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[CHAPTER 359—1ST SESSION]

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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, 1948, 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, 1948, namely:

TITLE I

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for The White House Office, including compensation of the Secretary to the President, the two additional secretaries to the President and the six administrative assistants to the President at \$10,000 each, and other personal services in the District of Columbia; not to exceed \$2,000 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; automobiles; printing and binding; and travel and official entertainment expenses of the President, to be accounted for on his certificate solely, \$952,500: *Provided,* That employees of the departments and independent offices of the executive branch of the Government may be detailed from time to time to The White House Office for temporary assistance.

EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE PRESIDENT

For expenses necessary to provide additional assistance to the President and to enable him, through such agents or agencies of the Government as he shall designate, to provide for emergencies affecting the national interest or security, without regard to such provisions of law regulating the expenditure of Government funds or the employment of persons in the Government service as he shall specify, \$500,000, of which not to exceed \$70,000 may be allocated for the President's Amnesty Board, and of which \$100,000 may, when authorized by the President, be expended for objects of a confidential nature and in any such case the certificate of the expending agency as to the amount of the expenditure and that it is deemed inadvisable to specify the nature

thereof shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the sum therein expressed to have been expended: *Provided*, That no part of such fund shall be available for allocation to finance a function or project for which function or project a budget estimate of appropriation was transmitted pursuant to law during the Eightieth Congress and such appropriation denied after consideration thereof by the Senate or House of Representatives or by the Committee on Appropriations of either body.

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 and the Executive Mansion grounds, and traveling expenses, to be expended as the President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, \$202,250.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Bureau of the Budget and Federal Board of Hospitalization, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; exchange of books; newspapers and periodicals (not exceeding \$200); teletype news service (not exceeding \$900); not to exceed \$744 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; not to exceed \$32,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600) at rates not to exceed \$35 (unless a higher rate, not exceeding \$50, shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget) per diem for individuals; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; a health-service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); and the payment of claims pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act (Public Law 601); \$3,254,608.

For printing and binding, \$122,000.

No part of the appropriations herein made to the Bureau of the Budget shall be used for the maintenance or establishment of more than four regional, field, or any other offices outside the District of Columbia.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, of the Council in carrying out its functions under the Employment Act of 1946 (Public Law 304), including printing and binding, and not to exceed \$900 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; \$350,000.

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PHILIPPINE ALIEN PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION

Administrative expenses, Philippine Alien Property Administration: The Philippine Alien Property Administrator is hereby authorized to pay out of any funds or other property or interest vested in him or transferred to him, necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the powers and duties conferred on him pursuant to the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended (50 U. S. C. App.), and the Philippine Property Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 418):

Provided, That not to exceed \$440,000 shall be available for the fiscal year 1948 for the general administrative expenses of the Philippine Alien Property Administration, including the salary of the Administrator at \$10,000 per annum; printing and binding; not to exceed \$400 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; rent in the District of Columbia; employment outside the United States of persons without regard to the civil service and classification laws including temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); personal services in the District of Columbia and expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the agency: *Provided further*, That on or before November 1, 1947, the Philippine Alien Property Administrator shall make a report to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives giving detailed information on all administrative and nonadministrative expenses incurred during the fiscal year 1947, in connection with the activities of the Philippine Alien Property Administration.

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and expenses: There is hereby appropriated from the special fund account in the Treasury as provided for in the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1946, not to exceed \$257,149,270 for the fiscal year 1948 for necessary expenses of the War Assets Administration established by Executive Order 9689; for allocation or reimbursement by the War Assets Administrator to Government agencies designated by the Administrator as disposal agencies by or pursuant to the Surplus Property Act of 1944, and for payment to Government agencies designated by the Administrator for rendering special services in connection with the disposal of surplus property, in such amounts as shall be approved by the Bureau of the Budget; and for allocation or reimbursement to owning agencies for the care and handling (including pay and allowances and subsistence of military and naval personnel) of surplus property subsequent to the filing of a declaration of surplus covering such property with a disposal agency designated by the Administrator, or, if the Administrator prescribes procedures whereby declarations of surplus are made at approximately the time of disposal or removal, subsequent to notice by the owning agency to the disposal agency that property has been determined to be surplus and is subject to such procedures, such funds to be available for personal services in the District of Columbia; fees and mileage of witnesses at rates provided by law for witnesses attending in the United States courts (28 U. S. C. 600c); payment of claims pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 601); services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), and other special services and reports by contract without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; for a health service program as authorized by Public Law 658, approved August 8, 1946 (not to exceed \$154,000) acceptance and utilization of voluntary and uncompensated services; printing and binding; expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Administration; procurement in the field of supplies, equipment, reports, and services in connection

with the care, handling, and disposition of surplus property without regard to the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, upon determination by the Administrator or by any official designated by him for this purpose that such method of procurement is necessary; purchase and procurement of reports of experts or consultants or organizations thereof; advertising, including radio time; purchase of passenger motor vehicles; maintenance, operation, and repair of aircraft in the Territories and possessions in connection with disposal activities and, in the continental limits of the United States in connection with the disposition of aircraft and airports; acquisition of buildings, lands, leaseholds, and other interests therein, and temporary use thereof for the care, handling, and disposition of surplus property; payments to States or political subdivisions thereof of sums in lieu of and equivalent to taxes accruing against real property declared surplus to the Administration by Government corporations; advance of funds to Administration cashiers and collection officials upon furnishing bond, for the purpose of handling cash transactions and making change at surplus property sales: *Provided*, That any employee of the War Assets Administration is authorized, when designated for the purpose by the Administrator, to administer to or take from any person an oath, affirmation, or affidavit, when such instrument is required in connection with the performance of the functions or activities of the War Assets Administration: *Provided further*, That the Administration may procure by contract or otherwise and furnish to governmental employees and employees of Government contractors at the reasonable value thereof food, meals, subsistence, and medical supplies, emergency medical services, quarters, heat, light, household equipment, laundry service, and sanitation facilities, and erect temporary structures and make alterations in existing structures necessary for these purposes, when such employees are engaged in the disposal of surplus property, or in the preparation for such disposal, at locations where such supplies, services, equipment, or facilities are otherwise unavailable, the proceeds derived therefrom to be credited to this appropriation.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Office of Government Reports, including personal services in the District of Columbia; newspapers and periodicals (not exceeding \$500); teletype news service (not exceeding \$900); printing and binding; not to exceed \$1,000 for deposit in general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; not to exceed \$500 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); and the payment of claims pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act (Public Law 601); \$230,000: *Provided*, That no person paid from this appropriation shall receive a salary in excess of \$7,500 per annum: *Provided further*, That amounts expended under the authority of Public Law 161, Eightieth Congress, shall be deducted from the appropriation herein made for the fiscal year 1948.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; personal services in the District of Columbia; purchase and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its Territories and possessions at a cost not exceeding \$750; travel expenses; not to exceed \$50 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; the purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting; \$312,000: *Provided*, That where station allowance has been authorized by the War Department for officers of the Army serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same allowance shall be authorized for officers of the armed forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby made available for the payment of such allowance.

