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An Act Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, 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, 1932, namely:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

For compensation of the President of the United States, $75,000. For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, $15,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Salaries: For Secretary to the President, $10,000; two additional secretaries to the President at $10,000 each; personal services in the office of the President, $96,180; in all, $126,180: 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, $43,500.

For printing and binding, $2,700.

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

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

For the care, maintenance, repair and alteration, refurnishing, improvement, heating, and lighting, including electric power and fixtures of the Executive Mansion, the Executive Mansion greenhouses, including reconstruction, and the Executive Mansion grounds, and traveling expenses, to be expended as the President may determine, $185,000.

Protection of interests of the United States in matters affecting oil lands in former naval reserves: For compensation and expenses of special counsel and for all other expenses, including employment of experts and other assistants at such rates as may be authorized
or approved by the President, in connection with carrying into effect the joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to institute proceedings touching sections 16 and 36, township 30 south, range 23 east, Mount Diablo meridian, approved February 21, 1924 (43 Stat., p. 15), $60,000, of which $40,000 shall be immediately available, to be expended by the President.

Total, Executive Office, $532,380.

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; the transportation of, mileage of, reimbursement of actual travel expenses or per diem in lieu thereof to the personnel engaged upon the work of the commission; the reimbursement of actual travel expenses (not exceeding an average of $8 per day for subsistence) or per diem in lieu thereof (not exceeding $7 per day) to, and the transportation of the members of the commission, while engaged upon the work of the commission; 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; including not to exceed $20,000 for such expenses as the commission, in its discretion, may decide to be necessary incident to the dedication of the memorials, $304,250, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended: Provided, That the commission may incur obligations and enter into contracts for building materials and supplies and for construction work, which, inclusive of the amounts herein and heretofore made available, shall not exceed a total of $4,500,000: Provided further, 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 other 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, $1,000,000, including all necessary incidental and contingent expenses, the maintenance and repair of one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle, 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 B Street northwest, 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, at $12,000 each, and for other authorized expenditures of the Board of Mediation in performing the duties imposed by law, including personal services; contract stenographic reporting services without reference to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5); supplies and equipment; law books and books of reference; not to exceed $200 for newspapers; periodicals; traveling expenses; rent of quarters in the District of Columbia, if space is not provided by the Public Buildings Commission, and rent of quarters outside the District of Columbia, $186,685, of which amount not to exceed $141,500 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 without reference to section 3709, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5), and rent of quarters when suitable quarters can not be supplied in any Federal building, the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this purpose for the fiscal years 1930 and 1931 are reappropriated and made available for the fiscal year 1932.
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. III, title 45, sec. 154), the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1930 is reapportioned and made available for the fiscal year 1932.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Mediation, $1,500. Total, Board of Mediation, $188,185.

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, including personal services and contract stenographic reporting services to be obtained by renewal of existing contract, or otherwise, 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, $608,640, of which amount not to exceed $546,839 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Tax Appeals, $45,000. Total, Board of Tax Appeals, $653,640.

BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY

For chief of bureau and other personal services in the District of Columbia; contract stenographic reporting services; contingent expenses, including traveling expenses; supplies, stationery; purchase and exchange of equipment; not to exceed $100 for law books, books of reference, newspapers, and periodicals; and not to exceed $150 for street-car fare; in all, $199,770, of which amount not to exceed $193,720 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Bureau of Efficiency, $500. Total, Bureau of Efficiency, $200,270.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries: For three commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia, $863,370.

Field force: For salaries of the field force, $557,540.

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, 1932; 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 secretaries. The Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency
to transfer or detail any of its employees herein provided for to or from its office or field force.

For employment of expert examiners not in the Federal service to prepare questions and rate papers in examinations on special subjects for which examiners within the service are not available, $2,000.

For examination of presidential postmasters, including travel, stationery, contingent expenses, additional examiners, and investigators, and other necessary expenses of examinations, $27,840, of which amount not to exceed $23,840 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

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 and including not exceeding $1,000 for expenses of attendance at meetings of public officials when specifically directed by the commission, $85,000.

