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INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1931

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Mr. WASON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

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The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Executive Office and for sundry independent executive offices, boards, bureaus, and commissions, for the fiscal year 1931.

The bill embraces regular annual appropriations for the office of the President and for the independent establishments of the Government, and its order and arrangement follow the general outline submitted by the President in the Budget for the fiscal year 1931.

A detailed tabulation will be found at the end of this report showing the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1930, the Budget estimates for 1931, the amount recommended to be appropriated in the bill for 1931, together with the increase or decrease in appropriations and estimates as compared with the amounts recommended in the bill.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ESTIMATES

The Budget estimates upon which this bill is based were submitted by the President in the Budget for the fiscal year 1931 and will be found in detail in Chapter II of that document, pages 33-121, inclusive, aggregating \$553,684,038.

The total appropriations for the independent offices provided for in this bill for the fiscal year 1930 amounted to \$693,859,840.

The amount recommended to be appropriated in the accompanying bill for the fiscal year 1931 is \$552,372,213, which sum compared

with the regular annual and deficiency appropriations for 1929 and the estimates for 1930 is as follows:

It is \$141,487,627 less than the total of the 1930 appropriations, and it is \$1,311,825 less than the estimates submitted for 1931.

The 1930 appropriations include the \$150,000,000 revolving fund for the Federal Farm Board. Since no estimate for that purpose for the fiscal year 1931 has been presented to Congress, a more accurate picture can be had by omitting that item from the total of the 1930 appropriations. Omitting the item referred to, the amount recommended in the bill is \$8,512,373 in excess of the aggregate of the remaining appropriations for 1930. This increase is more than accounted for in the amounts recommended for the Veterans' Bureau, which are \$11,250,000 in excess of the appropriations for that bureau for the current year.

In addition to the appropriations above mentioned permanent annual and indefinite appropriations made without annual action by Congress for the fiscal year 1931 are as follows:

Relief of indigent in Alaska.....	\$15, 000
Federal Board for Vocational Education.....	7, 367, 000
Federal Power Commission.....	11, 250
Federal Reserve Board.....	2, 560, 336
General railroad contingent fund.....	1, 000, 000
Smithsonian Institution.....	60, 000
Veterans' Bureau.....	78, 530, 000
Total.....	89, 543, 586

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

A Budget increase of \$2,600 has been allowed for the purpose of effecting salary increases, principally in the lower grades. Most of the increases are in the sum of \$60 to the individual employee.

Contingent expenses: The Budget increase of \$8,500 for this item has been granted.

Maintenance of Executive Mansion and Grounds: Last year a \$50,000 increase was included in this appropriation for extraordinary repairs, alterations, furnishings, etc. The Budget estimate of \$135,000 for this activity for 1931, which is carried in the accompanying bill, is \$31,000 under the current appropriation.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

The bill carries the Budget estimate of \$1,000,000 for the work of the commission for the fiscal year 1931. The total authorization was increased by Congress a year ago from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000. The passage of the accompanying bill will bring the total appropriations within \$204,250 of the amount authorized. The commission hopes to complete the work of the memorial projects within the \$4,500,000 authorization, but it is possible some increase in the authorization will be necessary.

A complete statement of the commission's projects and the present status of the work thereon may be found in General Pershing's communication to the committee, on pages 3 and 4 of the hearings.

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

Appropriations to date for the Arlington Memorial Bridge, including \$1,000,000 estimated by the Budget for 1931, which is included in this bill, total \$10,825,000, and are within \$200,000 of the amounts authorized in the program of construction as laid down by the act providing for the bridge. A deficiency estimate of \$200,000 is now pending for inclusion in the deficiency bill, which, if granted, will bring the appropriations even with the authorizations. Colonel Grant, executive officer of the commission, anticipates the bridge will be available for use at the end of the working season of the calendar year 1931, and that the entire project, including the approaches and all ornamental features, will be completed in 1935, within the original limit of cost of \$14,750,000.

BOARD OF MEDIATION

The total funds available for "general expenses" of the board for the current year is \$156,570, of which \$110,570 is a direct appropriation and \$46,000 is a reappropriation of an unexpended balance. The Budget estimate of \$136,680 for this purpose for 1931, while \$26,110 in excess of the amount of the direct appropriation for 1930, is \$19,890 less than total funds made available for the current year. The reduction in the appropriation for next year does not reflect a diminution of the work, but rather an increase in efficiency. The Hon. Samuel E. Winslow, former Member of Congress, and now chairman of the Board of Mediation, reports, "a very great advance in the morale of railway industrial relations. No longer is there any hostile talk or acrimonious expression, save as there may be between any two people who are discussing earnestly." The carriers and the employees, he says, "are approaching a state—not the millenium by any means—of a practical working desire for harmony as well as peace."