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, including personal services in the District of Columbia and employment of aliens; purchase of land and interests in land; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); purchase of passenger motor vehicles, including two at not to exceed \$2,500 each; purchase, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; printing and binding; health-service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); publication and dissemination of atomic information; not to exceed \$100,000 for penalty mail costs as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; payment of claims determined and settled pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 601); and purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms; \$175,000,000, of which amount there shall be available to the Commission for cancer research work such sums (not exceeding \$5,000,000) as the Commission believes can be efficiently used without duplicating the cancer research work of other public and private agencies; and of which amount \$200,000 may be expended for objects of a confidential nature and in any such case the certificate of the Commission as to the amount of the expenditure and that it is deemed inadvisable to specify the nature thereof shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the sum therein expressed to have been expended; from which appropriation transfers of sums may be made to other agencies of the Government for the performance of the work for which this appropriation is made, and in such cases the sums so transferred may be merged with the appropriation to which transferred; and in addition to the amount herein provided, the Commission is authorized to contract for the purposes of this appropriation during the fiscal year in an amount not exceeding \$250,000,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used after November 30, 1947, to pay the salary of any officer or employee (except such officers and employees whose compensation is fixed by law, and scientific and technical per-

sonnel) whose position would be subject to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, if such Act were applicable to such position, at a rate in excess of the rate payable under such Act for positions of equivalent difficulty or responsibility.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including personal services in the District of Columbia; not to exceed \$10,000 for temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); not to exceed \$10,000 for medical examinations performed for veterans by private physicians on a fee basis; traveling expenses of examiners acting under the direction of the Commission, and expenses of examinations and investigations held in Washington and elsewhere; not to exceed \$500 for payment in advance for library membership in societies whose publications are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public; not to exceed \$350,000 for printing and binding; \$12,000,000, of which not to exceed \$56,000 shall be available for performing the duties imposed upon the Civil Service Commission by the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767); not to exceed \$362,198 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; for a health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); for payment of claims under part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 601); and not to exceed \$5,000 for actuarial services by contract, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, as amended: *Provided*, 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 regional offices shall be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of the boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the Commission in Washington or of the regional directors, nor shall it affect the making of details of persons qualified to serve as expert examiners on special subjects: *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.

No part of the appropriations herein made to the Civil Service Commission shall be available for the salaries and expenses of the Legal Examining Unit in the Examining and Personnel Utilization Division of the Commission, established pursuant to Executive Order Numbered 9358 of July 1, 1943.

No part of appropriations herein shall be used to pay the compensation of officers and employees of the Civil Service Commission who allocate or reallocate supervisory positions in the classified civil service solely on the size of the group, section, bureau, or other organization unit, or on the number of subordinates supervised. References to size of the group, section, bureau, or other organization unit or the number of subordinates supervised may be given effect only to the extent warranted by the work load of such organization unit and then only in combination with other factors, such as the kind, difficulty, and complexity of work supervised, the degree and scope of responsibility

delegated to the supervisor, and the kind, degree, and value of the supervision actually exercised.

PANAMA CANAL CONSTRUCTION ANNUITY FUND

Panama Canal construction annuity fund: For payment of annuities authorized by the Act of May 29, 1944 (Public Law 319), \$1,910,000.

CIVIL-SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

For financing the liability of the United States, created by the Act approved May 22, 1920, and Acts amendatory thereof (5 U. S. C. chap. 14), \$244,000,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "civil-service retirement and disability fund".

CANAL ZONE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

For financing the liability of the United States, created by the Act approved March 2, 1931, and Acts amendatory thereof (48 U. S. C. 1371n), \$1,177,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "Canal Zone retirement and disability fund".

ALASKA RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

For financing the liability of the United States created by the Act approved June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2017), \$217,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "Alaska Railroad retirement and disability fund."

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses in performing the duties imposed by the Communications Act of 1934, approved June 19, 1934 (48 Stat. 1064), the Ship Act of 1910, approved June 24, 1910, as amended (46 U. S. C. 484-487,) the International Radiotelegraphic Convention (45 Stat., pt. 2, p. 2760), Executive Order 3513, dated July 9, 1921, as amended under date of June 30, 1934, relating to applications for submarine cable licenses, and the radiotelegraphy provisions of the Convention for Promoting Safety of Life at Sea, ratified by the President July 7, 1936, including contract stenographic reporting services, special counsel fees, health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658), improvement and care of grounds and repairs to buildings (not to exceed \$17,500), purchase of eighteen passenger motor vehicles, travel expenses (not to exceed \$122,500), not to exceed \$18,600 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1944 (Public Law 364), reimbursements to ships of the United States for charges incurred by such ships in transmitting information in compliance with section 357 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, \$6,200,000, of which amount not to exceed \$3,612,500 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Printing and binding: For printing and binding for the Federal Communications Commission, \$40,000.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the work of the Commission as authorized by law except for the work authorized by the Act of June 28, 1938 (33 U. S. C. 701j), and sections 10 and 12 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (Public Law 534) authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes, including the health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); payment of claims under part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 601); purchase of five and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$3,590,000; of which amount not to exceed \$2,082,000 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia exclusive of not to exceed \$10,000 for special counsel and temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), but at rates not exceeding \$35 (unless a higher rate, not exceeding \$50, shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget) per diem for individuals.

Flood-control surveys: For expenses necessary for the work of the Commission as authorized by the Act of June 28, 1938 (33 U. S. C. 701j), and sections 10 and 12 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (Public Law 534), including contract stenographic reporting services; \$266,500, of which amount not to exceed \$114,900 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For printing and binding, including engraving, lithographing, and photolithographing, \$54,000.

