[PUBLIC—No. 78—73d CONGRESS]

[H. R. 5389]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, 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, 1934, namely:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

For compensation of the President of the United States, $75,000.
For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, $12,750.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Salaries: For personal services in the office of the President, including the Secretary to the President, and two assistant secretaries to the President at $9,500 each; $106,000: Provided, That employees of the executive departments and other establishments of the executive branch of the Government may be detailed from time to time to the office of the President of the United States for such temporary assistance as may be deemed necessary.

Contingent expenses: For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, including stationery, record books, telegrams, telephones, books for library, furniture and carpets for offices, automobiles, expenses of garage, including labor, special services, and miscellaneous items, to be expended in the discretion of the President, $33,733.
For printing and binding, $2,000.
Traveling expenses: For traveling and official entertainment expenses of the President of the United States, to be expended in his discretion and accounted for on his certificate solely, $20,000.

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

For the care, maintenance, repair and alteration, refurnishing, improvement, heating, and lighting, including electric power and fixtures of the Executive Mansion, the Executive Mansion greenhouses, including reconstruction, and the Executive Mansion grounds, and traveling expenses, to be expended as the President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, $120,000, to be immediately available.
Total, Executive Office, $369,483.

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INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS

ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

Funds available to the office of the Alien Property Custodian for administrative expenses in the District of Columbia shall not be used for the purchase, maintenance, operation, and/or repair of any passenger automobile.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for or incident to the work of the American Battle Monuments Commission authorized by the Act entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes"; approved March 4, 1923 (U.S.C., title 36, secs. 121–133), including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries for carrying out the purposes of said Act without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 34, sec. 520; title 40, sec. 255); the maintenance of memorials erected by the Commission until the Secretary of War is advised of their completion and assumes their maintenance; employment of personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; traveling expenses; the establishment of offices and the rent of office space in foreign countries; the maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles which may be furnished to the Commission by other departments of the Government or acquired by purchase; printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting, including the publication of information concerning the American activities, battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries in Europe; the purchase of maps, textbooks, newspapers, and periodicals, $129,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended: Provided, That notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations and under such terms and conditions as the Commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, the Commission may contract for work in Europe, and engage, by contract or otherwise, the services of architects, firms of architects, and other technical and professional personnel: Provided further, That the Commission may purchase materials and supplies without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed $500: Provided further, That when traveling on business of the Commission officers of the Army serving as members or as secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commission.

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

For continuing the construction of the Arlington Memorial Bridge across the Potomac River at Washington, authorized in an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac River from a point near the Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington to an appropriate point in the
State of Virginia, and for other purposes”, approved February 24, 1925 (43 Stat., p. 974), to be expended in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the said Act, $198,000, of which $25,000 shall be available for widening and resurfacing the present road from the memorial entrance of the cemetery to the southeast corner of the cemetery, conditioned upon the State of Virginia completing the construction of the Lee Boulevard link of the Virginia State highway system to the same point; and not exceeding $20,000 shall be available for clerical and accounting service, including all necessary incidental and contingent expenses, printing and binding, and traveling expenses, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Commission may procure supplies and services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed §50: Provided further, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay for the cost of reconstructing and paving Constitution Avenue east of Virginia Avenue, as provided in the approved project, except for such portions as may abut upon Government-owned property, and not in excess of 40 per centum of the cost of such reconstructing and paving of that portion of the said street which so abuts.

BOARD OF MEDIATION

For five members of the Board, and for other authorized expenditures of the Board of Mediation in performing the duties imposed by law, including personal services; contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; law books and books of reference; not to exceed $200 for newspapers; periodicals; traveling expenses; and rent of quarters outside the District of Columbia; $119,000, of which amount not to exceed $107,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Arbitration boards: To enable the Board of Mediation to pay necessary expenses of arbitration boards, including compensation of members and employees of such boards, together with their necessary traveling expenses and expenses actually incurred for subsistence while so employed, and printing of awards, together with proceedings and testimony relating thereto, as authorized by the Railway Labor Act, including also contract stenographic reporting service, and rent of quarters when suitable quarters cannot be supplied in any Federal building, the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this purpose available for the fiscal year 1933 are hereby continued available for the fiscal year 1934.

Emergency boards: For expenses of emergency boards appointed by the President to investigate and report respecting disputes between carriers and their employees, as authorized by section 10, Railway Labor Act, approved May 20, 1926 (U.S.C., Supp. V, title 45, sec. 154), the unexpended balances of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal years 1930 and 1931 reappropriated and made available for the fiscal years 1932 and 1933, respectively, are hereby continued available for the fiscal year 1934.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Mediation, $1,000. Total, Board of Mediation, $120,000.
BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Board of Tax Appeals as authorized under title IX, section 900, of the Revenue Act of 1924, approved June 2, 1924, as amended by title X of the Revenue Act of 1926, approved February 26, 1926, and title IV of the Revenue Act of 1928, approved May 29, 1928, and title IX of the Revenue Act of 1932, approved June 6, 1932, including personal services and contract stenographic reporting services, rent outside the District of Columbia, traveling expenses, car fare, stationery, furniture, office equipment, purchase and exchange of typewriters, law books and books of reference, periodicals, and all other necessary supplies, $468,000, of which amount not to exceed $444,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Tax Appeals, $22,000.

Total, Board of Tax Appeals, $490,000.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

For three Commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including personal services required for examination of presidential postmasters, and including not to exceed $1,000 for employment of expert examiners not in the Federal service on special subjects for which examiners within the service are not available, and for personal services in the field; for necessary traveling expenses, including those of examiners acting under the direction of the Commission, and for expenses of examinations and investigations held elsewhere than at Washington, including not to exceed $1,000 for expenses of attendance at meetings of public officials when specifically directed by the Commission; for furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; supplies; advertising; telegraph, telephone, and laundry service; freight and express charges; streetcar fares not to exceed $300; stationery; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, not to exceed $1,000; charts; purchase, exchange, maintenance, and repair of motor trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles; garage rent; postage stamps to prepay postage on matter addressed to Postal Union countries; special-delivery stamps; and other like miscellaneous necessary expenses not hereinbefore provided for, $1,028,000; 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 district offices shall be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of the boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the district managers: Provided further, That the Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees to or from its office or field force.

For all printing and binding for the Civil Service Commission, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington and elsewhere, $22,000.

Total, Civil Service Commission, $1,050,000.
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

For expenses made necessary by the Act entitled "An Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts", approved May 17, 1910 (U.S.C., title 40, sec. 104), including the purchase of periodicals, maps, and books of reference, and payment of actual traveling expenses of the members and secretary of the Commission in attending meetings and committee meetings of the Commission either within or outside of the District of Columbia, to be disbursed on vouchers approved by the Commission, $8,500, of which amount not to exceed $5,270 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Commission of Fine Arts, $300.

Total, Commission of Fine Arts, $8,800.

EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

For three Commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including not to exceed $1,000 for temporary experts and assistants in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to be paid at a rate not exceeding $8 per day, and for personal services in the field; for furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; law books, books of reference, periodicals; stationery and supplies; traveling expenses; fees and mileage of witnesses; contract stenographic reporting services; rent at the seat of government and elsewhere; and miscellaneous items; $345,000.

For all printing and binding for the Employees' Compensation Commission, $4,000.