For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the Civil Service Commission, including furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; supplies; advertising; telegraph, telephone, and laundry service; freight and express charges; street-car fares not to exceed $300; stationery; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, payment in advance for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, not to exceed $1,000; charts; purchase, exchange, maintenance, and repair of motor trucks, motor cycles, and bicycles; maintenance and repair of a motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle, to be used only for official purposes; 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, $40,000.

For rent of building for the Civil Service Commission, $24,592, if space can not be assigned by the Public Buildings Commission in other buildings under the control of that commission.

For all printing and binding for the Civil Service Commission, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $58,000.

Total, Civil Service Commission, $1,658,342.

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, $9,475, of which amount not to exceed $8,200 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, $9,775.
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 without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5); rent at the seat of government and elsewhere; and miscellaneous items, $522,980.

For all printing and binding for the Employees’ Compensation Commission, $8,000.

Employees’ compensation fund: For the payment of compensation provided by “An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes,” approved September 7, 1916 (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 785), including medical examinations, traveling and other expenses, and loss of wages payable to employees under sections 21 and 22; all services, appliances, and supplies provided by section 9 as amended, including payments to Army and Navy Hospitals; the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections 9 and 11; and advancement of costs for the enforcement of recoveries provided in sections 26 and 27 where necessary, accruing during the fiscal year 1922 or in prior fiscal years, $4,200,000.

Total, Employees’ Compensation Commission, $4,730,980.

FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Salaries and expenses: For an additional amount for salaries and expenses of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, including the same objects specified in section 7 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education, and so forth,” approved February 23, 1917, as amended (U. S. C., title 20, sec. 15), $5,000.

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 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 to the Territory of Hawaii,” approved March 10, 1924 (U. S. C., title 20, sec. 29), $30,000.

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. III, title 20, secs. 15a, 15c), $1,400,000: Provided, That the apportionment to the States shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed $1,500,000 for the fiscal year 1932, as authorized by the Act approved February 5, 1929 (U. S. C., Supp. III, 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. III, title 20, secs. 15b, 15c), $94,380, of which amount not to exceed $68,500 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

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 Act of June 9, 1930, $1,097,000.

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 Act of June 9, 1930, 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, $77,860, of which amount not to exceed $56,880 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.


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.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD

REVOLVING FUND

For an additional amount for carrying into effect the provisions of the Act entitled the "Agricultural Marketing Act," approved June 15, 1929, including all necessary expenditures authorized therein, $100,000,000, which amount shall become a part of the revolving
fund to be administered by the Federal Farm Board as provided in such Act.

For salaries and expenses in accordance with the provisions of the "Agricultural Marketing Act," approved June 15, 1929, and the Act creating a Division of Cooperative Marketing in the Department of Agriculture, approved July 2, 1926, including stenographic reporting services to be obtained by the board through the civil service, by contract or otherwise; 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 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: Provided, That during the fiscal year 1932, 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 as may be necessary for the performance of such additional work, $1,900,000.

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, $20,000.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including traveling expenses, 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, and not exceeding $1,000 for press-clipping service, law books, books of reference, newspapers, and periodicals, $255,695, of which amount not to exceed $212,620 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia, including five commissioners at $10,000 each.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Power Commission, $4,500.


FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION

For five commissioners, at $10,000 each per annum, and for all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Radio Commission in performing the duties imposed by the Radio Act of 1927, as amended, including personal services, contract stenographic reporting services without reference to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5), printing and binding, rental of quarters in the District of Columbia, newspapers, periodicals, reference books, law books, special counsel fees, supplies and equipment, 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, 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, $465,380, of which amount not to exceed $365,880 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

For five commissioners, at $10,000 each per annum, 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 to be obtained on and after the approval of this Act by the commission, in its discretion, through the civil service or by contract, or renewal of existing contract, or otherwise, 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, not to exceed $200 for newspaper clippings, foreign postage, and witness fees, and mileage in accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, of which $150,000 shall be immediately available, $1,731,766, of which amount not to exceed $1,316,924 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, including witness fees.

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

Total, Federal Trade Commission, $1,761,766.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: Comptroller General, $10,000; for Assistant Comptroller General and other personal services in the District of Columbia, $4,052,620; in all, $4,062,620.
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 motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; and miscellaneous items, $142,000: 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, $93,000.