Penalty mail costs: For deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944, \$7,500.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including personal services in the District of Columbia; health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); payment of claims determined and settled pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act (Act of August 2, 1946, Public Law 601); contract stenographic reporting services; newspapers not to exceed \$500; not to exceed \$8,000 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1944; and purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; \$2,900,120, of which not less than \$228,695 shall be available for the enforcement of the Wool Products Labeling Act: *Provided*, That no part of the funds appropriated herein for the Federal Trade Commission shall be expended upon any investigation hereafter provided by concurrent resolution of the Congress until funds are appropriated subsequently to the enactment of such resolution to finance the cost of such investigation.

Printing and binding: For all printing and binding for the Federal Trade Commission, \$55,000.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Salaries and expenses: For salaries and expenses in the Office of the Administrator in the District of Columbia, including the salaries

of an Assistant Administrator and a general counsel at \$10,000 each per annum; printing and binding (not to exceed \$6,000); purchase of newspapers and periodicals (not to exceed \$150); health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); preparation, shipment, and installation of photographic displays, exhibits, and other descriptive materials; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle (not to exceed \$2,500); travel expenses; not to exceed \$4,000 for temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600) but at rates for individuals not in excess of \$35 (unless a higher rate, not exceeding \$50, shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget) per diem; \$344,540.

Public Works Administration liquidation: The funds made available for "Public Works Administration liquidation" by the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1944, as amended by the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1945, the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1946, and the Third Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1946, are hereby continued available until June 30, 1948, of which not to exceed \$33,000 shall be available for administrative expenses during the fiscal year 1948.

Penalty mail costs: For deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail of the Federal Works Agency as required by the Act of June 28, 1944, \$30,000.

Damage claims: For claims arising from the activity of the Federal Works Agency, determined and settled pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, \$10,000.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION

For carrying into effect the provisions of the Public Buildings Acts, as provided in section 6 of the Act of May 30, 1908 (31 U. S. C. 683), and for the repair, preservation, and upkeep of all completed public buildings under the control of the Federal Works Agency, the mechanical equipment and the grounds thereof, and sites acquired for buildings, and for the operation of certain completed and occupied buildings under the control of the Federal Works Agency, including furniture and repairs thereof, but exclusive, with respect to operation, of buildings of the United States Coast Guard, of hospitals, quarantine stations, and other Public Health Service buildings, mints, bullion depositories, and assay offices, and buildings operated by the Treasury and Post Office Departments in the District of Columbia:

General administrative expenses: For necessary expenses of the Public Buildings Administration, including personal services in the District of Columbia, and printing and binding (not to exceed \$32,500); ground rent of the Federal buildings at Salamanca, New York, and Columbus, Mississippi, for which payment may be made in advance; \$2,160,500: *Provided*, That the foregoing appropriations shall not be available for the cost of surveys, plaster models, progress photographs, test pits and borings, or mill and shop inspections, but the cost thereof shall be construed to be chargeable against the construction appropriations of the respective projects to which they relate.

Repair, preservation, and equipment, outside the District of Columbia: For the repair, alteration, improvement, preservation, and equip-

ment, not otherwise provided for, of completed Federal buildings, the grounds and approaches thereof, wharves, and piers, together with the necessary dredging adjacent thereto, and care and safeguarding of sites acquired for Federal buildings and of surplus real property, the custody of which is the responsibility of the Public Buildings Administration under the Act of August 27, 1935, pending sale or disposition; the demolition of buildings thereon; the purchase and repair of equipment and fixtures in buildings under the administration of the Federal Works Agency; and for changes in, maintenance of, and repairs to the pneumatic-tube system in New York City installed under franchise of the city of New York, approved June 29, 1909, and June 11, 1928, and the payment of any obligations arising thereunder in accordance with the provisions of the Acts approved August 5, 1909 (36 Stat. 120), and May 15, 1928 (45 Stat. 533); \$10,000,000: *Provided*, That the total expenditures for the fiscal year for the repair and preservation of buildings not reserved by the vendors on sites acquired for buildings or the enlargement of buildings and the installation and repair of the mechanical equipment thereof shall not exceed 20 per centum of the annual rental of such buildings.

Salaries and expenses, public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia and adjacent area: For expenses necessary for the administration, protection, maintenance, and improvement of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia and the area adjacent thereto, maintained and operated by the Public Buildings Administration, including repair, preservation, and equipment of buildings operated by the Treasury and Post Office Departments in the District of Columbia; rent of buildings; demolition of buildings; expenses incident to moving various executive departments and establishments in connection with the assignment, allocation, transfer, and survey of building space; traveling expenses; health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles; furnishings and equipment; arms and ammunition for the guard force; purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms for guards and elevator conductors; \$29,715,000: *Provided*, That all furniture now owned by the United States in other public buildings or in buildings rented by the United States shall be used, so far as practicable, whether or not it corresponds with the present regulation plan for furniture.

Salaries and expenses, public buildings and grounds outside the District of Columbia: For expenses necessary for the administration, operation, protection, and maintenance of public buildings and grounds outside the District of Columbia maintained and operated by the Public Buildings Administration, including cleaning, heating, lighting, rental of buildings and equipment, supplies, materials, furnishings and equipment, personal services in the District of Columbia, arms, ammunition, uniforms for guards and elevator conductors, expenses incident to moving Government agencies in connection with the assignment, allocation, and transfer of building space, the restoration of leased premises, \$20,608,000: *Provided*, That all furniture now owned by the United States in other public buildings or in buildings rented by the United States shall be used, so far as practicable, whether or not it corresponds with the present regulation plan for furniture.

Under the appropriations for salaries and expenses, public buildings

and grounds in and outside the District of Columbia, per diem employees may be paid at rates approved by the Commissioner of Public Buildings not exceeding current rates for similar services in the place where such services are employed, and such employees in emergencies may be entered on duty subject to confirmation by the Federal Works Administrator.

The appropriations for salaries and expenses, public buildings and grounds in and outside the District of Columbia, shall be available for printing and binding and for communication services serving one or more governmental activities, and for services to motor vehicles, and where such services, together with quarters, maintenance, or other services, are furnished on a reimbursable basis to any governmental activity, such activity shall make payment therefor promptly by check upon the request of the Public Buildings Administration, either in advance or after the service has been furnished, for deposit to the credit of the applicable appropriation, of all or part of the estimated or actual cost thereof, as the case may be, proper adjustment upon the basis of actual cost to be made for services paid for in advance.