Employees' compensation fund: For the payment of compensation provided by "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for others purposes", approved September 7, 1916 (U.S.C., title 5, sec. 785), including medical examinations, traveling and other expenses, and loss of wages payable to employees under sections 21 and 22; all services, appliances, and supplies provided by section 9 as amended, including payments to Army and Navy hospitals; the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections 9 and 11; and advancement of costs for the enforcement of recoveries provided in sections 26 and 27 where necessary, accruing during the fiscal year 1934 or in prior fiscal years; $3,820,000: Provided, That the permanent appropriation made in Private Act Numbered 378, approved February 26, 1931, is repealed after June 30, 1933, and the payment authorized by such Act shall thereafter be made from the "Employees' compensation fund."

Total, Employees' Compensation Commission, $4,169,000.

FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

For extending to the Territory of Hawaii the benefits of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for cooperation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to pro-
vide for cooperation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects; and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditure”, approved February 23, 1917 (U.S.C., title 20, secs. 11–18), in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to extend the provisions of certain laws to the Territory of Hawaii”, approved March 10, 1924 (U.S.C., title 20, sec. 29), $25,700.

For extending to Puerto Rico the benefits of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for cooperation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for cooperation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects; and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditure”, approved February 23, 1917 (U.S.C., title 20, secs. 11–18), in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to extend the provisions of certain laws relating to vocational education and civilian rehabilitation to Puerto Rico”, approved March 3, 1931 (U.S.C., title 20, secs. 11–18; title 29, secs. 31–35; U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 20, sec. 30), $84,000.

Cooperative vocational education in agriculture and home economics: For carrying out the provisions of section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the further development of vocational education in the several States and Territories”, approved February 5, 1929 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 20, secs. 15a, 15c), $1,275,000: Provided, That the apportionment to the States shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed $1,275,000 for the fiscal year 1934, as authorized by the Act approved February 5, 1929 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 20, secs. 15a, 15c).

Salaries and expenses: For carrying out the provisions of section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the further development of vocational education in the several States and Territories”, approved February 5, 1929 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 20, secs. 15b, 15c), $68,000, of which amount not to exceed $54,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Cooperative Vocational Rehabilitation of Persons Disabled in Industry—Rehabilitation: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise and their return to civil employment,” approved June 2, 1920 (U.S.C., title 29, sec. 35), as amended by the Act of June 5, 1924 (U.S.C., title 29, sec. 31), and the Acts of June 9, 1930, and June 30, 1932 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 29, secs. 31–40), $969,000: Provided, That the minimum allotment to any State hereunder for the fiscal year 1934 shall be $8,840.

Salaries and expenses: For making studies, investigations, and reports regarding the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons and their placements in suitable or gainful occupations, and for the administrative expenses of said Board incident to performing the duties imposed by the Act of June 2, 1920 (U.S.C., title 29, sec. 35), as amended by the Act of June 5, 1924 (U.S.C., title 29, sec. 31), and the Acts of June 9, 1930, and June 30, 1932 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 29, secs. 31, 40), including salaries of such assistants, experts, clerks,
and other employees, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, as the Board may deem necessary, actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred by the members of the Board and by its employees, under its orders; including attendance at meetings of educational associations and other organizations, rent and equipment of offices in the District of Columbia, and elsewhere, purchase of books of reference, law books, and periodicals, newspapers not to exceed $50, stationery, typewriters and exchange thereof, miscellaneous supplies, postage on foreign mail, printing and binding, and all other necessary expenses, $55,000, of which amount not to exceed $47,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Cooperative vocational rehabilitation of disabled residents of the District of Columbia: For personal services, printing and binding, travel and subsistence, and payment of expenses of training, placement, and other phases of rehabilitating disabled residents of the District of Columbia under the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled residents of the District of Columbia”, approved February 23, 1929 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 29, secs. 47-47e), §11,000.

Appropriations available to the Federal Board for Vocational Education for salaries and expenses shall be available for expenses of attendance at meetings of educational associations and other organizations which in the discretion of the Board are necessary for the efficient discharge of its responsibilities.

Total, Federal Board for Vocational Education, $2,487,700.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD

The appropriation hereby made for the Federal Farm Board for the fiscal year 1934 shall, if the Executive order dated March 27, 1933, creating the Farm Credit Administration, goes into effect, be available during such fiscal year for administrative expenses of the Farm Credit Administration, in addition to other funds made available therefor by the provisions of said Executive order, in the same manner as if this appropriation had been transferred by such Executive order.

For salaries and expenses in accordance with the provisions of the “Agricultural Marketing Act,” approved June 15, 1929 (U.S.C., Supp. V, title 7, secs. 521-535f), not including the salaries of members of the Federal Farm Board, except the salary of the member designated as chairman, and the Act creating a Division of Cooperative Marketing in the Department of Agriculture, approved July 2, 1926 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 7, secs. 451-457), including stenographic reporting services to be obtained by the Board through the civil service or by contact; not to exceed $750 for newspapers and clippings; membership fees or dues in organizations which issue publications to members only or to members at a lower price than to others, payment for which may be made in advance; manuscripts, data, and special reports by purchase or by personal services without regard to the provisions of any other Act; to procure supplies and services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed $50; purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and

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operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and motor trucks to be used only for official purposes; typewriters, adding machines, and other labor-saving devices, including their repair and exchange; garage rental in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; traveling expenses, including attendance at meetings concerned with the work of the Federal Farm Board; payment of actual transportation expenses and not to exceed $10 per diem to cover subsistence and other expenses while in conference and en route from and to his home to any person other than an employee or a member of an advisory commodity committee whom the Board may from time to time invite to the city of Washington and elsewhere for conference and advisory purposes in furthering the work of the Board; the employment of persons, firms, and others for the performance of special services, including legal services and other miscellaneous expenses, all unexpended balances of appropriations for the Federal Farm Board, not exceeding $1,050,000, are hereby made available for the purposes enumerated in this paragraph: Provided, That during the fiscal year 1934, when the Federal Farm Board requires cooperative work by any department or independent establishment of the Government within the scope of the functions of such department or establishment and which such department or establishment is unable to perform within the limits of its appropriations, the Federal Farm Board may transfer from this appropriation to such department or establishment, with the approval of the head thereof, such sum or sums for direct expenditure during the fiscal year 1934, as may be necessary for the performance of such additional work: Provided further, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay any salary in excess of $10,000 per annum, or any salary in excess of $8,500 per annum except to the member of the Board designated as the chairman and not to exceed eight other officers or employees, which number, in addition to any officers or employees who under existing law may be so appointed and compensated, may hereafter be appointed and compensated without regard to the provisions of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and civil service laws.

FEDERAL OIL CONSERVATION BOARD

For the expenses of the Federal Oil Conservation Board convened by the President on December 19, 1924, and for each purpose connected therewith, to be expended by the secretary of the Board under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, under general regulations to be approved by the Board, $7,803.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including personal services; traveling expenses, including expenses of attendance at meetings which in the discretion of the Commission are necessary for the efficient discharge of its responsibilities; contract stenographic reporting services; reimbursement to governmental agencies of the cost of furnishing motor-driven passenger-carrying vehicle service, and not exceeding $1,000 for law books, books of
reference, newspapers, and periodicals; $207,000, of which amount not to exceed $188,000 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Power Commission, $3,000.

