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AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, 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, 1937, 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; \$125,982: *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.

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.

Total, Executive Office proper, \$294,032.

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, \$143,098.

Total, Executive Office, \$437,130.

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; including not to exceed \$750 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); purchase and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments in Europe at a cost not exceeding \$1,200; 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 \$750; 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, \$71,000, together with \$100,000 of the unexpended balances of the appropriation carried, for the American Battle Monuments Commission in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1936, and of the no-year appropriations for the said Commission carried in any and all previous Acts, which unexpended sum is hereby made available for all the purposes of this appropriation: *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, \$506,000, together with not to exceed \$8,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which amount not to exceed \$476,540 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, \$532,000.

CENTRAL STATISTICAL BOARD

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Central Statistical Board as authorized by law, including traveling expenses; materials; supplies; office equipment; services; newspapers; periodicals and press clippings; repairs and alterations; contract stenographic reporting services and expenses of attendance at meetings which in the discretion of the chairman are necessary for the efficient discharge of the responsibilities of the Board, \$173,820, of which amount not to exceed \$164,160 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Central Statistical Board, \$1,600.

Total, Central Statistical Board, \$175,420.

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, \$2,244,000, together with \$6,000 of the

unexpended balance for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Civil Service Commission is authorized to expend 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, 1937, 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, \$85,000.

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 classified civil service, and for other purposes", approved May 22, 1920, and Acts amendatory thereof (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 707a), \$46,050,000, 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, \$48,879,000.

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; there is made available \$463,250 from the special fund, "Employees' Compensation Fund, Civil Works, 1934 and 1935".

For all printing and binding for the Employees' Compensation Commission, there is made available \$5,000 from the special fund, "Employees' Compensation Fund, Civil Works, 1934 and 1935".

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 1937 or in prior fiscal years, there is made available \$4,750,000 from the special fund, "Employees' Compensation Fund, Civil Works, 1934 and 1935."

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), \$805,500 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 1937.

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), \$665,500 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 1937.

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, \$1,450,000, of which amount not to exceed \$1,030,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Communications Commission, \$24,000, together with \$1,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935.

Total, Federal Communications Commission, \$1,474,000.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including traveling expenses; 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; rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; hire, maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, including not more than one such vehicle for general administrative use in the District of Columbia; supplies and office equipment; services; scientific instruments; expenses incurred in packing, crating, drayage and transportation of household effects and other property (not to exceed in any case five thousand pounds) of officers and employees when transferred from one official station to another for permanent duty, when specifically authorized by the Commission; and not exceeding \$5,000 for purchase and exchange of law books, other books of reference, newspapers, periodicals and newspaper clippings; \$1,634,000, together with \$16,000 of the unexpended balance of this appropriation for the fiscal year 1935, of which amount not to exceed \$750,000 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of not to exceed \$30,000 which may be expended for consultants and special counsel: *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, including engraving, lithographing, and photolithographing, \$75,000.

Total, Federal Power Commission, \$1,709,000.

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 \$600, foreign postage, and witness fees and mileage in

accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act; \$1,407,000: *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, \$32,000.

Total, Federal Trade Commission, \$1,439,000.

FOREIGN SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT

Foreign service pay adjustment of 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, \$1,800,000, together with \$2,048,611 of the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this purpose for the fiscal years 1934, 1935, and 1936.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: For Comptroller General, Assistant Comptroller General, and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$4,954,600.

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; furnishing of heat and light; 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; \$272,440: *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, \$79,800.

Total, General Accounting Office, \$5,306,840.

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; \$2,426,000, together with \$118,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which amount not to exceed \$2,415,917 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: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1,000 of this amount shall be available for the payment of services rendered in making and preparing a report in connection with additions to or changes in report forms of the Interstate Commerce Commission relating to operating statistics, which amount is to be immediately available.

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, \$847,000, together with \$5,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which amount not to exceed \$190,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

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, \$500,000, together with \$6,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, 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, \$36,550, together with \$2,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, 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, \$455,000, together with \$16,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which amount not to exceed \$71,450 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, \$798,000, together with \$2,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935.

