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## INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1952

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Mr. THOMAS, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

### CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3880]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3880) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 2, 4, 11, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33, 52, 55, 56, 59, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 74, 76, 77, 84, 89, 92, 94, 95, 97, 100, 107, 111, and 115.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 5, 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 30, 31, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 57, 63, 64, 69, 70, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 90, 91, 93, 96, 99, 106, and 116, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 3:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,362,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment insert *three hundred and seventy-five*; and the Senate agree to the same.

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Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment insert *two hundred and fifteen*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 16:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$310,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$25,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$7,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 21:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 21, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$6,116,650; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 24:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 24, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,805,325; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment insert \$3,371,825; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 26:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 26, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,940,400; and the Senate agree to the same.



## Amendment numbered 32:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 32, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$104,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 44:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 44, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,010,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 46:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 46, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert the following: *That notwithstanding the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the Public Housing Administration shall not, with respect to projects initiated after March 1, 1949, authorize during the fiscal year 1952 the commencement of construction of in excess of fifty thousand dwelling units: Provided further, That the Public Housing Administration shall not, after the date of approval of this Act, authorize the construction of any projects initiated before or after March 1, 1949, in any locality in which such projects have been or may hereafter be rejected by the governing body of the locality or by public vote, unless such projects have been subsequently approved by the same procedure through which such rejection was expressed; and the Senate agree to the same.*

## Amendment numbered 47:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 47, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$9,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 51:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 51, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$8,784,935; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 58:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 58, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$49,250,000; and the Senate agree to the same.



## Amendment numbered 61:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 61, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$17,250; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 72:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 72, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert (*not to exceed one hundred and thirty-six, of which one hundred and twenty-three shall be for replacement only*); and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 73:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 73, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$238,389,600; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 75:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 75, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment insert : *Provided, That no funds appropriated for the Tennessee Valley Authority by this paragraph shall be used for the maintenance or operation of any aircraft for passenger service that is not specifically confined to the active operation of the official business of the Tennessee Valley Authority by officers or employees of such Authority*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 85:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 85, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$850,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 101:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 101, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out by said amendment insert : *Provided further, That administrative expenses not under limitation for the purposes set forth in the budget schedules for the fiscal year 1952 shall not exceed \$150,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

## Amendment numbered 103:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 103, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$4,949,000; and the Senate agree to the same.



Amendment numbered 104:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 104, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken by said amendment insert: *Provided further, That expenditures for nonadministrative expenses classified by section 2 of Public Law 387, approved October 25, 1949, shall not exceed \$23,300,000; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 105:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 105, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$12,780,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 114:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 114, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert the following:

*SEC. 605. No part of any appropriation or authorization contained in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any incumbent appointed to any civil office or position which may become vacant during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1951: Provided, That this inhibition shall not apply—*

(a) *to not to exceed 25 per centum of all vacancies;*

(b) *to positions filled from within and by transfer to agencies provided for by this Act;*

(c) *to offices or positions required by law to be filled by appointment of the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;*

(d) *to employees of the White House Office;*

(e) *to employees engaged in the care, maintenance, and so forth, of the Executive Mansion and Grounds;*

(f) *to all employees in veterans' medical facilities, exclusive of medical departmental personnel in the District of Columbia;*

(g) *to employees of the General Accounting Office;*

(h) *to employees of the Smithsonian Institution, including the National Gallery of Art;*

(i) *to employees of The Tax Court of the United States:*

*Provided further, That when any department or agency covered in this Act shall, as a result of the operation of this amendment reduce their employment to a figure not exceeding 90 per centum of the total number on their rolls as of July 1, 1951, such amendment shall cease to apply and said 90 per centum figure shall become a ceiling for employment during the fiscal year 1952 and if exceeded at any time during fiscal year 1952 this amendment shall again become operative: And provided further, That amounts for personal services, in those paragraphs where amounts for such personal services have been expressly limited in this Act, may be exceeded by 2 per centum of said limitation on personal services if said 2 per centum is available from the total amount of any such appropriation or authorization.*

And the Senate agree to the same.