Total, Federal Power Commission, $210,000.

**FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION**

For five commissioners, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Radio Commission in performing the duties imposed by the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended, the Ship Act of 1910, approved June 24, 1910, as amended, Executive Order Numbered 5892, dated July 20, 1932, and the International Radiotelegraphic Convention, including personal services, contract stenographic reporting services, rental of quarters, newspapers, periodicals, reference books, law books, special counsel fees, supplies and equipment, including purchase and exchange of instruments, which may be purchased without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed $25, improvement and care of grounds and repairs to buildings, not to exceed $1,000, traveling expenses, including expenses of attendance at meetings which in the discretion of the Commission are necessary for the efficient discharge of its responsibilities, and other necessary expenses, $620,000, of which amount not to exceed $338,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Radio Commission, $20,000.

Total, Federal Radio Commission, $640,000.

**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

For five commissioners, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Trade Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including secretary to the Commission and other personal services, contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment, law books, books of reference, periodicals, garage rental, traveling expenses, including not to exceed $900 for expenses of attendance, when specifically authorized by the Commission, at meetings concerned with the work of the Federal Trade Commission, not to exceed $300 for newspapers, foreign postage, and witness fees, and mileage in accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act; $900,000, of which $230,000 shall be available for the completion of the public utilities investigations undertaken pursuant to S. Res. 83, Seventieth Congress: Provided, That hereafter no new investigations shall be initiated by the Commission as the result of a legislative resolution, except the same be a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Trade Commission, $20,000.

Total, Federal Trade Commission, $920,000.
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: For Comptroller General, Assistant Comptroller General, and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, $3,110,000.

Contingent expenses: For traveling expenses, including stenographic reporting service outside of the District of Columbia not exceeding $2,500, by contract or otherwise; materials, supplies, equipment, and services; rent of buildings and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, law books, books of reference, and periodicals, typewriters, calculating machines, and other office appliances, including their development, repairs, and maintenance, including one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle; and miscellaneous items; $110,000: Provided, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5) shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the General Accounting Office when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of $50.

For all printing and binding for the General Accounting Office, including monthly and annual editions of selected decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States, $60,000.

Total, General Accounting Office, $3,280,000.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

For carrying into effect the provisions of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution providing for the participation of the United States in the celebration in 1899 and 1900 of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the conquest of the Northwest Territory by General George Rogers Clark and his army, and authorizing an appropriation for the construction of a permanent memorial of the Revolutionary War in the West, and of the accession of the old Northwest to the United States on the site of Fort Sackville, which was captured by George Rogers Clark and his men February 25, 1779," approved May 23, 1928 (45 Stat., pp. 723, 724), as amended by the Act of February 28, 1931 (46 Stat., pp. 1459–1460), $96,650.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

General administrative expenses: For eleven commissioners, secretary, and for all other authorized expenditures necessary in the execution of laws to regulate commerce, including one chief counsel, one director of finance, and one director of traffic at $10,000 each per annum, traveling expenses, and contract stenographic reporting services; $2,400,000, of which amount not to exceed $2,155,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of special counsel, for which the expenditure shall not exceed $50,000; not exceeding $150,000 for holding field hearings; not exceeding $3,000 for purchase and exchange of necessary books, reports, and periodicals; not exceeding $100 in the open market for the purchase of office furniture similar in class or kind to that listed in the general supply schedule: Provided, That this appropriation
shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

Regulating accounts: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce compliance with section 20 and other sections of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Act approved June 29, 1906 (U.S.C., title 49, sec. 20), and as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920 (U.S.C., title 49, sec. 20), including the employment of necessary special accounting agents or examiners, and traveling expenses, $750,000, of which amount not to exceed $172,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: Provided, That for the portion of the fiscal year 1933 remaining after the date of enactment of this Act the amount which may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia from the 1933 appropriation for the purposes included in this paragraph shall be at the annual rate of $175,000.

Safety of employees: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep informed regarding and to enforce compliance with Acts to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads; the Act requiring common carriers to make reports of accidents and authorizing investigations thereof; and to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and test appliances intended to promote the safety of railway operation, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906 (U.S.C., title 45, sec. 35), and the provision of the Sundry Civil Act approved May 27, 1908 (U.S.C., title 45, secs. 36, 37), to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, inspectors, and for traveling expenses, $445,000, of which amount not to exceed $78,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Signal safety systems: For all authorized expenditures under section 26 of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920 (U.S.C., title 49, sec. 26), with respect to the provision thereof under which carriers by railroad subject to the Act may be required to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices which comply with specifications and requirements prescribed by the commission, including investigations and tests pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906 (U.S.C., title 45, sec. 35), and including the employment of the necessary engineers, and for traveling expenses, $35,000, of which amount not to exceed $27,500 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Locomotive inspection: For all authorized expenditures under the provisions of the Act of February 17, 1911, entitled “An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto” (U.S.C., title 45, sec. 22), as amended by the Act of March 4, 1915, extending “the same powers and duties with respect to all parts and appurtenances of the locomotives and tender.” (U.S.C., title 45, sec. 30), and amendment of June 7, 1924 (U.S.C., title 45, sec. 27), providing for the appointment from time to time by the Interstate Commerce Commission of not more than fifteen inspectors in addition to the number authorized in the first paragraph of section
4 of the Act of 1911 (U.S.C., title 45, sec. 26), and the amendment of June 27, 1930 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 45, secs. 24, 26), including such legal, technical, stenographic, and clerical help as the business of the offices of the chief inspector and his two assistants may require and for traveling expenses, $435,000, of which amount not to exceed $60,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Valuation of property of carriers: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to carry out the objects of the Act entitled “An Act to amend an Act entitled ‘An Act to regulate commerce’, approved February 4, 1887, and all Acts amendatory thereof”, by providing for a valuation of the several classes of property of carriers subject thereto and securing information concerning their stocks, bonds, and other securities, approved March 1, 1913 (U.S.C., title 49, sec. 19a), including one director of valuation at $10,000 per annum, one supervisor of land appraisals, one supervising engineer, one supervisor of accounts, and one principal valuation examiner, at $9,000 each per annum, and traveling expenses, $1,000,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

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

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

Total, Interstate Commerce Commission, $5,190,000.

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission: For carrying into effect the provisions of the Act creating the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission, approved February 25, 1929 (45 Stat., p. 1300), $10,000, together with the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this purpose for the fiscal years 1932 and 1933, to be expended under the provisions of the Act of February 25, 1929 (45 Stat., p. 1300).

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

For scientific research, technical investigations, and special reports in the field of aeronautics, including the necessary laboratory and technical assistants; contracts for personal services in the making of special investigations and in the preparation of special reports; traveling expenses of members and employees; including not to exceed $500 for expenses, except membership fees, of attendance upon
meetings of technical and professional societies; office supplies and other miscellaneous expenses, including technical periodicals and books of reference; equipment, maintenance, and operation of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory; purchase, maintenance, operation, and exchange of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, including not more than one for general administrative use in the District of Columbia; personal services in the field and the District of Columbia; in all, $676,000, of which amount not to exceed $2,000 may be expended for allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light, as authorized by the Act approved June 26, 1930 (46 Stat. 818), but not to exceed $720 may be so used for any one person and not to exceed $94,000 for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, including all of its offices, laboratories, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $19,000.