Air mail: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to perform the duties imposed upon it by the Act approved June 12, 1934, entitled, "An Act to revise air-mail laws, and to establish a Commission to make a report to the Congress recommending an aviation policy" (U. S. C., Supp. VII, title 39, secs. 469-469q), as amended by the Act approved August 14, 1935, entitled "An Act to amend the air-mail laws and to authorize the extension of the Air Mail Service" (49 Stat., p. 614-619), including field hearings, field audits, traveling expenses, contract stenographic reporting services; office supplies and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, reports, and periodicals; \$160,000, of which amount not to exceed \$130,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of special counsel or special aviation assistants for which the expenditure shall not exceed \$20,000.

Motor transport regulation: For all authorized expenditures necessary to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to carry out the provisions of the Motor Carrier Act, approved August 9, 1935 (49 Stat., pp. 543-567), including one director at \$10,000 per annum and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; traveling expenses; supplies; services and equipment; not to exceed \$1,000 for purchase and exchange of books, reports, and

periodicals; contract stenographic reporting services; purchase (not to exceed \$3,250), exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles when necessary for official use in field work; \$1,700,000; of which amount not exceeding \$75,000 may be expended for rent in the District of Columbia provided Government-owned facilities are not available.

In all, salaries and expenses, Interstate Commerce Commission, \$6,922,550: *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, \$167,000, together with \$8,000 of the unexpended balance of this appropriation for the fiscal year 1935: *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, \$7,089,550.

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 \$1,158,850, 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 \$115,000 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, \$1,177,550.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Salaries and expenses: For the Archivist and for all other authorized expenditures of the National Archives in performing the duties

imposed by law, including personal services in the District of Columbia; supplies and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, including law books, and maps; contract stenographic reporting services; purchase of newspapers, periodicals, and press clippings; travel expenses, including not to exceed \$500 for the expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the work of the National Archives; maintenance and operation of motor vehicles, including not more than one passenger-carrying automobile for official use; and all other necessary expenses, \$598,000, together with \$2,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which not exceeding \$2,000 shall be immediately available for purchase of law books: *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 National Archives when the aggregate cost involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

Printing and binding: For all printing and binding for the National Archives, \$17,000.

Total, National Archives, \$615,000.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

For each and every purpose requisite for and incident to the work of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission necessary toward carrying into effect the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for the acquisition, establishment, and development of the George Washington Memorial Parkway along the Potomac from Mount Vernon and Fort Washington to the Great Falls, and to provide for the acquisition of lands in the District of Columbia and the States of Maryland and Virginia requisite to the comprehensive park, parkway, and playground system of the National Capital", approved May 29, 1930; personal services, including real estate and other technical services, at rates of pay to be fixed by the Commission and not exceeding those usual for similar services and without reference to civil-service rules and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; travel expenses; expenses of surveys and searching of titles, purchase of options, and all other costs incident to the acquisition of land, \$400,000, to remain available until expended; including \$200,000 for the acquisition of lands as authorized in section 1 (a) "For the George Washington Memorial Parkway", and \$200,000 for advances and contributions to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as provided for in section 1 (b) of the Act.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For three Board members, and for all other authorized and necessary expenditures of the National Labor Relations Board in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including rent and personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; repairs and alterations; communications; contract stenographic reporting services, and not to exceed \$300 for law books; books of reference; newspapers; periodicals; operation, maintenance, and repair of one automobile;

\$700,000: *Provided*, That the Board 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.

Printing and binding: For all printing and binding for the National Labor Relations Board in Washington and elsewhere, \$35,000.

Total, National Labor Relations Board, \$735,000.

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 contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; not to exceed \$200 for newspapers; and periodicals, \$120,000, together with \$10,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935 and \$7,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for emergency boards for the fiscal year 1936, of which amount not to exceed \$104,400 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, the unexpended balance of the appropriation available for this purpose for the fiscal year 1936 is hereby continued available for the fiscal year 1937.

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), all but \$7,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation available for this purpose for the fiscal year 1936 is hereby continued available for the fiscal year 1937.

For all printing and binding for the National Mediation Board, \$1,500, together with \$1,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

For authorized expenditures of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, in performing the duties imposed by law, including contract stenographic reporting services and supplies and equipment, \$190,000, together with \$25,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which \$50,000 shall be available only for services of referees and not more than \$101,440 may be expended for other personal services.

