery and supplies; traveling expenses; fees and mileage of witnesses; contract stenographic reporting services; rent at the seat of government and elsewhere; and miscellaneous items; \$464,000.

For all printing and binding for the Employees' Compensation Commission, \$5,000.

Employees' compensation fund: For the payment of compensation provided by "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes", approved September 7, 1916 (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 785), including medical examinations, traveling and other expenses, and loss of wages payable to employees under sections 21 and 22; all services, appliances, and supplies provided by section 9 as amended, including payments to Army and Navy hospitals; the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections 9 and 11; and advancement of costs for the enforcement of recoveries provided in sections 26 and 27 where necessary, accruing during the fiscal year 1936 or in prior fiscal years, \$4,250,000.

EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION FUND, CIVIL WORKS

For administrative expenses and payment of compensation in connection with the administration of the benefits for employees of the Civil Works Administration in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act making an additional appropriation to carry out the purposes of the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933, for continuation of the Civil Works program, and for other purposes", approved February 15, 1934 (48 Stat., p. 352), \$2,081,000 of the special fund set up on the books of the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of said Act shall be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 1936.

EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION FUND, EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK

For administrative expenses and payment of compensation in connection with the administration of the benefits for enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "Emergency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1935", approved June 19, 1934 (48 Stat., p. 1057), \$1,056,000 of the special fund set up on the books of the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of said Act shall be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 1936.

Total, Employees' Compensation Commission, \$4,719,000.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

For seven commissioners, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Communications Commission in performing the duties imposed by the Communications Act of 1934, approved June 19, 1934 (48 Stat., p. 1064), the Ship Act of 1910, approved June 24, 1910, as amended (U. S. C., title 46, secs. 484-487), the International Radiotelegraphic Convention (45 Stat., pt. 2, p. 2760), and Executive Order Numbered 3513, dated July 9, 1921, as amended under date of June 30, 1934, relating to applications for submarine cable licenses, including personal services, contract stenographic reporting services, rental of quarters, newspapers, periodicals, reference books, law books, special counsel fees, supplies and equipment, including purchase and exchange of instruments, which may be purchased without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$25, improvement and care of grounds and repairs to buildings, not to exceed \$5,000, traveling expenses, including expenses of attendance at meetings which in the discretion of the Commission are necessary for the efficient discharge of its responsibilities, and other necessary expenses, \$1,500,000, of which amount not to exceed \$1,060,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Communications Commission, \$25,000.

Total, Federal Communications Commission, \$1,525,000.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

For salaries and expenses of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, including personal services in the District of Columbia, printing and binding, traveling expenses, rents, furniture and equipment, law books, books of reference, periodicals, newspapers, maps, contract stenographic reporting services, telephone and telegraphic services, and all other necessary expenses of the Board, \$264,043: *Provided*, That expenditures from this appropriation shall not exceed the amounts collected and deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts from assessments upon the Federal Home Loan Banks.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including personal

services; traveling expenses, including expenses of attendance at meetings which in the discretion of the Commission are necessary for the efficient discharge of its responsibilities; contract stenographic reporting services; reimbursement to governmental agencies of the cost of furnishing motor-driven passenger-carrying vehicle service, and not exceeding \$2,000 for law books, books of reference, newspapers, and periodicals; \$308,600, of which amount not to exceed \$270,000 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the Commission may procure supplies and services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$50.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Power Commission, \$4,000.

Total, Federal Power Commission, \$312,600.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

For five commissioners, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Trade Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including secretary to the Commission and other personal services, contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment, law books, books of reference, periodicals, garage rentals, traveling expenses, including not to exceed \$900 for expenses of attendance, when specifically authorized by the Commission, at meetings concerned with the work of the Federal Trade Commission, for newspapers and press clippings not to exceed \$400, foreign postage, and witness fees and mileage in accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act; \$1,373,309: *Provided*, That the Commission may procure supplies and services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$50.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Trade Commission, \$30,000.

Total, Federal Trade Commission, \$1,403,309.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: For Comptroller General, Assistant Comptroller General, and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$4,725,660.