Total, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, $695,000.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

For personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and the pay and allowances in accordance with the provisions of the Act of May 27, 1924, as amended, of the police force engaged in patrolling the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in the State of Virginia, and other Federal lands, as authorized by the Act approved May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 483), $2,200,000, including not to exceed $25,000 for intermittent and seasonal employees at per diem rates of compensation to be fixed by the director.

For general expenses in connection with the maintenance, care, improvement, protection, operation, repair, cleaning, heating, and lighting of the Washington Monument and grounds; the Lincoln Memorial and the reflecting pool; the house where Abraham Lincoln died; the Arlington Memorial Bridge; the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and other Federal lands authorized by the Act of May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 482); grounds surrounding executive departments; and public buildings in the District of Columbia under the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, including per diem employees at rates of pay approved by the Director, not exceeding current rates for similar employment in the District of Columbia; rent of buildings in the District of Columbia, and salaries for maintenance and operation of the buildings when such maintenance and operation is not furnished by the owner under terms of the lease, and the uniforms and equipment for the police force engaged in patrolling the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in the State of Virginia, including the purchase, issue, operation, maintenance, repair, exchange and storage of revolvers, bicycles, motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, and ammunition: Provided, That any funds for the fiscal year 1934 appropriated for rents and maintenance of buildings in the District of Columbia for any of the executive departments and independent establishments may be transferred, with the approval of the Public
Buildings Commission, to the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital; city directories; contingent expenses; traveling expenses and car fare not exceeding $300; communication service; professional, scientific, technical, and law books; periodicals and reference books; blank books and forms; photographs; maps; leather and rubber articles and gas masks for the protection of public property and employees; not exceeding $13,000 for uniforms for employees; the maintenance, repair, exchange, storage, and operation of not to exceed one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle; the demolition of buildings; incidental grading of the Mall to utilize available fill; the purchase, maintenance, and repair of equipment and fixtures; $1,120,000.

For all printing and binding for the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, $2,500.

Total, Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, $3,322,500.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION

For all necessary expenses incident to moving various Government departments, bureaus, divisions, and independent establishments and parts thereof from one building to another or moves within a building in the District of Columbia in connection with the assignment, allocation, transfer, and survey of space, including the removal and erection of building partitions, including personal services, without reference to civil-service rules, at rates of pay fixed and determined by the commission and without reference to the Classification Act of 1923 as amended: Provided, That the money herein appropriated may be used for reimbursing the Government departments, bureaus, divisions, independent establishments, and offices for actual expenses incurred by them in complying with the orders of the commission; to be expended on vouchers signed by the chairman of the commission; to be available immediately, and to remain available until expended, $80,000.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

For expenses of the general administrative office, Smithsonian Institution, compensation of necessary employees, traveling expenses, purchase of books and periodicals, supplies and equipment, and any other necessary expenses, $32,500.

International exchanges: For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, and purchase of necessary books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, $38,500.

American ethnology: For continuing ethnological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii, the excavation and preservation of archæologic remains under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, the preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations, the purchase of books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, $50,000.

Astrophysical Observatory: For maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution,
including assistants, purchase of books, periodicals, and apparatus, making necessary observations in high altitudes, repairs and alterations of buildings, preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations, traveling expenses, and miscellaneous expenses, $26,500.

NATIONAL MUSEUM

For cases, furniture, fixtures, and appliances required for the exhibition and safe-keeping of collections; heating, lighting, electrical, telegraphic, and telephonic service, repairs and alterations of buildings, shops, and sheds, including approaches and all necessary material; personal services, and traveling and other necessary incidental expenses, $128,500.

For continuing preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government, and from other sources, including personal services, traveling expenses, purchasing and supplying uniforms to guards and elevator conductors, postage stamps and foreign postal cards and all other necessary expenses, and not exceeding $5,500 for preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications, and not exceeding $3,000 for purchase of books, pamphlets, and periodicals, $509,000.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

For the administration of the National Gallery of Art by the Smithsonian Institution, including compensation of necessary employees, purchase of books of reference and periodicals, traveling expenses, uniforms for guards, and necessary incidental expenses, $29,500.

PRINTING AND BINDING

For all printing and binding for the Smithsonian Institution, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $5,500.

Total, Smithsonian Institution, $820,000, of which amount not to exceed $750,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

SUPREME COURT BUILDING COMMISSION

Supreme Court Building: For completing the construction of the building for the United States Supreme Court in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a building for the Supreme Court of the United States," approved December 20, 1929 (46 Stat., pp. 50–51), $3,490,000, to remain available until expended.

TARIFF COMMISSION

For salaries and expenses of the United States Tariff Commission, including purchase and exchange of labor-saving devices, the purchase of professional and scientific books, law books, books of reference, gloves and other protective equipment for photostat and other machine operators, rent in the District of Columbia and else-
where, subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and contract
stenographic reporting services, as authorized by sections 330 to
341 of the Tariff Act of 1930, approved June 17, 1930 (U.S.C.,
Supp. VI, title 19, secs. 1330–1341); $785,000, of which amount not
to exceed $692,000 may be expended for personal services in the
District of Columbia; not to exceed $2,500 for expenses, except
membership fees, of attendance at meetings concerned with subjects
under investigation by the commission; and not to exceed $7,500
for allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light,
as authorized by the Act approved June 26, 1930 (U.S.C., Supp.
VI, title 5, sec. 118a), but not to exceed $720 may be so used for any
one person: Provided, That the Commission may procure supplies
and services without regard to section 8709 of the Revised Statutes
(U.S.C., title 41, sec. 5) when the aggregate amount involved does
not exceed $50: Provided further, That no part of this appropria-
tion shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the United
States Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any
proceedings under sections 336, 337, and 338 of the Tariff Act of
1930, wherein he or any member of his family has any special,
direct, and pecuniary interest, or in which he has acted as attorney
or special representative.

For all printing and binding for the Tariff Commission, $15,000.
Total, Tariff Commission, $800,000.

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

For salaries and expenses of the United States Geographic Board,
including personal services in the District of Columbia, and for
stationery and office supplies, $7,700.
For printing and binding, $1,300.
Total, United States Geographic Board, $9,000.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

For three commissioners and for all other expenditures authorized
by law, including the compensation of a secretary to the board, attor-
neys, officers, naval architects, special experts, examiners, and clerks,
including one admiralty counsel at not to exceed $10,000 per annum,
one technical expert in connection with construction loan fund, at
not to exceed $10,000 per annum, and other employees in the Dis-
trict of Columbia and elsewhere; and for all other expenses of the
Board, including the rental of quarters outside the District of
Columbia, law books, books of reference, periodicals, and not exceed-
ing $600 for newspapers, and traveling expenses of members of the
Board, its special experts, and other employees, while upon official
business away from their designated posts of duty, including attend-
ance at meetings or conventions of members of any society or asso-
ciation, the purpose of which the Board may consider of interest to
the development and maintenance of an American merchant marine,
when incurred on the written authority of the chairman of the
Board, and for the employment by contract of expert stenographic
reporters for its official reporting work including the investigation
of foreign discrimination against vessels and shippers of the United
States and for the investigation of transportation of immigrants in vessels of the United States Shipping Board, $300,000, of which amount not to exceed $263,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: Provided, That the annual estimates of the Shipping Board for the fiscal year 1935 shall be accompanied by a statement showing the number and compensation of employees of the Fleet Corporation assigned to the Shipping Board: Provided further, That employees of the Merchant Fleet Corporation assigned to and serving with the Shipping Board whose compensation is within the range of salary prescribed for the appropriate grade to which the position has been allocated under the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, shall not be subject to reduction in salary by reason of their transfer during the fiscal year 1934 to the pay roll of the Shipping Board.