Following is a brief résumé of the work of the board, as submitted by Mr. Winslow:

THE WORK OF THE BOARD

Of the 428 cases involving rates of pay, rules, and working conditions submitted to our board, 385 had been disposed of by June 30, 1929; 129 of these were acted upon during the fiscal year covered by this report. Of these 129 cases, 46 were settled through mediation, 10 were submitted to arbitration, 37 were withdrawn through mediation, 6 were withdrawn without mediation consideration, and 30 were closed by action of the board. At the end of the year 9 out of the 10 cases submitted to arbitration had been concluded. (Details regarding settlements appear in tabular form hereafter.) At the end of the year 43 of the total of 428 cases received remained unsettled. Of this number, 41 had been assigned for mediation and 2 had not been so assigned.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the board received 37 applications for its services in the adjustment of grievances which had not been decided by the appropriate adjustment board by which they had been considered. This made a total of 69 such cases received by the board since its creation.

Of the 69 grievance cases herein referred to as having been submitted to our board, 45 had been disposed of during the year covered by this report. Of the remaining cases before the board, 19 had been assigned for mediation and 6 remained unassigned.

In our report of 1928 the following appeared:

"The consideration of grievance matters by the Board of Mediation, as provided by the railway labor act, contemplates the creation of appropriate adjustment boards. Such adjustment boards have not been generally created. Consequently, the Board of Mediation has been hampered in its efforts to render services in such cases."

During the past year this condition has been improved by the voluntary action of the parties in interest.

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Salaries and expenses: The Budget estimate of \$645,000 is an actual decrease of \$40,863 under the amount available for expenditures for the current year. Although the estimate includes an increase of \$4,800 for two additional employees, there are substantial cuts in the items for travel, printing and binding, equipment, etc. The committee has cut the appropriation in the sum of \$50,000, representing the Budget estimate for rent. Inasmuch as the board will occupy its new quarters in the new Internal Revenue Building before July 1, the amount estimated for rent will not be needed.

Printing and binding: A Budget increase of \$5,000 has been allowed for the purpose of bringing the bound volumes of the board decisions more nearly current.

The board reports substantial progress in the disposition of pending cases. There is a steady gain in the monthly rate of cases disposed of as compared to the monthly rate of docketing new cases. During the fiscal year 1928, the board docketed 10,165 cases and closed 7,090. During the fiscal year 1929, there were 5,458 cases docketed and 8,969 cases closed. On December 1, 1928, the board had pending a total of 20,241 cases. By November 1, 1929, this number had been reduced to 17,124, showing a gain of over 3,000 cases. "Based on this performance," the chairman of the board told the committee, "I know of no reason why the board should not be almost current in its work within the next two or three years."

BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY

The Budget estimate of this bureau's needs for the fiscal year 1931, reflect no increase over the current year.

Last year, the committee inserted a provision in the bill requiring the chief of this bureau to certify each year, along with his annual estimates to the Bureau of the Budget, a statement of the savings which he estimates have been effected as a result of the investigations made by his bureau during the preceding fiscal year. The provision also requires the Bureau of the Budget, upon the request of any appropriations committee of the House or Senate, to supply such committee with a statement of the reductions or adjustments in appropriations resulting from the savings effected by the Bureau of Efficiency. The statements required by that provision have been supplied to the committee and they have been incorporated in the hearings, pages 239 to 250, inclusive.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries, District of Columbia: A Budget increase of \$27,390 has been granted by the committee. Fourteen additional positions in the Washington office are contemplated. Last year's bill carried an

increase of 12 positions under this head. These increases are accounted for largely by the prohibition and customs patrol work, examinations for which, under the policy recently adopted, involve in most cases character investigations. At the present rate of turnover in the ranks of prohibition agents, the commission estimates it will be required to fill practically 500 positions annually in the field service of the Bureau of Prohibition from examinations in which character investigations will be essential.

An increase of 28,000 in the total number of employees in the executive civil service in the past two years, together with the additional record work of the commission due to the retirement and classification acts, also account in part for the necessity for increases in the personnel of the Civil Service Commission.