Return of departmental functions to the seat of government: For all expenses, including personal services in the District of Columbia and travel and other expenses of the Public Buildings Administration incident thereto, necessary to provide for the transfer to the seat of government of such bureaus, offices, agencies, or activities of the Federal Government as are designated from time to time by the President, which were removed from, or established at places other than, the seat of government by reason of the national emergency, including the expenses of travel of employees transferred; transportation of immediate families of employees; the expenses of packing, crating, drayage, transportation, temporary storage, unpacking, and uncrating of household goods and personal effects, in accordance with regulations approved by the President; and the payment to employees of special allowances at \$5 per day after arrival at destination for six days for employees, plus \$2.50 per day additional for six days for each member of immediate families of employees; \$900,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That removal to the seat of government of Government-owned or leased furniture, equipment, supplies, and other property and household goods and personal effects of employees, and costs of restoration of leased office space when required, may be accomplished without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes: *Provided further*, That such sums as may be determined by the Commissioner of Public Buildings to be necessary therefor may be transferred to other agencies concerned for the payment to the transferred employees of the allowances mentioned herein.

Site and building, west central heating plant, Washington, District of Columbia: For an additional amount for "Site and building, west central heating plant, Washington, District of Columbia", including the objects specified under this head in the First Supplemental Civil Functions Appropriation Act, 1941, and as authorized by the Acts of December 23, 1941 (Public Law 371), and June 14, 1946 (Public Law 413), \$1,250,000, to remain available until expended.

Hospital center, District of Columbia: For preliminary expenses, including acquisition of site, necessary in carrying out the provisions

of the Act of August 7, 1946 (Public Law 648), \$1,700,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That if the site selected by the Federal Works Administrator is under Government ownership, said site shall be transferred to the said Administrator, without exchange of funds.

National Institute of Mental Health: For the acquisition of site or sites, the preparation of drawings and specifications, and the performance of other work for the accomplishment thereof for the National Institute of Mental Health, as authorized by section 11 of the Act of July 3, 1946 (Public Law 487), \$850,000, to remain available until expended.

Funds available to the Public Building Administration for construction shall be available for temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), at rates for individuals not in excess of \$35 (unless a higher rate, not exceeding \$50, shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget) per diem.

PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION

General administrative expenses: For the employment of persons and means, including rent, advertising (including advertising in the city of Washington for work to be performed in areas adjacent thereto), printing and binding (not to exceed \$49,600), purchase of periodicals, purchase of one hundred passenger motor vehicles, health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658), and the preparation, distribution, and display of exhibits, in the city of Washington and elsewhere for the purpose of conducting research and investigational studies, either independently or in cooperation with State highway departments, or other agencies, including studies of highway administration, legislation, finance, economics, transport, construction, operation, maintenance, utilization, and safety, and of street and highway traffic control; investigations and experiments in the best methods of road making, especially by the use of local materials; and studies of types of mechanical plants and appliances used for road building and maintenance, and of methods of road repair and maintenance suited to the needs of different localities; for maintenance and repairs of experimental highways; for furnishing expert advice on these subjects; for collating, reporting, and illustrating the results of same; and for preparing, publishing, and distributing bulletins and reports; to be paid from any moneys available from the administrative funds provided under the Act of July 11, 1916, as amended (23 U. S. C. 21), or as otherwise provided.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY SYSTEM

For carrying out the provisions of "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes", as amended (23 U. S. C. 1-117), including personal services in the District of Columbia, \$10,288,854, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, which sum is composed of \$5,000,000, the remainder of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1943 by section 1 of the Act approved September 5, 1940 (Public Law 780), and \$3,171,950

and \$2,116,904, the latter sums being for the reimbursement of the sums expended for the repair or reconstructin of highways and bridges which have been damaged or destroyed by floods, hurricanes, or landslides, as provided for by section 3 of the Act approved June 18, 1934 (Public Law 393), and by section 7 of the Act approved July 13, 1943 (Public Law 146): *Provided*, That none of the money herein appropriated shall be paid to any State on account of any project on which convict labor shall be employed, except this provision shall not apply to convict labor performed by convicts on parole or probation: *Provided further*, That, during the fiscal year 1948, whenever performing authorized engineering or other services in connection with the survey, construction, and maintenance, or improvement of roads for other Government agencies, cooperating foreign countries and State cooperating agencies the charge for such services may include depreciation on engineering and road-building equipment used, and the amounts received on account of such charges shall be credited to the appropriation concerned: *Provided further*, That during the fiscal year 1948 the appropriations for the work of the Public Roads Administration shall be available for meeting the expenses of warehouse maintenance and the procurement, care, and handling of supplies, materials, and equipment stored therein for distribution to projects under the supervision of the Public Roads Administration, and for sale and distribution to other Government activities, cooperating foreign countries and State cooperating agencies, the cost of such supplies and materials or the value of such equipment (including the cost of transportation and handling) to be reimbursed to appropriations current at the time additional supplies, materials, or equipment are procured, from the appropriation chargeable with the cost or value of such supplies, materials, or equipment: *Provided further*, That the appropriations available to the Public Roads Administration may be used in emergency for medical supplies and services and other assistance necessary for the immediate relief of employees engaged on hazardous work under that Administration, and (not exceeding \$15,000) for temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), but at rates for individuals not in excess of \$35 (unless a higher rate, not exceeding \$50, shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget) per diem.

For all necessary expenses to enable the President to utilize the services of the Public Roads Administration in fulfilling the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Pan-American Highway Between the United States and Other American Republics, signed at Buenos Aires, December 23, 1936, and proclaimed September 16, 1937 (51 Stat. 152), for the continuation of cooperation with several governments, members of the Pan American Union, in connection with the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway as provided in public resolution, approved March 4, 1929 (Public Resolution 104), as amended or supplemented, and for performing engineering service in pan-American countries for and upon the request of any agency or governmental corporation of the United States, \$100,000 to be derived from the administrative funds provided under the Act of July 11, 1916, as amended or supplemented (23 U. S. C. 21), or as otherwise provided.

FEDERAL-AID SECONDARY OR FEEDER ROADS

For secondary or feeder roads, including farm-to-market roads, rural-free-delivery mail roads, and public-school bus routes, \$3,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, which sum is the remainder of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1943, by section 2 of the Act approved September 5, 1940 (Public Law 780). Any funds, not exceeding \$11,000,000, heretofore apportioned to any State and unobligated may be used to pay the State's pro rata for any projects on the Federal aid and Federal aid secondary roads approved under the provisions of section 3 of Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 993), section 4, Act of June 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 633), and section 7 of Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 560).

FEDERAL-AID POSTWAR HIGHWAYS

For carrying out the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 (Public Law 521), \$247,711,146, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, which sum is a part of the \$500,000,000 authorized to be appropriated for the first postwar fiscal year by section 2 of said Act.