For all printing and binding for the United States Shipping Board, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $10,000.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD SHIPPING FUND

For expenses of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, for administrative purposes, including the salaries of employees of the Fleet Corporation assigned to the Shipping Board, miscellaneous adjustments, losses due to the maintenance and operation of ships, including operation through an agreement to pay a lump-sum compensation, for the protection of the interests of the United States in any vessel on which the United States holds a mortgage, for the repair of ships, for the purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of motor vehicles for official purposes only; for the payment of premiums for liability, fire, theft, property damage, and collision insurance and for other forms of insurance, including schedule and fidelity bonds, commonly carried by commercial corporations engaged in the same or a similar business, and for carrying out the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, and amendments thereto, (a) the amount of operating funds on hand July 1, 1933, not to exceed $50,000,000; (b) all amounts received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, other than the proceeds of sales of ships and surplus property; (c) so much of the total proceeds of sales of ships and surplus property received during the fiscal year 1934, but not exceeding $1,000,000, as is necessary to meet the expenses of liquidation, including the costs incident to the delivery of vessels to purchasers, the cost of maintaining the laid-up fleet and the salaries and expenses of the personnel engaged in liquidation: Provided, That no part of these sums, (a), (b), and (c) shall be used for the payment of claims arising out of the construction and repositioning of vessels; (d) all interest earned on the funds, excepting the construction loan fund, of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation is to accrue to these funds and is made available for the purposes hereinafter set forth subject to the limitations herein established: Provided further, That the unexpended balances of the sums made available by the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1930, for reconditioning and operating ships for carrying coal to foreign ports continued available for the same purposes for the fiscal year
1933, are hereby made available for the general purposes hereinbefore set forth for the Merchant Fleet Corporation for the fiscal year 1934: Provided further, That, if and when the President of the United States shall so direct, not to exceed $4,000,000 of the funds hereinbefore made available may be transferred to the Post Office Department and, when so transferred, shall be available only for meeting the cost in the fiscal year 1934 of foreign mail contracts entered into by that Department under the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1928, approved May 22, 1928, for service upon steamship lines sold by the United States Shipping Board subsequently to December 1, 1932.

That portion of the special claims appropriation contained in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1923 committed prior to July 1, 1923, and remaining unexpended on June 30, 1933, shall continue available until June 30, 1934, for the same purposes and under the same conditions.

To enable the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation to operate ships or lines of ships which have been or may be taken back from purchasers by reason of competition or other methods employed by foreign shipowners or operators, there is hereby reappropriated the unexpended balance of the appropriation of $10,000,000 made for similar purposes in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1927: Provided, That no expenditure shall be made for the purposes of this paragraph from this sum without the prior approval of the President of the United States.

Not more than two passenger-carrying motor vehicles may be maintained and/or operated in the District of Columbia from the appropriations in this Act for the United States Shipping Board and the United States Shipping Board Fleet Corporation. Such vehicles shall be for the use of the officers and employees of the Shipping Board and the Fleet Corporation, under the direction of the chairman of the Shipping Board and the president of the Merchant Fleet Corporation.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any attorney, regular or special, for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation unless the contract of employment has been approved by the Attorney General of the United States.

No part of the funds of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation shall be available for the rent of buildings in the District of Columbia during the fiscal year 1934 if suitable space is provided for said corporation by the Public Buildings Commission.

No part of the funds of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation shall be available during the fiscal year 1934 for the purchase of any kind of fuel oil of foreign production for issue, delivery, or sale to ships at points either in the United States or its possessions, where oil of the production of the United States or its possessions is available, if the cost of such oil compared with foreign oil costs be not unreasonable.

Of the sums herein made available under the United States Shipping Board, not to exceed an aggregate of $150,000 shall be expended
for compensation of regular attorneys employed on a yearly salary basis, including their clerical and legal assistants.

None of the money herein appropriated or authorized shall be used to make loans to any corporation with which the Postmaster General has made a contract for the carrying of mail under the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928, which contract has not been approved by the Comptroller General.

Total, United States Shipping Board, $310,000.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

MILITARY SERVICES

Administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services: For all salaries and expenses of the Veterans' Administration, including the expenses of maintenance and operation of medical, hospital, and domiciliary services of the Veterans' Administration, in carrying out the duties, powers, and functions devolving upon it pursuant to the authority contained in the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the President to consolidate and coordinate governmental activities affecting war veterans?, approved July 3, 1930 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 38, secs. 11–11f), and any and all laws for which the Veterans Administration is now or may hereafter be charged with administering, $85,773,000: Provided, That when found to be to the best interest of the United States, not to exceed $500,000 of this amount may be used for payments to State institutions caring for and maintaining veterans, suffering from neuropsychiatric ailments, who are in such institutions on the date of the enactment of this Act: Provided, That not to exceed $8,000,000 of this amount shall be available for all expenses and maintenance of all regional offices of the Veterans' Administration: Provided, That not to exceed $3,500 of this amount shall be available for expenses, except membership fees, of employees detailed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to attend meetings of associations for the promotion of medical science and annual national conventions of organized war veterans: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available also for personal services and rentals in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including traveling expenses; examination of estimates of appropriations in the field, including actual expenses of subsistence or per diem allowance in lieu thereof; for expenses incurred in packing, crating, drayage, and transportation of household effects and other property, not exceeding in any one case five thousand pounds, of employees when transferred from one official station to another for permanent duty and when specifically authorized by the administrator; furnishing and laundering of such wearing apparel as may be prescribed for employees in the performance of their official duties; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, periodicals, and newspapers; for passenger-carrying and other motor vehicles, including purchase, maintenance, repair, and operation of same, including not more than two passenger automobiles for general administrative use of the bureau in the District of Columbia and three for the Washington, District of Columbia regional office; and notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Administrator is authorized to utilize
Government-owned automotive equipment in transporting children of Veterans' Administration employees located at isolated stations to and from school under such limitations as he may by regulation prescribe; and notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Administrator is authorized to expend during the fiscal year 1934 not to exceed $2,000 for actuarial services by contract, without obtaining competition, at such rates of compensation as he may determine to be reasonable; for operating expenses of the Arlington Building and annex, and the Wilkins Building, including repairs and mechanical equipment, fuel, electric current, ice, ash removal, and miscellaneous items; for allotment and transfer to the Public Health Service, the War, Navy, and Interior Departments, for disbursement by them under the various headings of their applicable appropriations, of such amounts as are necessary for the care and treatment of beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration, including minor repairs and improvements of existing facilities under their jurisdiction necessary to such care and treatment; for expenses incidental to the maintenance and operation of farms; for recreational articles and facilities at institutions maintained by the Veterans' Administration; for administrative expenses incidental to securing employment for war veterans; for funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental thereto for beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration accruing during the fiscal year 1934 or prior fiscal years: Provided further, That the appropriations herein made for the care and maintenance of veterans in hospitals or homes under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration shall be available for the purchase of tobacco to be furnished, subject to such regulations as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall prescribe, to veterans receiving hospital treatment or domiciliary care in Veterans' Administration hospitals or homes: Provided further, That the appropriations herein made for medical and hospital services under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration shall be available, not to exceed $5,000, for experimental purposes to determine the value of certain types of treatment: Provided further, That the appropriations herein made for domiciliary care shall be available for continuing aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled volunteer soldiers and sailors, in conformity with the Act approved August 27, 1888 (U.S.C., title 24, sec. 134), as amended, including all classes of veterans admissible to the Veterans' Administration homes: Provided further, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, transfer to the Department of Justice such personnel and/or funds as may be deemed necessary in connection with the defense of suits against the United States under section 19 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended: Provided further, That Section 6, Title I, of the Act entitled "An Act to maintain the credit of the United States Government," approved March 20, 1933, is hereby amended to read as follows: "Sec. 6. In addition to the pensions provided in this title the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized under such limitations as may be prescribed by the President, and within the limits of existing Veterans' Administration facilities, to furnish to men discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard for disabilities incurred
in line of duty and to veterans of any war, including the Boxer rebellion and the Philippine insurrection, domiciliary care where they are suffering with permanent disabilities, tuberculosis, or neuro-psychiatric ailments and medical and hospital treatment for diseases or injuries.”