Contingent expenses: For traveling expenses, including stenographic reporting service outside of the District of Columbia, not exceeding \$2,500, by contract or otherwise; materials, supplies, equipment, and services; rent of buildings and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, law books, books of reference, and periodicals, typewriters, calculating machines, and other office appliances, including their development, repairs, and maintenance, including one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle; and miscellaneous items; \$173,940: *Provided*, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the General Accounting Office when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

For all printing and binding for the General Accounting Office, including monthly and annual editions of selected decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States, \$71,000.

Total, General Accounting Office, \$4,970,600.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

General administrative expenses: For eleven commissioners, secretary, and for all other authorized expenditures necessary in the execution of laws to regulate commerce, including one chief counsel, one director of finance, and one director of traffic at \$10,000 each per annum, field hearings, traveling expenses, and contract stenographic reporting services; \$2,796,465, of which amount not to exceed \$2,430,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of special counsel, for which the expenditure shall not exceed \$50,000; not exceeding \$3,000 for purchase and exchange of necessary books, reports, and periodicals; not exceeding \$100 in the open market for the purchase of office furniture similar in class or kind to that listed in the general supply schedule.

Regulating accounts: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce compliance with section 20 and other sections of the Interstate Commerce Act as amended by the Act approved June 29, 1906 (U. S. C., title 49, sec. 20), and as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920 (U. S. C., title 49, sec. 20), including the employment of necessary special accounting agents or examiners, and traveling expenses, \$851,976, of which amount not to exceed \$170,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That for the portion of the fiscal year 1935 remaining after the date of the approval of this Act the amount which may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia from the 1935 appropriation for the purposes included in this paragraph shall be at the annual rate of \$158,000.

Safety of employees: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep informed regarding and to enforce compliance with Acts to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads; the Act requiring common carriers to make reports of accidents and authorizing investigations thereof; and to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and test appliances intended to promote the safety of railway operation, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906 (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 35), and the provision of the Sundry Civil Act approved May 27, 1908 (U. S. C., title 45, secs. 36, 37), to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, inspectors, and for traveling expenses, \$514,195, of which amount not to exceed \$90,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Signal safety systems: For all authorized expenditures under section 26 of the Interstate Commerce Act as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920 (U. S. C., title 49, sec. 26), with respect to the

provision thereof under which carriers by railroad subject to the Act may be required to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices which comply with specifications and requirements prescribed by the Commission, including investigations and tests pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906 (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 35), and including the employment of the necessary engineers, and for traveling expenses, \$39,682, of which amount not to exceed \$35,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Locomotive inspection: For all authorized expenditures under the provisions of the Act of February 17, 1911, entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto" (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 22), as amended by the Act of March 4, 1915, extending "the same powers and duties with respect to all parts and appurtenances of the locomotives and tender" (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 30), and amendment of June 7, 1924 (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 27), providing for the appointment from time to time by the Interstate Commerce Commission of not more than fifteen inspectors in addition to the number authorized in the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act of 1911 (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 26), and the amendment of June 27, 1930 (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 45, secs 24, 26), including such legal, technical, stenographic, and clerical help as the business of the offices of the chief inspector and his two assistants may require and for traveling expenses, \$482,238, of which amount not to exceed \$72,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Valuation of property of carriers: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to carry out the objects of the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce', approved February 4, 1887, and all Acts amendatory thereof, by providing for a valuation of the several classes of property of carriers subject thereto and securing information concerning their stocks, bonds, and other securities", approved March 1, 1913, as amended by the Act of June 7, 1922 (U. S. C., title 49, sec. 19a), and by the "Emergency Railroad Transportation Act, 1933" (48 Stat., p. 221), including one director of valuation at \$10,000 per annum, and traveling expenses, \$1,041,100.

In all, salaries and expenses, Interstate Commerce Commission, \$5,725,656: *Provided*, That the Commission may procure supplies and services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$50.

For all printing and binding for the Interstate Commerce Commission, including reports in all cases proposing general changes in transportation rates and not to exceed \$10,000 to print and furnish to the States, at cost, report form blanks, and the receipts from such reports and blanks shall be credited to this appropriation, \$125,000: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be expended for printing the Schedule of Sailings required by section 25 of the Interstate Commerce Act.

Not to exceed \$2,500 of the appropriations herein made for the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be available for expenses, except membership fees, for attendance at meetings concerned with the work of the Commission.