Total, General Accounting Office, $4,297,620.

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 1929 and 1930 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), $800,000, to be immediately available, being the balance of the amount of $1,000,000 authorized to be appropriated by section 2 of said Act.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

For carrying out the provisions of the public resolution entitled "Joint resolution authorizing an appropriation for the participation of the United States in the preparation and completion of plans for the comprehensive observance of that greatest of all historic events, the bicentennial of the birthday of George Washington," approved December 2, 1924 (43 Stat., p. 671), and all other activities authorized by the Act entitled "An Act to enable the George Washington Bicentennial Commission to carry out and give effect to certain approved plans," approved February 21, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 71), including personal services without reference to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and civil-service regulations, traveling expenses, furniture and equipment, supplies, printing and binding, rent of buildings in the District of Columbia, and all other expenditures authorized by the above Acts, $338,195, to be available until expended, for each and every object of expenditure connected with the celebration notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act relating to the expenditure of public moneys, upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the
executive committee, or such person as may be designated by him to approve vouchers: Provided, That nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to waive the submission of accounts and vouchers to the General Accounting Office for audit.

HOUSING CORPORATION

Salaries and expenses: For officers, clerks, and other employees, and for contingent and miscellaneous expenses, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including blank books, maps, stationery, file cases, towels, ice, brooms, soap, freight and express charges, communication service, travel expense, printing and binding not to exceed $150, and all other miscellaneous items and expenses not included in the foregoing and necessary to collect and account for the receipts from the sale of properties and the receipts from the operation of unsold properties of the United States Housing Corporation, the Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, property commandeered by the United States through the Secretary of Labor, and to collect the amounts advanced to transportation facilities and others; for payment of special assessments and other utility, municipal, State, and county charges or assessments unpaid by purchasers, and which have been assessed against property in which the United States Housing Corporation has an interest, and to defray expenses incident to foreclosing mortgages, conducting sales under deeds of trust or reacquiring title or possession of real property under default proceeding, including attorney fees, witness fees, court costs, charges, and other miscellaneous expenses; for the maintenance and repair of houses, buildings, and improvements which are unsold; in all, $15,000: Provided, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding $4,900 per annum, and only one person may be employed at that rate: Provided further, That no part of the appropriations heretofore made and available for expenditure by the United States Housing Corporation shall be expended for the purposes for which appropriations are made herein: Provided further, That the directors of the United States Housing Corporation of New York and the United States Housing Corporation of Pennsylvania, may, with the approval of the Secretary of Labor, appoint the chief clerk, or other officer of the Department of Labor, to act as their President, or as their immediate representative in charge of administrative work, such departmental officer to serve without compensation in addition to the salary of his official position, and the directors of these corporations may in like manner designate the disbursing clerk for the Department of Labor to act in a similar capacity for the corporations, and after such designation has been made all funds coming into the hands of said disbursing clerk shall be treated as funds of the United States to be accounted for under his official bond.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

For eleven commissioners, at $12,000 each; secretary, $9,000, 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 stenographic reporting services to be obtained on and after the approval of this Act by the commission, in its discretion, through the civil service or by contract or renewal of existing contract, or otherwise, $3,000,900, of which amount not to exceed $2,569,160 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of special counsel, for which the expenditure shall not exceed $30,000; not exceeding $3,000 for purchase and exchange of necessary books, reports, and periodicals; not exceeding $100 in the open market for the purchase of office furniture similar in class or kind to that listed in the general supply schedule; and not exceeding $139,000 for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia: 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 commerce: 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, $1,504,420, of which amount not to exceed $252,840 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Safety of employees: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep informed regarding and to enforce compliance with Acts to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads; the Act requiring common carriers to make reports of accidents and authorizing investigations thereof; and to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and test appliances intended to promote the safety of railway operation, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906 (U. S. C., title 45, sec. 35), and the provision of the Sundry Civil Act approved May 27, 1908 (U. S. C., title 45, secs. 36, 37), to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, inspectors, and for traveling expenses, $534,660, of which amount not to exceed $94,340 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, $48,260, of which amount not to exceed $34,880 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, "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 locomotive 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 (46 Stat., pp. 822, 823), 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, $504,865, of which amount not to exceed $79,880 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, $3,554,368: 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, $175,000: 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 $5,000 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, $9,412,473.