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 $4,000,000 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.

For printing and binding for the Veterans’ Administration, including all its bureaus and functions located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $150,000: Provided, That the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to utilize the printing and binding equipment which the various hospitals and homes of the Veterans’ Administration use for occupational therapy purposes for the purpose of doing such printing and binding as may, in his judgment, be found advisable for the use of the Veterans’ Administration, notwithstanding the provisions of section 87 of the Act entitled “An Act providing for the public printing and binding and the distribution of public documents,” approved January 12, 1895, and section 11 of the Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and for other purposes, approved March 1, 1919 (U.S.C., title 44, sec. 111).

Pensions: For the payment of pensions, gratuities, and allowances, now authorized under any Act of Congress, or regulation of the President based thereon, or which may hereafter be authorized, including emergency officers’ retirement pay and annuities, the administration of which is now or may hereafter be placed in the Veterans’ Administration, $319,230,000, to be immediately available: Provided, That Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1934 or in prior fiscal years, $123,000,000.

That the Attorney General of the United States is hereby authorized to agree to a judgment to be rendered by the presiding judge of the United States court having jurisdiction of the case, pursuant to compromise approved by the Attorney General upon the recommendation of the United States Attorney charged with the defense, upon such terms and for such sums within the amount claimed to be payable, in any suit pending on March 20, 1933, and on the date of the enactment of this Act, brought under the provisions of the World War Veterans’ Act, 1924, as amended, on a contract of yearly renewable term insurance, and the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to make payments in accordance with any such judgment: Provided, That the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers of the
Veterans’ Administration for all payments of insurance made in accordance with any such judgment: Provided further, That all such judgment shall constitute final settlement of the claim and no appeal therefrom shall be authorized.

Hospital and domiciliary facilities: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans’ Act, 1924, as amended, and for other purposes,” approved March 4, 1931 (46 Stat., p. 1550), $1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Adjusted service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under the World War Adjusted Compensation Act (U.S.C., title 38, secs. 591–688; U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 38, secs. 612–682), to provide for the payment of the face value of each adjusted service certificate in twenty years from its date or on the prior death of the veteran, and to make loans to veterans and repayments to banks in accordance with section 507 of the Act, as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 38, secs. 642, 647, 650; Act July 21, 1932, 47 Stat., pp. 724–725), $50,000,000, to become available July 1, 1933, and remain available until expended.

Such amount as may be necessary of the fund entitled “Recreation fund, Army,” created by the War Department Appropriation Act, approved March 4, 1933, is hereby appropriated and made available for reimbursement to the Veterans’ Administration for all expenses (including transportation to bona fide residence) incurred in connection with indigent veterans in attendance at the convention of the rank and file organization of World War Veterans held in Washington, District of Columbia, during the month of May, 1933, and the decision of the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs in connection with such expenditures shall be final and conclusive.

Adjusted service and dependent pay: For payment of adjusted service credits of not more than $50 each and the quarterly installments due to dependents of deceased veterans, as provided in the Act of May 19, 1924, as amended (U.S.C., title 38, secs. 631–632, 663, 666; U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 38, secs. 661–662, 664–665, 667), $3,885,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

Payments to beneficiaries of the Veterans’ Administration who are now receiving reduced monthly benefits in order to effect recovery of amounts due the United States shall continue in such reduced amounts until June 30, 1933: Provided, That such payments are otherwise authorized: Provided further, That no disbursing officer shall be held liable for any payment made under the provisions of this section or for the uncollected balance of any over payment involved.

Total, Military Services, $581,988,000.

CIVIL-SERVICE RETIREMENT FUND

For financing of the liability of the United States, created by the Act entitled “An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes,” approved May 22, 1920, and Acts amendatory thereof (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 5, sec.
707a), $20,850,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "civil-service retirement and disability fund."

Total, Veterans' Administration, $692,838,000: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes except for cooking purposes.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

The sum of $48,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the expenses of participation by the United States in the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State in the following manner:

(1) Not to exceed the equivalent in United States currency of one hundred and ninety-two thousand gold francs for the payment of the quota of the United States for the support of the institute, including the shares of the Territory of Hawaii, and of the dependencies of the Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(2) Not to exceed $5,000 for the salary of a United States member of the permanent committee of the International Institute of Agriculture.

(3) Not to exceed $5,500 for rent of living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light, as authorized by the Act approved June 26, 1930 (46 Stat. 818); compensation of subordinate employees without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; actual and necessary traveling expenses; and other contingent expenses incident to the maintenance of an office at Rome, Italy, for a United States member of the permanent committee of the International Institute of Agriculture.

BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Enforcement of black bass law: To enable the Secretary of Commerce to carry into effect the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to regulate interstate transportation of black bass, and for other purposes', approved May 20, 1926" (U.S.C., Supp. V, title 16, secs. 851–856), approved July 2, 1930 (46 Stat., pp. 845–847), $13,110, of which not to exceed $1,530 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Total appropriated by this Act, $631,802,546.

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

Sec. 3. No part of the appropriations contained in this Act or
prior appropriation Acts shall be used to pay any increase in the
salary of any officer or employee of the United States Government by
reason of the reallocation of the position of such officer or employee
to a higher grade after June 30, 1932, by the Personnel Classification
Board or the Civil Service Commission, and salaries paid accordingly
shall be payment in full.

Sec. 4. Title II of the Act entitled “An Act to maintain the
credit of the United States Government”, approved March 20, 1933,
to the extent that it provides for the impoundment of appropriations
shall not operate to require such impoundment under appropriations
contained in this Act.