PUBLIC-LANDS HIGHWAYS

For the survey, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of main roads through unappropriated or unreserved public lands, non-taxable Indian lands, or other Federal reservations other than the forest reservations, under the Act of June 24, 1930 (23 U. S. C. 3), \$3,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, which sum is composed of \$1,000,000, the remainder of the amount authorized for the fiscal year 1941 by section 6 of the Act of June 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 635); \$500,000, the remainder of the amount authorized for the fiscal year 1942 by section 7 of the Act of September 5, 1940 (54 Stat. 869); and \$1,500,000, the amount authorized for the fiscal year 1943 by said section 7.

War and emergency damage, Territory of Hawaii: In addition to the amount appropriated under this head in the First Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1947, the Public Roads Administration is authorized to enter into contracts for the purpose of said appropriation in an amount not exceeding \$2,000,000.

BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Public works advance planning: Not to exceed \$895,000 of the unobligated balance on June 30, 1947, of the funds made available for public works advance planning under title V of the War Mobilization and Reconversion Act of 1944 shall be available during the fiscal year 1948 for administrative expenses incident to the liquidation of the activity for which said funds were appropriated, including the objects specified under this head in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1946.

Virgin Islands public works: For an additional amount to carry out the provisions of the Act of December 20, 1944 (Public Law 510), \$1,707,687, to be immediately available.

War public works (community facilities) liquidation: For administrative expenses necessary during the fiscal year 1948 for the liquidation of all activities under titles II, III, and IV of the Act of October 14, 1940, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1531-1534, 1541, and 1562), including personal services and rents in the District of Columbia; printing and binding; health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); not to exceed \$500,000 of the unobligated balances of the funds heretofore appropriated for carrying out the provisions of titles II, III, and IV of the Act of October 14, 1940, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1531-1534, 1541, and 1562), of which amount \$50,000 shall be for payment for accumulated and accrued leave of employees separated from the Government service due to said liquidation.

Veterans' educational facilities: The limitation on the amount for administrative expenses under this head in the Third Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1946, as supplemented by the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1947, is hereby increased from \$3,100,000 to \$3,750,000, of which amount \$395,000 shall be used exclusively for payment for accumulated and accrued leave.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: For personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$34,500,000.

Miscellaneous expenses: For necessary expenses, including purchase of one passenger motor vehicle, \$1,717,000, of which not to exceed \$62,000 shall be available for deposit in the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944.

Printing and binding: For printing and binding, including monthly and annual editions of selected decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States, \$300,000.

Appropriations for the General Accounting Office shall be available for a health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658), and for payment of claims pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 601).

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

General expenses: For expenses necessary in performing the functions vested by law in the Commission (49 U. S. C. 1-24, 301-327, 901-923, 1001-1022), except those otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, and for general administration, including one chief counsel, one director of finance, one director of motor transport, and one director of traffic, at \$10,000 each per annum; not to exceed \$50,000 for the employment of special counsel; contract stenographic reporting services; personal services in the District of Columbia; newspapers (not to exceed \$200); health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); and purchase of thirty-five passenger automobiles; \$9,000,000: *Provided*, That Joint Board members and cooperating State commissioners may use Government transportation requests when traveling in connection with their duties as such: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$5,000 may be used for the purchase of evidence in connection with investigations of apparent violations of part II of the Interstate Commerce Act.

Railroad safety: For expenses necessary in performing functions authorized by law (45 U. S. C. 1-15, 17-21, 35-46, 61-64; 49 U. S. C. 26) to insure a maximum of safety in the operation of railroads, including authority to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, including those pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and the Sundry Civil Act of May 27, 1908 (45 U. S. C. 35-37), and to require carriers by railroad subject to the Act to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices as prescribed by the Commission (49 U. S. C. 26), including the employment of inspectors, engineers, and personal services in the District of Columbia, \$908,000.

Locomotive inspection: For expenses necessary in the enforcement 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", as amended (45 U. S. C. 22-34), including personal services in the District of Columbia, \$605,000.

Printing and binding: For all printing and binding for the Interstate Commerce Commission, including not to exceed \$17,000 to print and furnish to the States, at cost, blank annual report forms of common carriers, \$200,000.

Penalty mail costs: For deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail of the Interstate Commerce Commission as required by section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1944 (Public Law 364), \$30,000.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

For necessary expenses of the Committee, including contracts, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, as amended, for the making of special investigations and reports and for engineering and drafting services; traveling expenses of members and for examination of estimates of appropriations and activities in the field; equipment, maintenance, and operation of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory, the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, and the Flight Propulsion Research Laboratory at Cleveland, Ohio; purchase and maintenance of cafeteria equipment; purchase of one (not to exceed \$15,000) and maintenance and operation of aircraft; purchase of eleven passenger motor vehicles of which nine shall be for replacement; not to exceed \$492,000 for personal services in the District of Columbia, including one Director of Aeronautical Research at not to exceed \$10,000 per annum and \$2,000 additional so long as the position is held by the present incumbent; not to exceed \$6,500 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail by the Act of June 28, 1944; not to exceed \$10,000 for temporary or intermittent services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), at not to exceed \$35 (unless a higher rate, not exceeding \$50, shall be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget) per diem for individuals; including \$3,000 for claims deter-

mined and settled pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act; and a health service program for employees as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); in all, \$33,490,000: *Provided*, That statutory provisions prohibiting the payment of compensation to aliens shall not apply to any person whose employment by the Committee shall be determined by the Chairman thereof to be necessary: *Provided further*, That aircraft and parts, equipment, and supplies may be transferred to the Committee by the Army and Navy without reimbursement.

For printing and binding, \$80,000.

For construction and equipment at laboratories and research stations of the Committee, \$2,400,000, to be available until June 30, 1948: *Provided*, That in addition to said appropriation the Committee may, prior to July 1, 1948, enter into contracts for the same purpose to an amount not in excess of \$2,143,000.

Construction, Langley Field, Virginia: For an additional amount for "Construction, Langley Field, Virginia", \$5,805,000, which amount shall be available immediately.

Construction, Cleveland, Ohio: For an additional amount for "Construction, Cleveland, Ohio", \$1,674,000, which amount shall be available immediately.