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), the unexpended balances of the appropriations for this purpose for the fiscal years 1929, 1930, and 1931 are reappropriated and made available for the fiscal year 1932.
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; personal services in the field and in the District of Columbia; in all, $1,028,070, of which amount not to exceed $1,550 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), and not to exceed $116,000 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, $23,000.

Total, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, $1,051,070.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

For each and every purpose requisite for and incident to the work of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission necessary toward carrying into effect the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for the acquisition, establishment, and development of the George Washington Memorial Parkway along the Potomac from Mount Vernon and Fort Washington to the Great Falls, and to provide for the acquisition of lands in the District of Columbia and the States of Maryland and Virginia requisite to the comprehensive park, parkway, and playground system of the National Capital," approved May 29, 1930; personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including real-estate and other technical services at rates of pay to be fixed by the commission and not exceeding those usual for similar services and without reference to civil service rules and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; travel expenses; streetcar fares; per diem in lieu of subsistence for members of field parties; survey, searching of titles, purchase of options, and all other costs incident to the acquisition of land; reimbursements to be made as prescribed in such Act, $4,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD.

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Personnel Classification Board, as authorized by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, including personal services in the
District of Columbia and elsewhere, traveling expenses, telegrams, telephone service, printing and binding, law books, books of reference, periodicals, stationery, furniture, office equipment, other supplies, street-car fares (not exceeding $100), purchase and exchange of typewriters and labor-saving devices, $218,850.

PORTO RICAN HURRICANE RELIEF COMMISSION

For the employment of labor and the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment for repairing and constructing insular and rural municipal roads, in Porto Rico, of which so much as may be necessary shall be immediately available for examination of estimates for appropriations in the field, $1,000,000, to remain available until expended, in accordance with the provisions of Public Resolution Numbered 74, approved December 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 1067), as amended, and Public Resolution Numbered 33, approved January 22, 1930.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

For personal services in the District of Columbia, $2,793,250, 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 reflecting pool; the house where Abraham Lincoln died; the Arlington Memorial Bridge; 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: Provided, That any funds for the fiscal year 1932 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 $500; 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 purchase, maintenance, and repair of equipment and fixtures, $1,334,195.

Public warehouse site and building: For continuing the purchase or condemnation of land as may be necessary and the construction of
a building or buildings of fireproof warehouse type authorized in
an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the consolidation and coordi-
nation of Government purchase, to enlarge the functions of the
General Supply Committee, to authorize the erection of a public ware-
house for the storage of Government supplies, and for other
purposes," approved February 27, 1929 (U. S. C., Supp. III, title 40,
secs. 289, 289a), to be expended in accordance with the provisions
and conditions of such Act, including trackage and connections to
existing railroad facilities, all necessary incidental expenses, travel-
ing expenses, not exceeding $10,000, for obtaining, by contract or
otherwise, such special technical services as may be necessary, at
rates of pay as may be fixed by the director not exceeding those
usual for similar services, without reference to civil-service rules and
the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and printing and binding,
$1,310,000, to be immediately available and to remain available
together with the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this
purpose contained in the First Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1930, until
expended.

Construction of Roads in the Mall: For commencing the construc-
tion of roads in the Mall adjacent to Federal buildings, as authorized
by section 5 of the Act approved March 4, 1929 (45 Stat., p. 1694),
$100,000.

For all printing and binding for the Office of Public Buildings and
Public Parks of the National Capital, $4,000.

Total, Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National
Capital, $5,541,445.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION

For all necessary expenses incident to moving various Govern-
ment departments, bureaus, divisions, and independent establish-
ments 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, $125,000.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

For expenses of the general administrative office, Smithsonian
Institution, including an additional assistant secretary at $9,000 per
annum during the present incumbency, compensation of necessary
employees, traveling expenses, purchase of books and periodicals,
supplies and equipment, and any other necessary expenses, $38,644.
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, $54,060.