Field Force: The Budget estimate of \$447,000 represents an actual reduction of \$37,480 under the total sum of appropriations available for this purpose for the current year, but is an increase over last fiscal year. Prohibition and customs patrol examinations, involving character investigations, largely account for the permanent enlargement of the field force from 165 positions for the fiscal year 1929 to 200 positions for the fiscal year 1931.

Traveling expenses: A substantial increase over the customary amount for this item is also accounted for, largely, by the character investigations incident to the prohibition and customs patrol examinations.

Contingent expenses: A Budget increase of \$1,000 over the amount available for this purpose for the fiscal year has been granted by the committee.

Tables showing the number of employees in the executive civil service at various dates, from June 30, 1916, to the present may be found on pages 35 to 39, inclusive, of the hearings. On June 30, 1929, the total number on the rolls was 587,665, of which 63,904 were in the District of Columbia and 523,761 in the field.

FINE ARTS COMMISSION

This commission now has two paid employees, a secretary at \$3,200 and a messenger boy at \$1,080. The Budget estimate for 1931 provides for an addition to the present force of one stenographer at \$1,440, which has been granted. A decrease of \$1,440 in the printing and binding appropriation, due to the nonrecurring item of printing the commission's report, leaves the total appropriation for 1931 in the same amount as for the current year.

The members of the commission serve without pay, but their expenses incident to the attendance upon meetings of the commission are paid for from this appropriation. During the fiscal year 1929, much time was devoted by the Commission of Fine Arts to the public-buildings program. The commission have also given particular attention to the Arlington Memorial Bridge, which is nearing completion; to World War memorials in Europe; and to projects pertaining to the approaching George Washington bicentennial celebration in 1932, such as the Mount Vernon Highway and Wakefield. Also to the George Rogers Clark Memorial. Also there have come before the commission the municipal civic center; the plans for the Union Station Plaza and enlargement of the Capitol Grounds, the United

States Supreme Court building, the House of Representatives' new office building, the Mall plan, and the restoration of the Arlington Mansion.

EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The Employees' Compensation Commission administers three different workmen's compensation laws, as follows: One relating to the civil employees of the Federal Government, covering practically 500,000 employees; one for longshoremen and others employed upon the navigable waters of the United States, embracing between 300,000 and 400,000 employees; and one for employees in private industry in the District of Columbia.

The Budget increase of \$37,674 in administrative expenses, which the committee has granted, is due principally to the increased cost of administration of the longshoremen's act, to provide additional personnel in the district offices in the field, and to cover the increased cost of medical examinations and stenographic reporting service resulting from a larger number of claims.

The Budget increase carried in the bill of \$100,000 in the appropriation for compensation benefits is due entirely to the increased number of cases under the several acts. The number of injuries to Federal employees reported during the calendar year 1928 was 22,189. For the first 10 months of 1929, the number reported was 21,219, or at a rate of increase over the previous year of approximately 15 per cent. Injuries to longshoremen during the first four months of the current fiscal year showed an increase of 22 per cent over the same period of the previous year. The District of Columbia workmen's act has been in operation since July 1, 1928. The average number per month of injuries reported during the first four months of the current fiscal year is 38 per cent in excess of the average monthly rate for the previous year.

A statement of the number of injuries reported under each of the acts may be found on pages 65 and 66 of the hearings.

FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Cooperative vocational education: Permanent appropriations for this purpose are available each year, as follows:

In agriculture.....	\$3, 027, 000
In home economics, trades, and industries.....	3, 050, 000
For teacher training for above subjects.....	1, 000, 000
For administrative expenses incident to disbursement of above appropriations.....	200, 000

There is an annual appropriation, carried in the accompanying bill of \$13,400, to effectuate Welch Act increases for persons employed under the \$200,000 permanent appropriation for administrative expenses.

On March 10, 1924, an act was approved extending to Hawaii the benefits of the vocational education act, and annual appropriations of \$30,000 were authorized for the purpose. An appropriation of \$30,000 for Hawaii is, accordingly, included in the accompanying bill.

On February 5, 1929, the so-called George-Reed Act was approved authorizing an appropriation of \$500,000 for the fiscal year 1930, and for each year thereafter for four years, a sum exceeding by \$500,000

the sum appropriated for each preceding year, for the further development of vocational education in the several States and Territories. The authorized amount of \$500,000 was appropriated for the fiscal year 1930. The authorized amount for 1931 is \$1,000,000. The Budget has estimated but \$900,000 for this purpose for next year, with the proviso that the apportionment to the States shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed \$1,000,000. It is anticipated that some of the States will not match their full quotas, and that \$900,000 will be sufficient for allotments to all States appropriating their share.