The committee of conference report in disagreement amendment numbered 8, 13, 35, 39, 45, 60, 86, 87, 88, 98, 102, 108, 109, 110, 112, and 113.

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*Members on the Part of the Senate.*



## STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3880) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

#### THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

Amendment No. 1—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriates \$1,883,615 as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,585,553 as proposed by the Senate.

#### EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

Amendment No. 2—*Care, maintenance, and operation*: Appropriates \$315,600 as proposed by the House, instead of \$300,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Amendments Nos. 3 and 4—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$3,362,000, instead of \$3,412,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,134,750 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the Senate language placing a limitation on personal services.

### INDEPENDENT OFFICES

#### AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 5, 6, and 7—*Salaries and expenses*: Insert the language of the Senate authorizing the purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; appropriate \$719,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$710,400 as proposed by the House; and insert the proposal of the Senate placing a limitation of \$504,000 on funds available for personal services.

Amendment No. 8—*Construction of memorials and cemeteries*: Reported in disagreement. Funds in the bill for the construction of memorials and cemeteries are provided for such use in 1952 and subsequent years to carry forward the construction program in such manner as may be determined by the Commission to be most practicable and economical.



## ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize the purchase of 375 passenger motor vehicles, instead of 300 as proposed by the House and 450 as proposed by the Senate of which 215 shall be for replacement only, instead of 229 as proposed by the House and 200 as proposed by the Senate; appropriate \$1,139,932,750 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,168,932,750 as proposed by the Senate; and insert the amendment of the Senate placing a limit of \$25,135,000 on funds available for personal services.

Amendment No. 13—*Construction*: Reported in disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will move that the House recede and concur in this amendment, with the understanding that the requirements provided therein shall not be retroactive.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 14 and 15—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$17,500,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$17,000,000 as proposed by the House; and authorize the use of \$575,000 for travel expense as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$520,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 16—*Civil-service retirement and disability fund*: Appropriates \$310,000,000, instead of \$300,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$320,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

## COMMISSION ON RENOVATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION

Amendment No. 17—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriates \$25,000, instead of \$20,000 as proposed by the House and \$33,000 as proposed by the Senate.

## DISPLACED PERSONS COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 18 and 19—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$7,000,000, instead of \$6,195,000 as proposed by the House and \$7,500,000 as proposed by the Senate; and insert the amendment of the Senate providing that not less than \$4,375,000 shall be available for the expenses of transporting displaced persons of German ethnic origin.

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 20, 21, and 22—*Salaries and expenses*: Authorize the purchase of 10 passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate, instead of 20 as proposed by the House; appropriate \$6,116,650, instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,233,300 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the provision of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services.

## FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 23, 24, and 25—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$3,805,325 for salaries and expenses, instead of \$3,926,800 as proposed by the House and \$3,683,850 as proposed by the Senate;



insert the Senate language placing a limitation on personal services, amended to provide \$3,371,825; and authorize the purchase of one passenger motor vehicle as proposed by the Senate, instead of two as proposed by the House.

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 26 and 27—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$3,940,400, instead of \$3,891,695 as proposed by the House and \$3,989,130 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the language of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services.

#### GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Amendments Nos. 28 and 29—*Salaries*: Appropriate \$29,894,000 for salaries as proposed by the House, instead of \$30,325,000 as proposed by the Senate; and restore the language of the House authorizing the establishment of additional positions in grades 16, 17, and 18.

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Amendments Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34—*Operating expenses*: Appropriate \$104,500,000, instead of \$109,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$100,000,000 as proposed by the Senate; strike out the language of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services; delete the language of the House limiting funds available for moving of activities within the District of Columbia as proposed by the Senate; authorize the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate, instead of five as proposed by the House; and insert the provision of the Senate prohibiting the use of funds for the moving of Government agencies in the District of Columbia to accomplish the dispersal of departmental functions.

Amendment No. 35—*Purchase of typewriting machines*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 36—*Purchase and distribution of typewriting machines*: Strikes out the provision of the House in connection with this subject.