Total, Interstate Commerce Commission, \$5,850,656.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

For scientific research, technical investigations, and special reports in the field of aeronautics, including the necessary laboratory and technical assistants; contracts for personal services in the making of special investigations and in the preparation of special reports; traveling expenses of members and employees; including not to exceed \$500 for expenses, except membership fees, of attendance upon meetings of technical and professional societies; office supplies and other miscellaneous expenses, including technical periodicals and books of reference; equipment, maintenance, and operation of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory; purchase, maintenance, operation, and exchange of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, including not more than one for general administrative use in the District of Columbia; personal services in the field and the District of Columbia; in all \$820,800, of which amount not to exceed \$2,000 may be expended for allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light, as authorized by the Act approved June 26, 1930 (46 Stat. 818), but not to exceed \$1,700 for any one person and not to exceed \$95,000 for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, including all of its offices, laboratories, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$18,700.

Total, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, \$839,500.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

For three members of the Board, and for other authorized expenditures of the National Mediation Board in performing the duties imposed by law, including personal services; contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; law books and books of reference; not to exceed \$200 for newspapers; periodicals; traveling expenses; and rent of quarters outside the District of Columbia; \$122,950, of which amount not to exceed \$91,775 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Arbitration boards: To enable the National Mediation Board to pay necessary expenses of arbitration boards, including compensation of members and employees of such boards, together with their necessary traveling expenses and expenses actually incurred for subsistence while so employed, and printing of awards, together with proceedings and testimony relating thereto, as authorized by the Railway Labor Act, including also contract stenographic reporting service, and rent of quarters when suitable quarters cannot be supplied in any Federal building, \$30,000, together with the unexpended balance of the appropriation available for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935.

Emergency boards: For expenses of emergency boards appointed by the President to investigate and report respecting disputes between carriers and their employees, as authorized by section 10, Railway Labor Act, approved May 20, 1926 (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 45, sec. 154), \$25,000, together with the unexpended balance of the appropriation available for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935.

For all printing and binding for the National Mediation Board, \$2,500.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

For authorized expenditures of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, in performing the duties imposed by law, including personal services; contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; law books and books of reference; periodicals; traveling expenses; and rent of quarters outside the District of Columbia, \$156,000, of which not more than \$114,000 may be expended for personal services.

Total, National Mediation Board, \$336,450.

PAYMENT TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES DUE TO APPRECIATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Payment to officers and employees of the United States in foreign countries due to appreciation of foreign currencies: For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize annual appropriations to meet losses sustained by officers and employees of the United States in foreign countries due to appreciation of foreign currencies in their relation to the American dollar, and for other purposes", approved March 26, 1934, and for each and every object and purpose specified therein, \$3,904,824.

PUERTO RICAN HURRICANE RELIEF COMMISSION

To enable the Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief Commission to continue collection and administration of moneys due the United States on account of loans made under the joint resolutions approved December 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 1067), and January 22, 1930 (46 Stat. 57), not to exceed \$25,000 of any unobligated balances of appropriations made by authority of those joint resolutions, including repayment of principal and/or payments of interest on such loans, is hereby made available for administrative expenses during the fiscal year 1936.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

For five commissioners, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Securities and Exchange Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law and for other personal services, including employment of experts when necessary; contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, periodicals, newspaper and press clippings; travel expenses, including the expense

of attendance, when specifically authorized by the Commission, at meetings concerned with the work of the Securities and Exchange Commission; garage rental; foreign postage; mileage and witness fees; rent of quarters outside the District of Columbia; rental of equipment; and other necessary expenses; \$2,234,494: *Provided*, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the Securities and Exchange Commission when the aggregate cost involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

For all printing and binding for the Securities and Exchange Commission, \$30,000.

Total, Securities and Exchange Commission, \$2,264,494.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

For expenses of the general administrative office, Smithsonian Institution, compensation of necessary employees, traveling expenses, purchase of books and periodicals, supplies and equipment, and any other necessary expenses, \$36,326.

International exchanges: For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, and purchase of necessary books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$44,262.

American ethnology: For continuing ethnological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii, the excavation and preservation of archeologic remains under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, the preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations, the purchase of books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$58,730.