The Budget estimate of \$95,000 for administrative expenses in connection with the George-Reed Act appropriations has been included in the bill, as well as \$15,000 for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled residents of the District of Columbia, under the act of February 23, 1929.

Vocational rehabilitation: Appropriations heretofore carried in the bill for vocational rehabilitation work were not included in the Budget estimates because of the expiration of the act authorizing the work. Legislation is pending to extend the authorization for this activity and in the event of its passage it is anticipated that the Budget will report the necessary supplemental estimates to continue the work next year.

State and local contributions: The ratio of State and local moneys expended for vocational education, as compared with Federal moneys, has constantly increased from year to year. For the year 1929, \$2.99 of State and local money was expended for every \$1 of Federal money; that is, of a total expenditure of \$3.99 only \$1 was invested from Federal funds. The total of Federal funds for this same year amounts to \$6,878,530, while the total of all funds, Federal, State, and local, amounts to \$27,474,306, the State and local investment being \$20,595,776.

Comprehensive tables showing the allotments of the various funds to the various States may be found on pages 85 to 92, inclusive, of the hearings.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD

The Budget estimate of \$1,900,000 for the Federal Farm Board has been granted. The board was first organized on July 15, 1929. The character of the work to date is shown by the following excerpt from the hearings:

During the first several months of its existence the board has confined its efforts primarily to the development of policies and procedure and to assisting existing cooperative associations in perfecting better organization plans, as well as operating procedure. It has encouraged cooperative associations handling similar commodities to coordinate their business activities by joining into regional and national sales agencies. In this connection, the board has assisted some 4,000 farmer elevators, the 8 State-wide wheat pools, and the 8 or 9 farmers' terminal elevator sales agencies to centralize their selling activities. This has resulted in the formation of the Farmers National Grain Corporation. The wool cooperatives have formed the National Wool Marketing Association, and the existing cotton cooperatives have recently set up a central selling agency to be known as the American Cotton Cooperative Association. Once such regional and national organizations are set up and functioning, it is the policy of the board to deal with the member units through the central.

As a second means of strengthening existing cooperative associations the board has granted both commodity and facility loans to qualified organizations that have shown the need for such loans.

A complete statement of loans made by the board may be found on pages 617 and 618 of the hearings.

Division of cooperative marketing: This division was transferred by Executive order from the Department of Agriculture to the Federal Farm Board. The nature and extent of its activities and their relation to the other work of the board is indicated in the following excerpt from the hearings:

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Chairman, if I may add a word to what Mr. Legge has said, I would like to say this: Mr. Legge referred to the loan activities, and you might say they are only one activity of the Federal Farm Board to the carrying out of the purposes of the act. The activities of the division of cooperative marketing are directed toward the unorganized areas, as well as the areas where the farmers have organized small cooperatives but have not been able to make them operate effectively because of lack of proper set-up locally, or because of lack of coordination of their activities with other units.

That division was developed in the Department of Agriculture during the last three years under the authority of the act passed by Congress in 1926, and in this division for the first time a program of research and investigational work in the field of cooperative business has been developed. It is this personnel which has now been transferred to the Federal Farm Board, which is devoting its time to assisting groups to organize, and assisting the organized groups to perfect their organization set-up, operation procedure, and merchandising program along more effective lines.

With the aid of the staff of specialists in the division of cooperative marketing, which is more the field contact of the board, as contrasted with the loan division, which is primarily an internal operating unit, the members of the board are developing these set-ups and programs with the various commodity groups throughout the country.

It is because of the heavy demands on the board for advisory work of this kind that we have asked for an increase of \$110,000 in that particular division, so that that personnel can be expanded.

FEDERAL OIL CONSERVATION BOARD

The last appropriation for this activity was in 1925, and was in the sum of \$50,000. The unexpended balances have been reappropriated from year to year, but a direct appropriation will be needed for the fiscal year 1931, which the Budget has estimated for in the sum of \$22,220. In view of the fact that the board's average annual expenditure for the past five years has been \$10,000, the committee believed it would be safe to cut the estimate for next fiscal year in the sum of \$5,000, which it has done.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

The Budget increase of \$5,750, to effectuate salary increases due to reallocations, has been granted. Otherwise the appropriation for the fiscal year 1931 is in the same amount as for the current year.

Last year 10 additional employees were granted for the purpose of enabling the commission to make a more thorough policing of the accounts of power companies operating under license from the Federal Power Commission. This work is important for the reason that the Federal power act permits the Government, at the end of 50 years, to recapture any power project by reimbursing the licensee in the sum of its actual net investment. The law charges the commission with the responsibility of prescribing methods of accounting and enforcing same, together with other work incident to the policing

of accounts, with a view to preventing so-called "padding" of capital accounts on the part of licensees.