American ethnology: For continuing ethnological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii, the excavation and preservation of archaeological 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, $72,640.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature: For the cooperation of the United States in the work of the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature, including the preparation of a classified index catalogue of American scientific publications for incorporation in the International Catalogue, clerk hire, purchase of books and periodicals, traveling expenses, and other necessary incidental expenses, $8,150.

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, $37,620.

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, $154,580.

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, $618,890.

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, $45,220.

For administration, maintenance, and exhibition in New York City of the Gellatly art collection, including rental, services, travel, and all other necessary incidental expenses, $20,000.

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, $104,000, of which not to exceed $12,000 shall be available for printing the report of the American Historical Association: Provided, That the expenditure of this sum shall not be restricted to a pro rata amount in any period of the fiscal year.

Total, Smithsonian Institution, $1,153,804, of which amount not to exceed $903,871 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

**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 elsewhere, subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and contract stenographic reporting services without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5), as authorized by sections 330 to 341 of the Tariff Act of 1930, approved June 17, 1930 (46 Stat., pp. 696–707), $1,200,000, of which amount not to exceed $900,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia; not to exceed $5,000 for expenses, except membership fees, of attendance at meetings concerned with subjects under investigation by the commission; and not to exceed $2,000 for allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light, as authorized by the Act approved June 26, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 818): 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 the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, for salaries and expenses of the Tariff Commission are hereby made available for payment of rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere: Provided further, That no part of this appropriation 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, $40,000.

Total, Tariff Commission, $1,240,000.

**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, $9,178.

For printing and binding, $1,500.

Total, United States Geographic Board, $10,678.

**UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD**

For seven commissioners at $12,000 each per annum and for all other expenditures authorized by law, including the compensation of a secretary to the board, attorneys, officers, naval architects, special experts, examiners, and clerks, including one admiralty coun-
sel 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 District 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 exceeding $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 attendance at meetings or conventions of members of any society or association, 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 or otherwise of expert stenographic reporters for its official reporting work and 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, $424,000, of which amount not to exceed $386,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: Provided, That the annual estimates of the Shipping Board for the fiscal year 1933 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 1932 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, $12,000.

**UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD SHIPPING FUND**

For expenses of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, for administrative purposes, miscellaneous adjustments, losses due to the maintenance and operation of ships, including operation through an agreement to pay a lump-sum compensation, 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, 1931, not to exceed $30,000,000; (b) $1,970,000, including the salaries of employees of the Fleet Corporation assigned to the Shipping Board; (c) all amounts received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, other than the proceeds of sales of ships and surplus property; (d) so much of the total proceeds of sales of ships and surplus property received during the fiscal year 1932, but not exceeding
$1,500,000, 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 the unexpended balance of $500,000 made available for experimental and research work in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1930 is hereby reappropriated and made available until June 30, 1932, for the same purposes and under the same terms, including supervision and inspection of construction of vessels on which loans have been made from the construction loan fund: Provided further, That no part of these sums, (a), (b), (c), and (d), shall be used for the payment of claims arising out of the construction and requisitioning of vessels; (e) 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 hereinbefore 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 shall continue available for the same purposes for the fiscal year 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, 1931, shall continue available until June 30, 1932, 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.

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 officer or employee of the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation shall be paid a salary or compensation at a rate per annum in excess of $10,000 except the following: One at not to exceed $18,000, and two at not to exceed $15,000 each.

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 1932 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 1932 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.

That in the expenditure of appropriations in this Act the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation shall, except as provided in the preceding paragraph, unless in its discretion the interest of the Government will not permit, purchase for use, or contract for the use of, within the limits of the United States only articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the United States, notwithstanding that such articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the United States may cost more if such excess of cost be not unreasonable.

Of the sums herein made available under the United States Shipping Board, not to exceed an aggregate of $200,000 shall be expended for compensation of regular attorneys employed on a yearly salary basis and for fees and expenses of attorneys employed in special cases.

Construction-loan fund: For an additional amount for the construction-loan fund, as authorized by section 302, Title III, of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928 (U. S. C., Supp. III, title 46, sec. 891d), $35,000,000.