For all printing and binding for the National Railroad Adjustment Board, \$35,000.

Total, National Mediation Board, \$346,500.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

For salaries and expenses, Railroad Retirement Board: For three Board members and for all other authorized and necessary expenditures of the Railroad Retirement Board in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including rent and personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, traveling expenses, repairs and alterations, contract stenographic reporting services, office supplies and equipment, services, law books, books of reference, newspapers and periodicals, \$1,000,000: *Provided*, That the Board 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 does not exceed \$50.

For the payment of annuities to employees, representatives, widows, widowers or dependent next of kin of employees, as provided in sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1935 (Act Aug. 29, 1935, 49 Stat., pp. 969-970), \$46,620,000 to be immediately available.

For printing and binding for the Railroad Retirement Board, \$25,000.

Total, Railroad Retirement Board, \$47,645,000.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

For five Commissioners, and other personal services in the District of Columbia, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Securities and Exchange Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including employment of experts when necessary; contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, periodicals, newspapers 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; \$4,193,000, together with \$7,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935: *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, \$45,000.

Total, Securities and Exchange Commission, \$4,238,000.

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, \$36,330.

International exchanges: For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employ-

ees, and purchase of necessary books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$44,260.

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, \$30,850.

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, \$134,390.

Preservation of collections: For continuing preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions¹ 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, \$604,580.

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, \$55,500, of which not to exceed \$8,000 shall be available for printing the report of the American Historical Association.

Total, Smithsonian Institution, \$998,915, of which amount not to exceed \$839,740 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

TARIFF COMMISSION

For salaries and expenses of the Tariff Commission, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, pur-

¹ So in original.

chase 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), \$941,000, together with \$4,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, of which amount not to exceed \$2,500 may be expended 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, \$956,000.

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, \$86,500,000 together with \$7,000,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935: *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 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 not to exceed \$2,000 of this appropriation 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 year for which this appropriation is made 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 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 \$3,543,656 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, \$130,000: *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, \$421,920,000, together with \$14,000,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1935, to be immediately available.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1937 or in prior fiscal years, \$80,120,000 together with \$21,000,000 of the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this purpose for the fiscal years 1935 and 1936.

Hospital and domiciliary facilities: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1931 (46 Stat., p. 1550), \$4,000,000; to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

Adjusted compensation payments: To carry out the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, 1924 (Public Numbered 120, Sixty-eighth Congress), enacted May 19, 1924, as amended, and the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936 (Public Numbered 425, Seventy-fourth Congress), enacted January 27, 1936, except section 5 thereof, \$1,730,000,000 to the Adjusted Service Certificate Fund to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, and such amount as represents the face value of the bonds required to be paid to the United States Government life-insurance fund pursuant to section 5 of said Act is hereby directed to be charged to any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for transfer and deposit as a public debt receipt.

Adjusted service and dependent pay: For payment of adjusted-service credits of not more than \$50 each and the quarterly installments due to dependents of deceased veterans, as provided in the Act of May 19, 1924, as amended (U. S. C., title 38, secs. 631-632, 663, 666; U. S. C., Supp. VII, secs. 661-670), \$1,057,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

Total, Veterans' Administration, \$2,323,727,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes except for cooking purposes.

SEC. 2. To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry into effect the provisions of sections 7 to 17, inclusive, of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, approved February 29, 1936 (Public No. 461, 74th Congress), including the employment of personal services and rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, printing and binding, purchase of law books, books of reference, periodicals and newspapers, and other necessary expenses, \$440,000,000, together with not to exceed \$30,000,000 of the funds made available under the head "Payments for Agricultural Adjustment" in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936, approved February 11, 1936 (Public No. 440, 74th Congress); to be immediately available and to remain available until June 30, 1938, for compliances under said Act in the calendar year 1936: *Provided*, That no part of such amount shall be available after June 30, 1937, for salaries and other administrative expenses except for payment of obligations therefor incurred prior to July 1, 1937: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture may, in his discretion, from time to time transfer to the General Accounting Office such sums as may be necessary to pay administrative expenses of the General Accounting Office in auditing payments under this item.

SEC. 3. 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. 4. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, 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. 5. This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1937."

Approved, March 19, 1936.

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