The executive secretary of the commission disclosed that the accounting work is in arrears to a considerable extent. In only about 25 cases has the question of cost been settled. These are mostly small projects aggregating a total investment of about \$21,000,000. In 12 other cases, aggregating about \$115,000,000, the auditing work has been completed. In 10 other cases, involving an investment of \$55,500,000, the statements of cost have been partially audited. The remaining projects, numbering about 25, with an estimated investment of \$187,000,000, have not had their accounts audited.

The hearings disclose a pronounced difference of opinion between the secretary of the commission and the head of the accounting division as to the best method of prosecuting the accounting work. The latter is of the opinion that the commission should have its own staff of specially trained accountants for auditing the accounts of the major companies, farming the work out to other departments only in the case of the smaller and unimportant projects. The executive secretary thinks the commission's present accounting force should not be augmented and that other Government departments should be called upon to perform the work. This question of policy was gone into by the committee to considerable length. The opposing views of the disagreeing officials may be found on pages 383 to 454, inclusive, of the hearings.

A complete summary of the activities of the commission since 1921 and a statement of the total electric generating capacity of plants operating under Federal Power Commission license may be found on pages 454 and 455.

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION

At the time the regular annual Budget was submitted to Congress, the law provided that on and after January 1, 1930, the administrative functions of the commission would pass to the Department of Commerce, leaving the commission a purely appellant body. On this basis, the Budget submitted an estimate totaling \$168,610, to care for the work of the commission for the fiscal year 1931. On December 18, 1929, an act was approved extending indefinitely the life of the commission as an administrative body. This situation necessitated an entirely new Budget estimate, which was submitted in due course, and which provided a total of \$375,000. The Bureau of Efficiency had made a study of the needs of the commission and recommended an organization considerably below that allowed by the Budget Bureau. The committee delegated one of its own members to visit the offices of the commission for the purpose of making an independent survey. The total amount recommended in the accompanying bill, namely, \$450,000, is \$79,205 below the estimate of the commission and \$75,000 above the Budget estimate.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

The Budget estimate of \$1,437,460 for the Federal Trade Commission is an increase of \$147,700 over the amount available for the current year. Added duties imposed by congressional work, trade

conferences, stipulation work, and false advertising work are the projects necessitating the increase in the appropriation.

The following excerpt from the hearings indicates the congressional inquiries now ordered or under way:

The commission has under way and is directed to make special inquiries, as follows:

Utility corporations, Senate Resolution 83, Seventieth Congress, first session.

Newsprint paper, Senate Resolution 337, Seventieth Congress, second session.

Cottonseed prices, Senate Resolution 136 and Senate Resolution 147, Seventy-first Congress, special session.

Peanut prices, Senate Resolution 137, Seventy-first Congress, special session.

Electrical energy, Senate Resolution 151, Seventy-first Congress, first session.

Chain stores, Senate Resolution 224, Seventieth Congress, first session.

Bread and flour, Senate Resolution 163, Sixty-eighth Congress (awaiting court action for further report).

Work on cottonseed and peanut prices and electrical energy, Senate Resolutions 136, 139, 147, 151, Seventy-first Congress, special session, can not be properly undertaken until funds are made available to employ the additions to the force needed to handle the work and to provide for necessary traveling expenses.

Since the organization of the commission 100 trade-practice conferences have been held, 45 of which were held during the last calendar year. These conferences have for their object the voluntary elimination by the industries of unfair and harmful trade practices.

Utility corporations inquiry: The following excerpt from the hearings indicates the progress of the commission on the inquiry pertaining to public-utility corporations:

Mr. JOHNSON. As the new year begins, the commission has completed its inquiry into the propaganda phase of Senate Resolution 83, and will soon begin hearings on the financial aspects of the investigation.

At the present time the utility associations are presenting their own evidence on the propaganda phase. The hearings on the financial part await the conclusion of the utilities' own presentation.

Approximately 150 witnesses have taken the stand since the first hearing in March, 1928, while about 4,500 exhibits have been introduced, and 8,200 pages of testimony taken. Eighteen interim reports of progress have been made regularly to the Congress, but no findings of fact have as yet been reported by the commission.

Chain stores: Slow progress is reported in the chain-stores investigations, due to "inability to hire enough people to do the work."