Amendment No. 37—*Renovation and improvement of Federal buildings outside the District of Columbia*: Inserts the provision of the Senate placing a limitation of \$273,150 on funds available for personal services in connection with this activity.

Amendment No. 38—*Repair, preservation, and equipment, outside the District of Columbia*: Inserts the provision of the Senate placing a limitation of \$1,661,400 on funds available for personal services under this heading.

Amendment No. 39—*Renovation and modernization, Executive Mansion*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendments Nos. 40 and 41—*Refunds under Renegotiation Act*: Insert certain amendments to the language of the paragraph as proposed by the Senate made necessary by the passage of the Renegotiation Act of 1951.

Amendments Nos. 42 and 43—*Expenses, general supply fund*: Strike out the proposal of the House authorizing the purchase of four passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate; and place a limitation of not more than \$8,201,000 on funds available for personal services as proposed by the Senate.



## HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

## OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Amendment No. 44—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriates \$3,010,000, instead of \$3,446,200 as proposed by the House and \$2,907,200 as proposed by the Senate. The increase in the Senate bill is to enable this Agency to finish certain research projects presently under way and is not intended to permit the establishment of new projects dealing with research work.

Amendment No. 45—*Salaries and expenses*: Reported in disagreement.

## PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 46—*Annual contributions*: Strikes out the proposal of the Senate, and restores the proposal of the House, amended to authorize the construction of 50,000 units, and to eliminate the provision of the House limiting to 50,000 annually the number of units authorized for commencement of construction in 1953 and subsequent years.

Amendment No. 47—*Administrative expenses*: Appropriates \$9,500,000, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$11,400,000 as proposed by the Senate.

## INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 48 and 49—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$89,600 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$90,000 as proposed by the House; and insert the provision of the Senate placing a limitation of not more than \$84,600 on funds available for personal services.

## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 50, 51, and 52—*General expenses*: Appropriate \$8,784,935, instead of \$8,569,870 as proposed by the House and \$9,000,000 as proposed by the Senate; strike out the proposal of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services; and authorize the purchase of 9 passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate instead of 19 as proposed by the House. A substantial portion of the increase allowed by the conference committee over the House figure is provided for the Bureau of Motor Carriers for purposes other than safety work. No part of the increase is for the valuation of pipelines or railroads. It is the understanding of the conferees that an increase of \$100,000 recommended in the bill as reported to the House for the Section of Certificates of the Bureau of Motor Carriers shall be applied to use by the Section of Complaints of that Bureau.

Amendment No. 53—*Railroad safety*: Inserts the provision of the Senate placing a limitation of \$743,700 on funds available for personal services.

Amendment No. 54—*Locomotive inspection*: Inserts the provision of the Senate placing a limitation of \$540,000 on funds available for personal services.



## MOTOR CARRIER CLAIMS COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 55 and 56—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$34,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$36,500 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the provision of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services.

## NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Amendments Nos. 57, 58, and 59—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$49,250,000, instead of \$48,112,980 as proposed by the House and \$51,362,500 as proposed by the Senate; strike out the provision of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services; and authorize the purchase of four passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate instead of eight as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 60—*Construction*: Reported in disagreement.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Amendments No. 61 and 62—*Land acquisition*: Provide \$17,250 for personal services, instead of \$12,000 as proposed by the House and \$22,500 as proposed by the Senate; and restore the language of the House for "or other necessary expenses" stricken from the bill by the Senate.

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 63 and 64—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$5,378,480 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$5,699,000 as proposed by the House; and insert a limitation on funds available for personal services as proposed by the Senate.

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Amendments Nos. 65 and 66—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$2,391,200 as proposed by the House, instead of \$2,363,620 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the provision of the Senate placing a limit on funds available for personal services.

Amendments Nos. 67 and 68—*Salaries and expenses, National Gallery of Art*: Appropriate \$1,154,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,089,160 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the provision of the Senate placing a limit on funds available for personal services.