Astrophysical Observatory: For maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including assistants, purchase of books, periodicals, and apparatus, making necessary observations in high altitudes, repairs and alterations of buildings, preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations, traveling expenses, and miscellaneous expenses, \$30,846.

NATIONAL MUSEUM

For cases, furniture, fixtures, and appliances required for the exhibition and safe-keeping of collections; heating, lighting, electrical, telegraphic, and telephonic service, repairs and alterations of buildings, shops, and sheds, including approaches and all necessary material; personal services, and traveling and other necessary incidental expenses, \$125,672.

Preservation of collections: For continuing preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government, and from other sources, including personal services, traveling expenses, purchasing and supplying uniforms to guards and elevator conductors, postage stamps and foreign postal cards and all other necessary expenses, and not exceeding \$5,500 for preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications, and not exceeding \$3,000 for purchase of books, pamphlets, and periodicals, \$594,578.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

For the administration of the National Gallery of Art by the Smithsonian Institution, including compensation of necessary employees, purchase of books of reference and periodicals, traveling expenses, uniforms for guards, and necessary incidental expenses, \$34,275.

PRINTING AND BINDING

For all printing and binding for the Smithsonian Institution, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$25,500, of which not to exceed \$4,200 shall be available for printing the report of the American Historical Association.

Total, Smithsonian Institution, \$950,189, of which amount not to exceed \$832,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

TARIFF COMMISSION

For salaries and expenses of the Tariff Commission, including purchase and exchange of labor-saving devices, the purchase of professional and scientific books, law books, books of reference, gloves and other protective equipment for photostat and other machine operators, rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and contract stenographic reporting services, as authorized by sections 330 to 341 of the Tariff Act of 1930, approved June 17, 1930 (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 19, secs. 1330-1341), \$955,000, of which amount not to exceed \$870,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia; not to exceed \$2,500 for expenses, except membership fees, of attendance at meetings concerned with subjects under investigation by the Commission; and not to exceed \$7,500 for allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light, as authorized by the Act approved June 26, 1930 (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 118a), but not to exceed \$1,700 for any one person: *Provided*, That the Commission may procure supplies and services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$50: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any proceedings under sections 336, 337, and 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930, wherein he or any member of his family has any special, direct, and pecuniary interest, or in which he has acted as attorney or special representative.

For all printing and binding for the Tariff Commission, \$15,000.
Total, Tariff Commission, \$970,000.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services: For all salaries and expenses of the Veterans' Administration, including the expenses of maintenance and operation of medical, hospital, and domiciliary services of the Veterans' Administration, in carrying out the duties, powers, and functions devolving upon it pursuant to the

authority contained in the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the President to consolidate and coordinate governmental activities affecting war veterans", approved July 3, 1930 (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 38, secs. 11-11f), and any and all laws for which the Veterans' Administration is now or may hereafter be charged with administering, \$86,700,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,500 of this amount shall be available for expenses, except membership fees, of employees detailed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to attend meetings of associations for the promotion of medical science and annual national conventions of organized war veterans: *Provided further*, That when found to be in the best interest of the United States, not to exceed \$500,000 of this amount may be used for payments to State institutions caring for and maintaining veterans, suffering from neuropsychiatric ailments, who are in such institutions on the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available also for personal services and rentals in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including traveling expenses; examination of estimates of appropriations in the field, including actual expenses of subsistence or per diem allowance in lieu thereof; for expenses incurred in packing, crating, drayage, and transportation of household effects and other property, not exceeding in any one case five thousand pounds, of employees when transferred from one official station to another for permanent duty and when specifically authorized by the Administrator; furnishing and laundering of such wearing apparel as may be prescribed for employees in the performance of their official duties; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, periodicals, and newspapers; for passenger-carrying and other motor vehicles, including purchase, maintenance, repair, and operation of same, including not more than two passenger automobiles for general administrative use of the central office in the District of Columbia; and notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Administrator is authorized to utilize Government-owned automotive equipment in transporting children of Veterans' Administration employees located at isolated stations to and from school under such limitations as he may by regulation prescribe; and notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Administrator is authorized to expend during the fiscal year 1936 not to exceed \$2,000 for actuarial services pertaining to the Government life insurance fund, to be obtained by contract, without obtaining competition, at such rates of compensation as he may determine to be reasonable; for allotment and transfer to the Public Health Service, the War, Navy, and Interior Departments, for disbursement by them under the various headings of their applicable appropriations, of such amounts as are necessary for the care and treatment of beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration, including minor repairs and improvements of existing facilities under their jurisdiction necessary to such care and treatment; for expenses incidental to the maintenance and operation of farms; for recreational articles and facilities at institutions maintained by the Veterans' Administration; for administrative expenses incidental to securing employment for war veterans; for funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental thereto for beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration accruing during the fiscal year 1936 or prior fiscal years: *Provided further*, That the