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: The Budget increase of \$34,400 has been granted, to provide a few additional employees for preaudit work. This work consists of auditing the accounts before their payment instead of subsequent to their payment as has been the practice. The preaudit is the final audit and for that reason requires greater accuracy and a higher grade of employees. The increased amount will not permit extension of the preaudit to all disbursing officers located in Washington. Much larger appropriations will be required before this can be accomplished. The preaudit saves through eliminating or reducing the work of administrative audits in the departments and also, in the saving of funds that are improperly paid out of the Treasury and are not recovered except without, in many cases, effort and expense and the lapse of considerable time.

Contingent expenses: The reduction of \$62,000 in this item is due to the transfer of \$54,000 for the purchase of tabulating cards to

the printing and binding appropriation, and an actual cut of \$8,000 in the item.

Printing and binding: The increase of \$63,000 in this item is an actual increase of only \$3,000. The purchase of tabulating cards, transferred from the contingent expenses appropriation, amounts to \$54,000, while \$6,000 of the increase is occasioned by the discontinuance next year of the practice of crediting the appropriation with the proceeds of the sales of used cards. Such proceeds will hereafter be turned into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

HOUSING CORPORATION

No Budget increases were submitted for the housing corporation. The Budget estimate of \$250,000 for the Government hotels for the fiscal year 1931 has been eliminated from the bill, for the reason that the Public Buildings Commission has ordered the razing of the buildings immediately after July 1. The work of landscaping these areas will begin immediately, with a view to having the park between the Union Station and the Capitol fully developed by the date of the Washington Bicentennial.

The Housing Corporation has been, for some time, in the process of liquidation. There are balances due on properties sold of \$2,142,821.82. Unsold real estate, with the exception of two dwellings, consists of 247 parcels of unimproved ground, principally vacant lots. The committee believes this bureau could well be abolished and its holdings transferred to the Treasury Department for final liquidation.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Regulating commerce: A Budget increase of \$86,620 for this activity has been granted. The increase is necessitated by an accumulation of the work of examining accounts of carriers to determine net income subject to recapture and by the refrigeration investigations.

Safety of employees and travelers: A Budget increase of \$7,860 has been granted for this work.

The total number of persons killed in 1927 was 6,382, and in 1928, 6,144, a reduction of approximately 200. The total number injured in 1927 was 42,603, and in 1928, 37,387, or a reduction of approximately 5,000.

Valuation of the property of carriers: The committee has disallowed the Budget increase of \$1,007,313 in this item. This action was taken for the reason the committee was convinced the estimate had not had the proper Budget consideration. Subsequent to its presentation to the Budget, the committee has learned, a radical change of procedure from that contemplated when the matter was before the Budget was decided upon by the commission. This change of procedure, it is believed, will of necessity materially modify the appropriation need. While it is possible the commission will require some increase in this appropriation for 1931, the committee believes the amount of the increase should be arrived at by the Budget in the light of the change of policy on the part of the commission, and an estimate submitted therefor.

MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMISSION

The Budget estimate of \$60,000 for this memorial has been granted, under authority of the act approved February 25, 1929 (45 Stat. 1300). This act provides for Government cooperation in the creation of the memorial, which is to consist of the figures of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt to be carved on the gigantic scale of men 465 feet in height upon the granite face of a mountain located in the Harney National Forest in the State of South Dakota. The act authorizes Federal cooperation on a 50-50 basis, but not to exceed a total of \$250,000 for the Government's share. A previous appropriation of \$100,000 has been made for this item.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

There is a Budget increase of \$21,000 to care for the rapidly increasing work of the committee. This augmentation of work is indicated by an increase of 50 per cent in the number of reports distributed last year as compared with the year previous. This reflects a general increased demand from the aircraft industry for the help of the committee.

The sum of \$375,000 is provided for the completion of the \$900,000 full-size wind tunnel authorized and begun last year. The construction of a hangar, to cost \$60,000 is also provided for.

PORTO RICAN HURRICANE RELIEF COMMISSION

The bill carries the Budget estimate of \$1,000,000 for loans to Porto Rican planters damaged by the hurricane of 1928. On the 1st of January, 1930, it was estimated that \$1,840,000 would have been deposited in banks to the credit of borrowers.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Salaries: The Budget increase of \$396,639, included in the bill, is for additional personnel due, partly, to the taking over of the Southern Railway Building and the new Internal Revenue Building, and to salary increases under the classification act, for which \$10,000 is estimated.

General expenses: The Budget increase of \$306,940 is due, principally, to the taking over of the Southern Railway Building and the new Internal Revenue Building.