## TARIFF COMMISSION

Amendments Nos. 69 and 70—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$1,144,600 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$1,259,300 as proposed by the House; and insert the proposal of the Senate placing a limit on funds available for personal services.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Amendments Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75: Appropriate \$238,389,600, instead of \$236,139,600 as proposed by the House and \$240,639,600 as proposed by the Senate; authorize the purchase of two aircraft as



proposed by the House, instead of one for replacement only as proposed by the Senate, it being the understanding of the conferees that two helicopters are to be purchased under this authorization; authorize the purchase of not to exceed 136 passenger motor vehicles of which 123 shall be for replacement only, instead of 190 of which 164 shall be for replacement only as proposed by the House, and not to exceed 82 for replacement only as proposed by the Senate; remove the limitation on funds available for personal services as proposed by the House; and insert the provision of the Senate prohibiting the use of funds for the operation and maintenance of aircraft for passenger service amended to provide that such operation and maintenance may not be provided unless the use of aircraft is confined specifically to use for official business by officers or employees of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

#### THE TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Amendments Nos. 76 and 77—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$818,000 as proposed by the House, instead of \$783,900 as proposed by the Senate; and strike out the proposal of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services.

#### VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Amendments Nos. 78, 79, 80, and 81—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$873,105,770 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$875,163,335 as proposed by the House; insert the proposal of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services other than hospital, domiciliary, and out-patient care and strike out the provision of the House placing a limitation on funds available only for medical, hospital, and domiciliary services; authorize the purchase of 37 passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate instead of 74 as proposed by the House; and authorize the use of \$7,388,000 for repair and alterations to facilities as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$6,888,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendments Nos. 82, 83, and 84—*Hospital and domiciliary facilities*: Appropriate \$27,505,080 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$27,955,440 as proposed by the House; insert the limitation of the Senate on funds available for personal services; and restore the provision of the House authorizing the purchase of additional passenger motor vehicles.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

Amendment No. 85—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriates \$850,000, instead of \$800,000 as proposed by the House and \$900,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### INDEPENDENT OFFICES—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 86—*Purchase of passenger motor vehicles*: Reported in disagreement.



## TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## MARITIME ACTIVITIES

Amendments Nos. 87 and 88—*Operating-differential subsidies*: Reported in disagreement. In connection with amendment No. 88, the conferees on the part of the House point out that for several years the committee has been urging that the monopoly which presently exists in connection with operating-differential subsidy shipping contracts be broken. The former Maritime Commission showed little inclination to break the monopoly and it is believed that the present Federal Maritime Board is favoring the monopoly. The present Maritime Board which has been in office during the past year, has approved long-term contracts covering a maximum of 379 voyages for 2 companies and there are contracts for a maximum number of 842 voyages pending for 10 companies that have not been renewed, all of which are for companies which have heretofore enjoyed long-term subsidy contracts. It is the understanding of the conferees that the Maritime Administration, both past and present, in renewing these long-term contracts have increased the minimum and the maximum number of voyages by the present holders of contracts, rather than decreasing them, to the exclusion of new applicants. The members of the conference committee insist that the number of voyages of the companies who enjoy and have enjoyed the benefits of subsidized operating-differential subsidy contracts since the inception of the law in 1937 be reduced so that other companies or individuals who have not enjoyed these benefits be permitted to do so. The managers on the part of the House will recommend that a flat limitation of 1,522 voyages be allowed. That number is in excess of the number of voyages approved in recent years by 88. These subsidized voyages have increased practically every year. The managers on the part of the House will recommend that 307 of the 1,522 voyages allowed be set aside for companies who have not participated heretofore in these subsidies. The conferees are of the opinion that it is grossly unfair for a monopoly to exist between 13 or 14 companies in this field and that the monopoly should be broken.