The unexpended balances of the funds advanced to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics from the appropriation "Aviation, Navy", for the fiscal year 1945, for construction and equipment of a wind tunnel at Moffett Field, California, shall remain available during the fiscal year 1948 for the liquidation of obligations incurred prior to June 30, 1947.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Archivist and the National Archives; including personal services in the District of Columbia; scientific, technical, first-aid, protective, and other apparatus and materials for the arrangement, titling, scoring, repair, processing, editing, duplication, reproduction, and authentication of photographic and other records (including motion-picture and other films and sound recordings) in the custody of the Archivist; contract stenographic reporting services; not to exceed \$100 for payment in advance when authorized by the Archivist for library membership in societies whose publications are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public; not to exceed \$650 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; and travel expenses; \$1,241,335, of which \$1,000 is for claims determined and settled pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any employee of grade 5 or above in the professional service or of grade 11 or above in the clerical, administrative, and fiscal service who was originally appointed in the National Archives to a war-service appointment, except a presently employed veteran of either World War or a member of the active or inactive reserve of the armed forces.

Printing and binding: For all printing and binding, \$20,000.

NATIONAL CAPITAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

For the maintenance and operation of properties under title I of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Authority Act, \$21,300: *Provided*, That all receipts derived from sales, leases, or other sources shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States monthly.

Penalty mail costs: For deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail of the National Capital Housing Authority as required by the Act of June 28, 1944, \$750.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Land acquisition, National Capital and metropolitan area: For necessary expenses for the National Capital Park and Planning Commission in connection with the acquisition of land for the park, parkway, and playground system of the National Capital, as authorized by the Act of May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 482), and amendment of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 699); temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), including real estate appraisers at rates of pay or fees not to exceed those usual for similar services; purchase of options and other costs incident to the acquisition of land not to exceed \$30 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; and purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; \$279,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, \$200,000 of said sum for carrying out the provisions of section 1 (a) of said Act; and \$79,000 for carrying out the provisions of section 4 of said Act.

District of Columbia redevelopment: For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of sections 3k, 6, and 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 592), including temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); not to exceed \$50 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail for the fiscal years 1947 and 1948 as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; \$75,000, to remain available until expended.

PHILIPPINE WAR DAMAGE COMMISSION

Philippine War Damage Commission: For carrying out the provisions of title I of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, fiscal year 1948, \$70,000,000, to remain available until April 30, 1951, of which not to exceed \$1,900,000 shall be for necessary expenses of the Philippine War Damage Commission for the fiscal year 1948, including personal services in the District of Columbia; purchase of eighteen passenger motor vehicles, including three busses, which may be used for the transportation of members and employees of the Commission from their residences to Commission offices in the Philippines; printing and binding without regard to section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U. S. C. 111); temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); and not to exceed \$200 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1944 (Public Law

364) : *Provided*, That no payment shall be made under the provisions of such title of such Act to any person who, by a civil or military court having jurisdiction, has been found guilty of collaborating with the enemy or of any act involving disloyalty to the United States or the Commonwealth of the Philippines: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for engaging in any phase of activity or for undertaking any phase of activity authorized by the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 which would result in obligating the Government of the United States in any sense or respect to the future payment of amounts in excess of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in such Act.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including personal services in the District of Columbia; health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); payment of claims determined and settled pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act (Act of August 2, 1946, Public Law 601); not to exceed \$1,150 for the purchase of newspapers; temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); and not to exceed \$20,000 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; \$5,688,700.

For all printing and binding for the Securities and Exchange Commission, \$50,000.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Salaries and expenses, Smithsonian Institution: For all necessary expenses for the preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government and from other sources; for the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries; for anthropological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii and the excavation and preservation of archeological remains; for maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory and making necessary observations in high altitudes; for the administration of the National Collection of Fine Arts; for the administration, and for the construction and maintenance, of laboratory and other facilities on Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone, under the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1940, as amended by the provisions of Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1946; for the planning of a national air museum as authorized by the Act of August 12, 1946 (Public Law 722); including personal services in the District of Columbia and not to exceed \$35,000 for temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600); traveling expenses; not to exceed \$5,000 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; printing and binding, not exceeding \$150,000, of which not to exceed \$16,800 shall be available for printing the report of the American Historical Association; purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms for guards and elevator conductors; repairs and alterations of buildings and approaches; not exceeding \$5,500 for preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications; \$1,800,312.

Salaries and expenses, National Gallery of Art: For the upkeep and operation of the National Gallery of Art, the protection and care of the works of art therein, and administrative expenses incident thereto, as authorized by the Act of March 24, 1937 (50 Stat. 51), as amended by the public resolution of April 13, 1939 (Public Resolution 9, Seventy-sixth Congress), including personal services in the District of Columbia; health-service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); traveling expenses; not to exceed \$1,500 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944; not to exceed \$250 for payment in advance when authorized by the treasurer of the Gallery for membership in library, museum, and art associations or societies whose publications or services are available to members only, or to members at a price lower than to the general public; purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms for guards and elevator operators; not to exceed \$6,300 for printing and binding; purchase or rental of devices and services for protecting buildings and contents thereof; and maintenance and repair of buildings, approaches, and grounds; \$949,426: *Provided*, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, shall not apply to the restoration and repair of works of art for the National Gallery of Art, the cost of which shall not exceed \$15,000.

TARIFF COMMISSION

For necessary expenses of the Tariff Commission, including personal services in the District of Columbia, subscriptions to newspapers not to exceed \$250, health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658), contract stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), and not to exceed \$1,500 for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944, \$1,128,349: *Provided*, 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 printing and binding, \$20,000.

THE TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including contract stenographic reporting services, \$754,700, of which not to exceed \$675 shall be available for deposit in the Treasury for costs of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944: *Provided*, That travel expenses of the judges shall be paid upon the written certificate of the judge.

Printing and binding: For printing and binding, \$17,500.

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION

The construction fund established by the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, shall be available during the fiscal year 1948 for administrative

expenses of the United States Maritime Commission, including personal services at the seat of government; printing and binding; newspapers and periodicals, not to exceed \$2,000; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle at not to exceed \$1,500: *Provided*, That the following limitations shall apply to obligations from such fund:

Personal services, \$8,000,000;

Administrative expenses, other than personal services, \$795,000;

New ship construction, and not exceeding \$15,000,000 for reconditioning and betterment, fiscal years 1947 and 1948, \$99,000,000;

Reconversion of vessels, \$100,000: *Provided*, That the Commission may make allowances to purchasers of vessels for cost of putting such vessels in class, such allowances to be determined on the basis of competitive bids, without regard to the provisions of the last paragraph of section 3 (d) of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946;

Maintenance of shipyard facilities, \$800,000;

Operation of warehouses, \$849,180;

Operating-differential subsidies, \$10,000,000;

Reserve fleet expense, \$10,000,000;

Maintenance and operation of terminals, \$561,000;

Miscellaneous expenses, \$500,000;

Cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944, for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury, \$60,000;

Entertainment of officials of other countries when specifically authorized by the Chairman, \$1,125;

Services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), \$18,750.