Washington Monument Grounds: \$30,000 of the funds appropriated under this office for 1930 and 1931 have been made available for preparing plans and estimates for the improvement of the Washington Monument Grounds to conform to the Lincoln Memorial Grounds and the approved plans for the Mall.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION

The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$100,000 for this commission, \$10,000 of which is for administrative expenses and \$90,000 for expenses of moving various Government departments and bureaus into new buildings that will become available during the next fiscal year.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

General administration: The Budget increase of \$1,800, which has been allowed, is for an additional clerk in the library.

International exchanges: An increase of \$1,000 in the estimate for this appropriation has been granted, to meet the additional cost of shipping packages abroad, the volume of which is increasing year by year.

Heating, lighting, etc.: The Budget increase of \$2,000 has been granted, and is for the purpose of installing an electrically-driven fire pump in the Natural History Building. This precaution is necessary for the reason that the water pressure on the third floor and attic of this building is frequently not sufficient for use in fire hose.

Increase of collections: There is a Budget increase in this item of \$10,520 for four additional employees and \$2,420 for reallocations.

Repairs to buildings: The Budget increase of \$25,000 for a gallery in the mammal hall to provide additional storage for the study collections has been granted, together with a further Budget increase of \$7,000 for fireproofing the interior of the aircraft building.

Purchase of books: The Budget increase of \$1,000 for this item has been granted.

National Gallery of Art: The committee has granted a Budget increase of \$6,840 for increase of force and one of \$2,960 for additional materials and supplies.

Gellatly art collection, New York City: A new item of \$20,000 is included for the care of the Gellatly art collection in New York City, recently bequeathed to the Smithsonian Institution. By the terms of the bequest the collection must remain in New York City until the expiration of the lease on the building which it now occupies. The lease will expire in four years.

Printing and binding: An increase of \$4,000 has been allowed for printing and binding for the publication of volume 5 of the Annals of the Astrophysical Observatory.

Salary increases: The committee has granted a total of \$15,488 for salary increases based on efficiency ratings. A total of 171 employees will be affected. Practically all of the promotions are for employees in the lower grades, involving salary step-ups of \$60 and \$100. A few will receive \$200, and one \$500.

The hearings disclosed that the Smithsonian Institution is third from the lowest in average salaries, among 35 Government departments and establishments, and many of the employees who have satisfactory efficiency ratings are still paid below the average of the salary of their respective grades. In view of the high character of the work performed by the employees of the Smithsonian Institution, the committee felt that the salary increases earned by efficiency ratings should be effectuated, and has, accordingly, granted the necessary increases in the respective appropriations.

TARIFF COMMISSION

No increase has been estimated for the work of the Tariff Commission for the fiscal year 1931. A committee cut of \$40,000 in the appropriation has been compensated for by a reappropriation of \$40,000 of an unexpended balance.

Much of the work of the commission during the past year has been in cooperation with the House and Senate committees having jurisdiction of the pending tariff bill.

A complete summary of the activities of the commission, status of investigations, changes in duty proclaimed by the President, and reports to the President under section 315, may be found on pages 208 to 211, inclusive, of the hearings.

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

A Budget increase of \$160 for salary increases has been allowed, and \$700 for temporary employees. An increase of \$4,600 in the printing and binding item has also been granted to enable the board to print its decisions for the decennial period 1920-1930.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

Salaries and expenses: An increase of \$34,250 has been granted in this item to pay the salaries of Fleet Corporation employees to be transferred to the Shipping Board rolls in 1931. For many years a large number of Fleet Corporation employees without civil-service status, have been assigned to duty with the Shipping Board. Last year the committee reached an understanding with the officials of the Shipping Board that a certain number of these detailed employees would be transferred each year to the Shipping Board pay roll, under civil-service requirements. The increase granted in this appropriation is reflected by a corresponding reduction in the appropriations for the Fleet Corporation.

Fleet Corporation: The estimated deficit for operation of the fleet for the fiscal year 1931 as submitted by the Budget is \$6,000,000, as compared with over \$11,000,000 for 1930. Upon the statement of the chairman of the board that the \$300,000 allocated for legal services could be reduced to \$250,000, the committee has made a corresponding cut in the \$6,000,000 estimate, reducing it to \$5,950,000.

Research and experiment: Last year, \$500,000 of the appropriation was made available for research and experimental development in ship and machinery design, construction and operation. Approximately \$235,000 of that amount will have been obligated at the end of the present fiscal year. The board requested that the unexpended balance be made available for next year. The committee has acceded to the request, for the express purpose of winding up and completing experiments already begun.