Amendments Nos. 89, 90, 91, and 92—*Salaries and expenses*: Appropriate \$15,651,400 as proposed by the House, instead of \$16,200,350 as proposed by the Senate; insert the provision of the Senate placing a limitation on funds available for personal services; authorize the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate, instead of five as proposed by the House; and provide \$8,029,400 for administrative expenses as proposed by the House, instead of \$8,578,350 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 93, 94, 95, and 96—*Maritime training*: Appropriate \$3,724,500 as proposed by the House, instead of \$4,108,500 as proposed by the Senate; authorize the transfer of \$69,300 as proposed by the House, instead of \$77,000 as proposed by the Senate for use by the Public Health Service in connection with services rendered the Maritime Administration; authorize the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate, instead of four as proposed by the House; and insert the words "and other trainees" as proposed by the Senate.



Amendment No. 97—*State marine schools*: Restores the provision of the House appropriating \$683,000 for such purposes in lieu of the Senate provision appropriating \$1,206,800.

Amendment No. 98—*Reimbursement for loss or damage to vessels requisitioned by the United States*: Reported in disagreement.

### TITLE III—EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE PRESIDENT

Amendment No. 99—*National defense*: Strikes out the provision of the House continuing the 1951 unexpended balance available for this purpose during the fiscal year 1952 and inserts the provision of the Senate in connection with this item.

### TITLE IV—CORPORATIONS

#### HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

Amendment No. 100—*Federal National Mortgage Association*: Authorizes the use of \$3,060,000 for expenses of this activity as proposed by the House, instead of \$3,260,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 101—*Nonadministrative expenses, Federal National Mortgage Association*: Restores the provision of the House amended to clarify the type of expense to which the limitation shall apply.

Amendment No. 102—*Prefabricated housing*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendments Nos. 103 and 104—*Federal Housing Administration*: Authorize the use of \$4,949,000 of funds available to the Administration for administrative expenses, instead of \$4,824,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,074,000 as proposed by the Senate; and restore the limitation of the House on nonadministrative expenses increased to \$23,300,000, instead of \$22,320,000 as provided in the House bill.

Amendments Nos. 105, 106, and 107—*Public Housing Administration*: Authorize the use of \$12,780,000 for the expenses of this activity including \$9,500,000 appropriated under title I of this act, instead of \$8,240,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate; authorize the purchase of three passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate, instead of seven as proposed by the House; and restore the provision of the House placing a limitation of \$33,000,000 on funds available for nonadministrative expenses.

#### INLAND WATERWAYS CORPORATION

Amendment No. 108—*Purchase of equipment*: Reported in disagreement.

#### CORPORATIONS—GENERAL PROVISION

Amendment No. 109—*Purchase of passenger motor vehicles*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 110—*Limitation on persons employed or acting as chauffeurs of Government-owned passenger motor vehicles*: Reported in disagreement.

### TITLE VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 111—*Annual leave*: Strikes out the proposal of the Senate limiting such leave to 20 days during the fiscal year 1952, it



being the understanding of the conferees that such subject is adequately covered under amendment No. 112.

Amendment No. 112—*Limitation on annual leave to civilian officers and employees*: Reported in disagreement. If changes made by this amendment in annual leave give to the "blue-collar" workers an hourly pay scale lower than that prevailing in the area as paid by private industry for the same or similar type of work, the wage board or administrative authority, having authority to adjust or fix the salaries of such employees, is directed to adjust all rates set by them to place said blue-collar workers on a parity with rates of pay in the area as paid by private industry for the same or similar type of work.

Amendment No. 113—*Publicity, propaganda, and other information personnel*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 114—*Prohibition against the appointment of personnel and reduction in funds available for personal services*: Strikes out the proposal of the Senate, and restores the proposal of the House amended to except certain agencies from its provisions and to include certain personnel and an agency originally excepted; requires the reduction of employment in agencies to 90 percent of the number on their rolls as of July 1, 1951, instead of 80 percent as originally provided; and further excepts to a maximum of 2 percent personal services where specific limitations are applied in the act and funds are available within the appropriation or authorization to permit such exception. It is the recommendation of the conferees that savings effected under this provision shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Amendment No. 115—*Appropriations or authorizations for the acquisition of passenger motor vehicles*: Strikes out the provision of the Senate in this connection, appropriate reductions having been made by the conferees in the individual items in the bill.

Amendment No. 116—Corrects the section number.

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