The authority granted to the United States Shipping Board by the Second Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1928, to enter into contracts to make loans from the Construction Loan Fund is hereby increased from $150,000,000 to $185,000,000.

Total, United States Shipping Board, $37,406,000.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT BUILDING COMMISSION

Supreme Court Building: For continuing 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), $3,750,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That for the purposes authorized by said Act authority is hereby granted to enter into contracts which, including the amounts heretofore and herein appropriated, shall not exceed a total of $9,740,000.

VETERANS’ ADMINISTRATION

Administration, Medical, Hospital, and Domiciliary Services: For all salaries and expenses of the Veterans’ Administration, including the expenses of maintenance and operation of medical, hospital, and domiciliary services of the Veterans’ Administration, in carrying out the duties, powers, and functions devolving upon it pursuant to the authority contained in the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the President to consolidate and coordinate governmental activities affecting war veterans,” approved July 3, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 1016), and any and all laws for which the Veterans’ Administration is now or may hereafter be charged with administering, $110,228,707; 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; 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; for operating expenses of the Arlington Building and annex, 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 1932 or prior fiscal years.

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 $4,800,000 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, $157,000.

and for the payment of annuities authorized by the Acts approved May 23, 1908 (35 Stat., p. 1325), and February 28, 1929 (45 Stat., p. 1409), to the persons named therein, including James L. Hanberry in lieu of James F. Hanberry, and John H. Andrus in lieu of James A. Andrus, $267,327,025.

Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, Army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, $222,000,000, to be immediately available: Provided, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: Provided further, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1932 or in prior fiscal years, $121,500,000.

Hospital and domiciliary facilities and services: For carrying out the provisions of the Acts 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 December 23, 1929 (46 Stat., p. 53), $7,950,000; “An Act to establish a branch home of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in one of the Northwest Pacific States,” approved July 3, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 852), $1,000,000; “An Act to provide for the establishment of a branch home of a National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in one of the Southern States,” approved June 21, 1930 (46 Stat., pp. 792-793), $1,000,000; “An Act to authorize an appropriation for construction at the Mountain Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Johnson City, Tennessee,” approved July 1, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 843), $650,000; “An Act authorizing the erection of a sanitary fireproof hospital at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Togus, Maine,” approved May 16, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 366), for the erection of these authorized facilities at or in the vicinity of the site specified, $750,000; in all, $11,350,000, to be made immediately available and to remain available until expended.

State and Territorial Homes for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors: For continuing aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled volunteer soldiers, in conformity with the Act approved August 27, 1888 (U. S. C., title 24, sec. 134), as amended, including all classes of soldiers admissible to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, $600,000: Provided, That for any sum or sums collected in any manner from inmates of such State or Territorial homes to be used for the support of said homes a like amount shall be deducted from the aid herein provided for, but this proviso shall not apply to any State or Territorial home into which the wives or widows of soldiers are admitted and maintained.

Adjusted service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under section 505 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of May 19, 1924 (U. S. C., title 38, secs. 645-647), 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, $112,000,000, to remain available until expended.
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., title 5, sec. 707a), $20,880,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "civil-service retirement and disability fund."

Total, Veterans' Administration, $866,012,732; Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes except for cooking purposes.

Sec. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment 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, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: Provided, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (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.

Sec. 3. When specifically approved by the head of any independent bureau or establishment provided for herein, transfers may be made between the appropriations in this Act under the respective jurisdiction of any bureau, office, institution, or service, in order to meet increases in compensation resulting from the reallocation by the Personnel Classification Board of positions under any such organization unit. Any such transfers shall be reported to Congress in the annual Budget.

Sec. 4. Whenever, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, the executive head of any independent bureau, office, or establishment appropriated for in this Act shall find that the expenses of travel, including travel at official stations, can be reduced thereby, he may authorize in lieu of actual operating expenses, under such regulations as he may prescribe, the payment of not to exceed 3 cents per mile for motor cycles or 7 cents per mile for an automobile used for necessary travel on official business.

Sec. 5. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1932."

Total appropriated by this Act, $1,052,777,010.

Approved, February 23, 1931.