Sec. 5. Whenever it shall appear to the President, in respect of
any contract entered into by the United States prior to the date of
enactment of this Act for the transportation of persons and/or
things, that the full performance of such contract is not required in
the public interest, and that modification or cancellation of such con-
tract will result in substantial savings to the United States, the
President is hereby, upon giving sixty days’ notice and opportunity
for public hearing to the parties to such contract, authorized, in
his discretion, on or before April 30, 1935, to modify or cancel
such contract. Whenever the President shall modify or cancel any
such contract, he shall determine just compensation therefor; and
if the amount thereof, so determined by the President, is unsatis-
factory to the individual, firm, or corporation entitled to receive
the same, such individual, firm, or corporation shall be entitled to
receive such portion thereof as the President shall determine and
shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further
sum as, added to said portion so received, will make up such amount
as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for
by paragraph 20 of section 41 and section 250 of title 28 of the
United States Code: Provided, That where any such contract makes
provision for settlement in the event of modification or cancellation,
the amount of just compensation as determined hereunder shall
not exceed such amount as is authorized by said contract. Any
appropriation out of which payments upon the said contract were
authorized to be made is hereby made available for the payment of
such just compensation.

Sec. 6. Hereafter the Postmaster General shall not award any air
mail contract or any ocean mail contract under the Merchant Marine
Act of 1928 to any individuals, companies, or corporations, which
singly or in combination with other individuals, companies, or cor-
porations pay any salary or salary combined with bonus, to any officer,
agent, or employee in excess of $17,500. If such individuals, com-
panies, or corporations employ any officer, agent, or employee on a
part-time basis, such salary, or salary combined with bonus, shall be
reduced in proportion to such part-time employment.
Sec. 7. Whenever the President after investigation shall find that the charge or charges established by or in accordance with existing law for any service rendered or article sold by any executive department, commission, or other executive agency of the United States is less than the cost of such service or thing determined by the President in accordance with sound principles of accounting, he is hereby authorized, in his discretion, by Executive order to increase such charge or charges in such amount as he may determine will return to the Government the cost of such service. The authority granted to the President to order increases in charges hereunder shall cease upon the expiration of two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Sec. 8. (a) Whenever at any time hereafter prior to July 1, 1935, any employee of the United States or the District of Columbia to whom the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930 (U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 5, chap. 14), applies, who has an aggregate period of service of at least thirty years computed as prescribed in section 5 of such Act, is involuntarily separated from the service for reasons other than his misconduct, such employee shall be entitled to an annuity computed as provided in section 4 of such Act payable from the civil service retirement and disability fund less a sum equal to $31\frac{1}{2}$ per centum of such annuity: Provided, That when an annuitant hereunder attains the age which would have been the retirement age prescribed for automatic separation from the service applicable to such annuitant had he continued in the service to such retirement age, such deduction from the annuity shall cease. If and when any such annuitant shall be reemployed in the service of the District of Columbia or the United States (including any corporation the majority of the stock of which is owned by the United States), the right to the annuity provided by this section shall cease and the subsequent annuity rights of such person shall be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of retirement law existing at the time of the subsequent separation of such person from the service.

(b) Whenever at any time hereafter prior to July 1, 1935, any person to whom the Canal Zone Retirement Act, approved March 2, 1931 (Public, Numbered 781, Seventy-first Congress), applies, who has an aggregate period of service of at least thirty years computed as prescribed in section 7 of such Act, is involuntarily separated from the service for reasons other than his misconduct, such employee shall be entitled to an annuity computed as provided in section 6 of such Act payable from the Canal Zone retirement and disability fund less a sum equal to 5 per centum of such annuity: Provided, That when an annuitant hereunder attains the age at which he would have been entitled to retirement with annuity computed as provided in section 6 of such Act, such deduction from the annuity shall cease. If and when any such annuitant shall be reemployed in the service of the District of Columbia or the United States (including any corporation the majority of the stock of which is owned by the United States), the right to the annuity provided by this section shall cease and the subsequent annuity rights of such person shall be determined in accordance with the applicable pro-
visions of retirement law existing at the time of the subsequent separation of such person from the service.

Sec. 9. (a) Until July 1, 1934, in cases in which the number of officers and employees in any particular service is in excess of the number necessary for the requirements of such service, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments of the United States Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia, respectively, are hereby authorized to furlough, without pay, any officers and employees carried on their respective rolls for such periods as in their judgment may be necessary to distribute, as far as practicable, employment on the available work in such service among all the officers and employees of such service, in rotation: Provided, That no employee under the classified civil service shall be furloughed under the provisions of this section for a total of more than ninety days during the fiscal year 1934, except after full and complete compliance with all the provisions of the civil service laws and regulations relating to reductions in personnel. Rules and regulations shall be promulgated by the President with a view to securing uniform action by the heads of the various executive departments and independent Government establishments in the application of the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section relating to furloughs shall not apply to carriers in the Rural Mail Delivery Service, but the President is authorized to suspend, or to reduce, for the duration of the fiscal year 1934, the allowance paid to such carriers for equipment maintenance.

(b) Section 216 of the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1933, and such section as continued and amended for the fiscal year 1934, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. The President is authorized, in his discretion, to suspend the extra pay or reduce the rate of extra pay allowed to commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard while on flying duty, and to distinguish between degrees of hazard in various types of flying duty and make different rates of extra pay applicable thereto.

Sec. 11. So much of the Act of August 5, 1882 (22 Stat. 285), as is contained in the proviso at the end of section 1057, title 34, United States Code, is hereby amended by repealing the words "and one year's sea pay", so that the said proviso will read as follows: "Provided, That if there be a surplus of graduates, those who do not receive such appointments shall be given a certificate of graduation and an honorable discharge."

Sec. 12. From the date of the approval of this Act and until July 1, 1934, the compensation of all officers and employees of the insular possessions of the United States, including the Philippine Islands, which is now fixed by Acts of Congress and which is not subject to reduction under the provisions of title II of the Act entitled "An Act to maintain the credit of the United States Government", approved March 20, 1933, is hereby reduced 15 per centum: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed as applying to officers whose compensation may not, under the Constitution, be diminished during their continuance in office.
Sec. 13. For the period of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, remaining after the date of the enactment of this Act, and during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, the retired pay of judges (whose compensation, prior to retirement or resignation, could not, under the Constitution, have been diminished) is reduced by 15 per centum.

Sec. 14. The compensation authorized by sections 3, 4, and 10 of the Act of September 7, 1916, as amended, accruing during the fiscal year 1934, shall be reduced below the amounts prescribed by the said Act by the same percentage as that prescribed for the reduction of compensation of officers and employees under section 3 of title II of the Act entitled "An Act to maintain the credit of the United States Government," approved March 20, 1933: Provided further, That the monthly pay as defined in section 40 of the Act of September 7, 1916, shall be determined without regard to the temporary reductions in pay required by the Act of March 20, 1933: Provided further, That the funds made available for the purposes of the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of unemployment through the performance of useful public work, and for other purposes," approved March 31, 1933, shall be available for the payment of compensation for injuries as required by section 3 of said Act, but such payment shall be made through the Employees' Compensation Commission.

Sec. 15. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, every pension payable under any private relief Act, not subject to the provisions of sections 1 and 17 of title I of the Act entitled "An Act to maintain the credit of the United States Government," approved March 20, 1933, shall, irrespective of the provisions of section 18 of title I of such Act, be reduced by the same percentage as that prescribed for the reduction of compensation of officers and employees under section 3 of title II of said Act.

Sec. 16. (a) There shall be in the Department of Justice an Assistant Solicitor General to assist the Solicitor General in the performance of his duties, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said Assistant Solicitor General shall be allocated to the same classification grade and be paid the same rate of compensation as apply to Assistant Attorneys General and shall perform such additional duties as may be required of him by the Attorney General. (b) One of the existing positions of Assistant Attorney General is hereby abolished.