Funds available to the Commission shall be available for payment of claims under part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 601).

Except as hereinbefore provided no obligation shall be incurred against such construction fund during the fiscal year 1948 and the expenditures from such fund during the fiscal year 1948 shall not exceed \$208,206,774.

The balance of such fund in addition to such amount of \$208,206,774, as of June 30, 1947, shall be carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury. All receipts which otherwise would be deposited to the credit of such construction fund during the fiscal year 1948 shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Whenever, in connection with any transaction involving the sale, purchase, or requisition of any vessel, the United States shall be or become obligated to pay any sum to the other party to the transaction and said other party shall be or is indebted to the United States on account of any transaction involving the sale, purchase, or requisition of any vessel the amount so owing to the United States shall be deducted from the amount due the other party, and no officer or employee of the Government shall pay to such other party a sum greater than the net amount owing the other party.

Maritime training: For the training of personnel for the manning of the merchant marine and for administrative expenses (not to exceed \$250,000) including personal services in the District of Columbia; expenses of attendance when specifically authorized by the Chairman, at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Commission; and printing and binding; \$7,320,000 of which not to exceed

\$2,500 shall be available for contingencies for the Superintendent, United States Merchant Marine Academy, to be expended in his discretion; not to exceed \$64,000 for transfer to applicable appropriations of the Public Health Service for services rendered the Commission; and for a health service program as authorized by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658).

State marine schools: To reimburse the State of California, \$50,000; the State of Maine, \$50,000; the State of Massachusetts, \$50,000; the State of New York, \$50,000; and the State of Pennsylvania, \$50,000; for expenses incurred in the maintenance and support of marine schools in such States as provided in the Act authorizing the establishment of marine schools, and so forth, approved March 4, 1911, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1121-1123); and for the maintenance and repair of vessels loaned by the United States to the said States for use in connection with such State marine schools, \$200,000; in all, \$450,000.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services: For necessary expenses of the Veterans' Administration, including maintenance and operation of medical, hospital, and domiciliary services, in carrying out the functions pursuant to all laws for which the Administration is charged with administering, including personal services in the District of Columbia; examination of estimates of appropriations in the field, including actual expenses of subsistence or per diem allowance in lieu thereof; furnishing and laundering of such wearing apparel as may be prescribed for employees in the performance of their official duties; health service program as authorized by Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 658); purchase of three hundred and twenty-three passenger motor vehicles; utilization of Government-owned automotive equipment in transporting children of Veterans' Administration employees located at isolated stations to and from school under such limitations as the Administrator may by regulation prescribe; services as authorized by section 15 of Public Law 600, Seventy-ninth Congress; maintenance and operation of farms; recreational articles and facilities at institutions maintained by the Veterans' Administration; expenses incidental to securing employment for war veterans; funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental thereto for beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration except burial awards authorized by Veterans' Administration Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended; the purchase of tobacco to be furnished, subject to regulations of the Administrator, to veterans receiving hospital treatment or domiciliary care in Veterans' Administration hospitals or homes; aid to State or Territorial homes in conformity with the Act approved August 27, 1888, as amended (24 U. S. C. 134), for the support of veterans eligible for admission to Veterans' Administration facilities for hospital or domiciliary care; the purchase of printed reduced-fare requests for use by veterans when traveling at their own expense from or to Veterans' Administration facilities; not to exceed \$3,500 for newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed \$120,200 for the preparation, shipment, installation, and display of exhibits, photographic displays, moving pictures, and other visual educational information and descriptive material, including the purchase or rental of equipment; \$898,040,780, from which

allotments and transfers may be made to the Federal Security Agency (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: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay in excess of one hundred persons engaged in public relations work: *Provided further*, That 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 \$7,807,000 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.

Printing and binding: For printing and binding, \$7,000,000.

Penalty mail costs: For deposit in the general fund of the Treasury for cost of penalty mail as required by the Act of June 28, 1944, \$3,900,000.

Damage claims: For claims determined and settled pursuant to part 2 of the Federal Tort Claims Act, \$26,500.

Administrative facilities: For the acquisition of sites and the construction of regional office buildings, \$3,100,000, to be available until expended: *Provided*, That the acquisition of the sites, and the preparation of the plans and specifications and construction, shall be under the supervision of the Public Buildings Administration, for which reimbursement may be made from this appropriation.

Pensions: For the payment of compensation, pensions, gratuities, and allowances (including subsistence allowances authorized by part VII of Veterans Regulation 1a, as amended), authorized under any Act of Congress, or regulation of the President based thereon, including emergency officers' retirement pay and annuities, the administration of which is now or may hereafter be placed in the Veterans' Administration, \$2,171,915,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

Readjustment benefits: For the payment of benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by titles II, III, and V, of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, \$3,719,860,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

Military and naval insurance: For military and naval insurance, \$11,150,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

For hospital and domiciliary facilities, in addition to the unobligated balances of other appropriations for this purpose, and to the unobligated balance of the contract authority of \$441,250,000 in the Third Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1946 (which authority is hereby extended to July 1, 1949), the Administrator is authorized to incur obligations prior to July 1, 1949, in an amount not exceeding \$338,250,000, which shall be available for use, with the approval of the President, for extending any of the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 1 and 2 of the Act approved March 4, 1931 (38 U. S. C.

438j-k) or in section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944: *Provided*, That not to exceed 6.7 per centum of the foregoing appropriation and contract authorizations shall be available for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the field of all necessary technical and clerical personnel for the preparation of plans and specifications for the projects as approved hereunder and in the supervision of the execution thereof, and for all travel expenses, field office equipment, and supplies in connection therewith, except that whenever the Veterans' Administration finds it necessary in the construction of any project to employ other Government agencies or persons outside the Federal service to perform such services not to exceed 10 per centum of the cost of such projects may be expended for such services: *Provided further*, That no part of the funds appropriated in this bill or any funds heretofore made available, including contract authorizations, shall be used for the purchase or condemnation of the site or for the erection of a hospital on the tract of land in Arlington County, Virginia, known as the A. M. Nevius Tract, situated at the intersection of Lee Boulevard and Arlington Ridge Road, containing approximately 25.406 acres; or for the purchase or condemnation of a site or erection of a hospital in Tallahassee, Florida, until the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives has investigated and given final approval.