appropriations herein made for the care and maintenance of veterans in hospitals or homes under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration shall be available for the purchase of tobacco to be furnished, subject to such regulations as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall prescribe, to veterans receiving hospital treatment or domiciliary care in Veterans' Administration hospitals or homes: *Provided further*, That the appropriations herein made for medical and hospital services under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration shall be available, not to exceed \$10,000, for experimental purposes to determine the value of certain types of treatment: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for continuing aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled volunteer soldiers and sailors, in conformity with the Act approved August 27, 1888 (U. S. C., title 24, sec. 134), as amended, for those veterans eligible for admission to Veterans' Administration facilities for domiciliary care.

No part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any new hospital or home, or for the purchase of any hospital or home; and not more than \$3,053,645 of this appropriation may be used to repair, alter, improve, or provide facilities in the several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials.

For printing and binding for the Veterans' Administration, including all its bureaus and functions located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$125,000: *Provided*, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to utilize the printing and binding equipment which the various hospitals and homes of the Veterans' Administration use for occupational-therapy purposes for the purpose of doing such printing and binding as may, in his judgment, be found advisable for the use of the Veterans' Administration, notwithstanding the provisions of section 87 of the Act entitled "An Act providing for the public printing and binding and the distribution of public documents", approved January 12, 1895, and section 11 of the Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and for other purposes, approved March 1, 1919 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 111).

Pensions: For the payment of compensation, pensions, gratuities, and allowances, now authorized under any Act of Congress, or regulation of the President based thereon, or which may hereafter be authorized, including emergency officers' retirement pay and annuities, the administration of which is now or may hereafter be placed in the Veterans' Administration, \$400,760,000, to be immediately available.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1936 or in prior fiscal years, \$116,910,000: *Provided*, That the appropriation made in Private Act Numbered 244, approved March 2, 1933 (47 Stat., pt. 2, p. 1740), is repealed after June 30, 1935, and the payments authorized by such Act shall thereafter be made from the appropriation for "Military and naval insurance."

Hospital and domiciliary facilities: There is hereby appropriated under the authorization acts specified, the remaining balances not heretofore appropriated, as follows: \$850,000 (Act of April 23, 1928, 45 Stat., p. 447); \$25,000 (Act of February 20, 1929, 45 Stat., p. 1248); \$50,000 (Act of February 26, 1929, 45 Stat., p. 1308); in all, \$925,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this amount, together with the unexpended balance of the appropriations totaling \$2,000,000 made pursuant to the authorization contained in the Act approved July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 852), is authorized to be used by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, with the approval of the President, for extending the facilities designated in the Acts herein mentioned or any other facilities under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration, or for any of the purposes set forth in section 1 of the Act approved March 4, 1931 (46 Stat. 1550).

Adjusted-service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under the World War Adjusted Compensation Act (U. S. C., title 38, secs. 591-683; U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 38, secs. 612-682), to provide for the payment of the face value of each adjusted-service certificate in twenty years from its date or on the prior death of the veteran, and to make loans to veterans and repayments to banks in accordance with section 507 of the Act, as amended (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 38, secs. 642, 647, 650; Act July 21, 1932, 47 Stat., pp. 724-725), \$100,000,000, to become available July 1, 1935, and remain available until expended.

Total, Veterans' Administration, \$705,420,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes except for cooking purposes.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations contained in this Act, for the payment of personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade, advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service; or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act; (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade, in the same or different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit; (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and is specifically authorized by other law; or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated.

SEC. 3. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, the salaries of the commissioners of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the commissioners of the United States Tariff Commission shall be at the rate of \$10,000 each per annum.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1936."

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