Sec. 17. That section 3 of the Act of Congress approved May 28, 1928, entitled "An Act to amend the salary rates contained in the compensation schedules of the Act of March 4, 1923, entitled 'An Act to provide for the classification of civilian positions within the District of Columbia and in the field services'"., as amended by the Act of July 3, 1930, be further amended by adding thereto the following: "Provided, That in all cases where, since December 6, 1924, in such adjustment the position occupied by an employee has been or shall be allocated to a grade with a maximum salary below the salary received by the incumbent, the rate of pay fixed for such position prior to such allocation may be paid after the date of the enactment of this Act so long as the position is held by the incumbent occupying it at the time of such allocation and the Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in disbursing
officers' accounts for all payments heretofore made at such higher rates."

Sec. 18. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to effect a modification of the contract for the construction of the Long Beach (California) Post Office, so as to afford such relief as he deems to be proper for losses caused the contractor for restoration of damages to the building occasioned by the earthquake of March 10, 1933, and to make such structural and other changes in the building as may be necessary to minimize a recurrence of earthquake damage to the building: Provided, That the present appropriation for the Long Beach project shall be available for the purposes named, and that any additional cost incurred by reason of the above shall not exceed the present limit of cost: Provided further, That the contractor shall not be allowed any profit in connection with the restoration of such earthquake damages.

Sec. 19. Section 36 of the "Emergency Farm Mortgage Act of 1933", approved May 12, 1933, is hereby amended to read as follows: "Sec. 36. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized and empowered to make loans as hereinafter provided, in an aggregate amount not exceeding $50,000,000 to or for the benefit of drainage districts, levee districts, levee and drainage districts, irrigation districts, and similar districts duly organized under the laws of any State, and to or for the benefit of political subdivisions of States, which prior to the date of enactment of this Act have completed projects devoted chiefly to the improvement of lands for agricultural purposes. Such loans shall be made for the purpose of enabling any such district or political subdivision (hereafter referred to as the "borrower") to reduce and refinance its outstanding indebtedness incurred in connection with any such projects, and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as loans made under section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended; except that (1) the term of any such loan shall not exceed forty years; (2) each such loan shall be secured by bonds, notes, or other obligations which are a lien on the real property within the project or on the assessments, taxes, or other charges imposed by the borrower pursuant to State law, or by such other collateral as may be acceptable to the Corporation; (3) the borrower shall agree not to issue during the term of the loan any other bonds so secured except with the consent of the Corporation; (4) the borrower shall agree, insofar as it lawfully may, to pay to the Corporation, until all bonds or other obligations of the borrower acquired by the Corporation are retired, an amount equal to the amount by which the assessments, taxes, and other charges collected by the borrower exceed the cost of operation and maintenance of the project and maturities of interest and principal on its outstanding obligations, and (5) the borrower shall agree, to the satisfaction of the Corporation, to reduce, insofar as it lawfully may, the annual taxes, assessments, and other charges imposed by it for or on account of the project by an amount proportional to the reduction in the corresponding annual requirements for principal and interest of its outstanding indebtedness by reason of the operation of this section. No loan shall be made under this section until the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (A) has caused an appraisal to be made of the property securing and/or underlying
the outstanding bonds of the applicant, (B) has determined that the project of the applicant is economically sound, and (C) has been satisfied that an agreement has been entered into between the applicant and holders of its outstanding bonds or other obligations under which the applicant will be able to purchase or refund all or a major portion of such bonds or other obligations at a price determined by the Corporation to be reasonable after taking into consideration the average market price of such bonds over the six months' period ending March 1, 1933, and under which a substantial reduction will be brought about in the amount of the outstanding indebtedness of the applicant."

SEC. 20. The President is hereby authorized under the provisions of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, to establish such number of special boards (the majority of the members of which were not in the employ of the Veterans' Administration at the date of enactment of this Act), as he may deem necessary to review all claims (where the veteran entered service prior to November 11, 1918, and whose disability is not the result of his own misconduct), in which presumptive service connection has heretofore been granted under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, wherein payments were being made on March 20, 1933, and which are held not service connected under the regulations issued pursuant to Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress. Members of such boards may be appointed without regard to the Civil Service laws and regulations, and their compensation fixed without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. Such special boards shall determine, on all available evidence, the question whether service connection shall be granted under the provisions of the regulations issued pursuant to Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress (notwithstanding the evidence may not clearly demonstrate the existence of the disease or any specific clinical findings within the terms of or period prescribed by regulation 1, part 1, subparagraph (c), or instruction numbered 2, regulation numbered 1, issued under Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress), and shall in their decisions resolve all reasonable doubts in favor of the veteran, the burden of proof in such cases being on the Government.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17, title I, Public Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, any claim for yearly renewable term insurance on which premiums were paid to the date of death of the insured and any claim for pension, compensation allowance, or emergency officers' retirement pay under the provisions of laws repealed by said section 17 wherein claim was duly filed prior to March 20, 1933, may be adjudicated by the Veterans' Administration on the proofs and evidence received by the Veterans' Administration prior to March 20, 1933, and any person found entitled to the benefits claimed shall be paid such benefits in accordance with and in the amounts provided by such prior laws: Provided, That the payments hereby authorized to be made shall continue only to include June 30, 1933, and only one original adjudicatory action and one appeal may be had in such cases. Where a veteran died prior to March 20, 1933, under conditions which warrant the payment of, or reimbursement for, burial expenses, such payment or reimbursement may be made in accordance with the laws in effect
prior to March 20, 1933, provided that claim for such payment or reimbursement must be filed within three months from the date of passage of this Act.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, the decisions of such special boards shall be final in such cases, subject to such appellate procedure as the President may prescribe, and, except for fraud, mistake, or misrepresentation, 75 per centum of the payments being made on March 20, 1933, therein shall continue to October 31, 1933, or the date of special board decision, whichever is the earlier date: Provided, That where any case is pending before any one of the special boards on October 31, 1933, the President may provide for extending the time of payment until decision can be rendered. The President shall prescribe such rules governing reviews and hearings, as may be deemed advisable. Payment of salaries and expenses of such boards and personnel assigned thereto shall be paid out of and in accordance with appropriations for the Veterans’ Administration.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, in no event shall the rates of compensation payable for directly service-connected disabilities to those veterans who entered the active military or naval service prior to November 11, 1918, and whose disabilities are not the result of their own misconduct, where they were except by fraud, mistake, or misrepresentation, in receipt of compensation on March 20, 1933, be reduced more than 25 per centum, except in accordance with the regulations issued under Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, pertaining to Federal employees, hospitalized cases and cases of beneficiaries residing outside of the continental limits of the United States; and in no event shall death compensation, except by fraud, mistake, or misrepresentation, being paid to widows, children, and dependent parents of deceased World War veterans under the World War Veterans’ Act of 1924, as amended, on March 20, 1933, be reduced or discontinued, whether the death of the veteran on whose account compensation is being paid was directly or presumptively connected with service.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, any veteran of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer rebellion and the Philippine insurrection, who served ninety days or more, was honorably discharged from the service, is fifty-five years of age or over, is 50 per centum disabled, and in need as defined by the President, shall be paid a pension of not less than $15 per month.

Sec. 21. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the “Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1934.”

Approved, June 16, 1933, 1:25 p.m.