Operation of canteens: For expenses necessary for carrying out the provisions of the Act of August 7, 1946 (Public Law 636), \$965,000, which shall be available to provide adequate working capital for each canteen and for the Service as a whole for (a) the acquisition of necessary furniture, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of canteens, warehouses, and storage depots, (b) for the procurement of merchandise, supplies, and services for sale at canteens at stations of the Veterans' Administration, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and (c) for the employment of personnel and other expenses necessary for the operation of the canteens: *Provided*, That the amount appropriated and the proceeds of canteen operations shall be deposited in the Treasury or other depositories selected by the Administrator in a special account which shall be available for the continued operation of canteens.

National service life insurance: For the payment of benefits and for transfer to the national service life insurance fund, in accordance with the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, \$62,217,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That certain premiums shall be credited to this appropriation as provided by the Act.

Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief: For payment of claims as authorized by article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act amendments of 1942, \$833,000, to be immediately and continuously available until expended: *Provided*, That any moneys received as repayment of debts incurred under said article IV shall be credited to this appropriation.

Veterans' miscellaneous benefits: For the payment of burial awards authorized by Veterans' Administration Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended, and for supplies, equipment, and tuition authorized by part VII of Veterans' Administration Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as

amended, \$85,449,800 to remain available until expended, for benefits accruing during the fiscal year 1948 and prior fiscal years.

Total, Veterans' Administration, \$6,964,457,080: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons except beneficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits to veterans, unless reimbursement of cost is made to the appropriation at such rates as may be fixed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 102. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, the salaries of the Commissioners of the United States Tariff Commission and of the United States Maritime Commission, with the exception of the Chairman, shall be at the rate of \$10,000 each per annum.

SEC. 103. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penal clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

SEC. 104. No part of any appropriation or authorization in this Act shall be used to pay any part of the salary or expenses of any person whose salary or expenses are prohibited from being paid from any appropriation or authorization in any other Act; but this prohibition shall be effective only during the period for which such prohibition in such other Act is effective.

SEC. 105. Where appropriations in this Act are expendable for travel expenses of employees and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures for such travel expenses may not exceed the amount set forth therefor in the budget estimates submitted for the appropriations.

SEC. 106. Where appropriations in this Act are expendable for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures therefor under each such appropriation may not exceed the amount of \$50: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to the purchase of scientific, technical, trade, or traffic periodicals necessary in connection with the performance of the authorized functions of the agencies for which funds are herein provided.

SEC. 107. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available to pay the salary of any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the armed forces of the United States and has satisfactorily completed his period of active military or naval service and has within ninety days after his release from such service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of not more than one year made application for restoration to his former position and has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as still qualified to perform the duties of his former position and has not been restored thereto.

SEC. 108. Appropriations contained in this Act, available for expenses of travel, shall be available, when specifically authorized by the head of the activity or establishment concerned, for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation concerned is made.

SEC. 109. No part of any appropriation or fund contained in this Act shall be available for installing or maintaining systems for administrative appropriation, fund or inventory accounting except such systems as are prescribed or approved by the Comptroller General: *Provided*, That all agencies for whose activities provision is made in this Act shall hereafter maintain fiscal accounting control of all inventories of supplies, materials or equipment which may be owned by or be in the custody of such agencies.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. Unless otherwise specifically provided, the maximum amount allowable, in accordance with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), for the purchase of any passenger motor vehicle (exclusive of busses, ambulances, and station wagons), is hereby fixed at \$1,300.

SEC. 202. Unless otherwise specified and until July 1, 1948, no part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any officer or employee of the Government of the United States (including any agency the majority of the stock of which is owned by the Government of the United States) whose post of duty is in continental United States unless such person (1) is a citizen of the United States, (2) is a person in the service of the United States on the date of enactment of this Act who, being eligible for citizenship, had filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States prior to such date, or (3) is a person who owes allegiance to the United States: *Provided*, That for the purpose of this section, an affidavit signed by any such person shall be considered prima facie evidence that the requirements of this section with respect to his status have been complied with: *Provided further*, That any

person making a false affidavit shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penal clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That any payment made to any officer or employee contrary to the provisions of this section shall be recoverable in action by the Federal Government. This section shall not apply to citizens of the Republic of the Philippines or to nationals of those countries allied with the United States in the prosecution of the war.

SEC. 203. Appropriations for the executive departments and independent establishments for the fiscal year 1948 available for travel expenses shall be available for the payment of per diem allowances in lieu of subsistence expenses without regard to the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended (5 U. S. C. 821-833), to civilian officers and employees of such departments and establishments while traveling on official business outside the continental limits of the United States and away from their designated posts of duty: *Provided*, That the amount of such allowances shall be determined by the head of the department or independent establishment concerned or by such official as he may designate for the purpose, but shall in no case, notwithstanding any other provision of law, exceed the maximum established by regulations prescribed by the President for the locality in which the travel is performed.

SEC. 204. Appropriations of the executive departments and independent establishments for the fiscal year 1948, available for expenses of travel or for the expenses of the activity concerned, are hereby made available for living quarters allowances in accordance with the Act of June 26, 1930 (5 U. S. C. 118a), and regulations prescribed thereunder, and cost of living allowances similar to those allowed under section 901 (2) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, in accordance with and to the extent prescribed by regulations of the President, for all civilian officers and employees of the Government permanently stationed in foreign countries: *Provided*, That the availability of appropriations of the Department of State under the caption "Foreign Service" shall not be affected hereby.

SEC. 205. No part of any appropriation for the fiscal year 1948 contained in this or any other Act shall be paid to any person for the filling of any position for which he or she has been nominated after the Senate has voted not to approve of the nomination of said person.

SEC. 206. No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used to pay in excess of \$4 per volume for the current and future volumes of the United States Code Annotated and such volumes shall be purchased on condition and with the understanding that cumulative annual pocket parts shall be furnished free of charge, or in excess of \$4.25 per volume for the current or future volumes of the Lifetime Federal Digest.

TITLE III—REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS

Amounts available to agencies from appropriations and other funds are hereby reduced in the sums hereinafter set forth, such sums to be carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury immediately upon the approval of this Act:

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

Bureau of community facilities: War public works (community facilities), under titles II, III, and IV of the Act of October 14, 1940, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1531-1534, 1541, and 1562), \$5,100,000.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Hospital and domiciliary facilities, \$50,000,000.

This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1948".

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