Coal-carrying ships: The unexpended balance, amounting to approximately \$800,000, of the appropriations heretofore made for the reconditioning and operation of vessels for carrying coal to foreign ports has been reappropriated. The coal operators report satisfactory results from past operations, particularly in that the employment of Shipping Board vessels in the coal-carrying trade has resulted in a lowering and stabilization of the rate for carrying coal overseas by privately owned vessels.

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU

Salaries and expenses: There is a Budget increase of \$2,000,000 in this item, accounted for largely by an increase of personnel, being for 1931 an estimated 1,341 employees in excess of the number for 1930.

Litigation of insurance cases is partly responsible for the increase of personnel. The following statement will indicate the rapid increase of these cases:

	Cases pending
June 30, 1928.....	461
Dec. 31, 1928.....	651
Mar. 31, 1929.....	783
July 31, 1929.....	3, 096
Oct. 31, 1929.....	4, 163
Jan. 14, 1930 (approximately).....	4, 500

These cases are brought about by the provision that if a man is permanently and totally disabled and his insurance is in effect at that time, it will not lapse for the nonpayment of premiums. Veterans declared totally disabled subsequent to the date of discharge may have their insurance policies reinstated by going into court and proving that their total disability dated from discharge. Numerous attorneys are taking advantage of that situation and are instigating many of the suits, each of which involves a \$10,000 insurance contract. The Government defense of these suits has been found to be rather difficult, one reason for which is that the officer must be found who gave the veteran his disability rating at the time of discharge. Another reason is the sympathy which inevitably flows from the court and jury to the disabled veterans.

In the regional offices an increase of 254 employees is contemplated, involving salaries totaling \$704,534. For the most part these are personnel to be taken on in the decentralization of certain insurance functions to the field, which is more than offset by releases in the adjudication service of central office; the establishment of additional positions of assistant regional attorney and field examiner in regional offices where litigation has developed so rapidly; and in the changing of status of 117 fee-basis physicians to a part-time salary, involving an additional outlay of \$125,650 under this appropriation, but effecting a saving of \$154,000 in the appropriation for "medical and hospital services."

An increase of 1,434 employees in the hospitals for 1931 will necessitate an increase of \$1,667,973 for salaries of hospital personnel. The rapid expansion of the hospital service is disclosed in the following table:

Fiscal year	Beds avail- able (average for year)	Average number of employees
1929.....	22, 020	13, 192
1930.....	22, 917	14, 392
1931.....	26, 489	15, 827

Military and naval compensation: An increase of \$4,550,000 is due to the upward trend of awards and the increased expenditures occasioned by the emergency officers' retirement act. The bureau's

original estimate that 3,250 emergency officers would be retired under the provisions of the act has been completely upset. On November 30, 1929, 5,739 decisions were rendered by the retirement board, retiring former emergency officers. It is now estimated that the peak of retirement will result in 5,800 awards, involving a total expenditure for 1931 of \$9,744,000.

Medical and hospital services: There is an increase of \$3,950,000 in this appropriation, due largely to the rapid increase of nonservice-connected cases. During the fiscal year 1928 these cases constituted 30.47 per cent of the total patient-days. In 1929 the percentage had increased to 35.55.

The average cost of the nonservice-connected cases is greater than that for the service-connected cases by reason of the rapid turnover in the former as compared with the latter, with a fixed average cost for clothing and travel for each case treated. The director, at the hearings, disclosed an apparent deficit of \$3,000,000 in this appropriation for the current year, due to the rapid increase in the number of nonservice-connected cases.

Military and naval insurance: This appropriation for 1931 is \$4,750,000 in excess of the amount so far appropriated for the current year. The estimated expenditures for the current year are, however, \$10,750,000 in excess of the regular appropriation. A deficiency estimate to cover the difference is pending.

The rapid increase in insurance payments causing this shortage is brought about by section 303 of the World War veterans' act, providing for the lump-sum payment of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance to the estate of the deceased soldier upon death of the designated beneficiary. These cases have been mounting steadily and in excess of the estimated proportion and show no sign of reducing immediately.

Hospital facilities and services: Public No. 480, Seventieth Congress, approved May 23, 1928, authorized an appropriation of \$15,000,000 to provide additional hospital, domiciliary, and outpatient dispensary facilities. The second deficiency act, approved May 29, 1928, carried an appropriation of \$7,000,000 of this sum, to be available until June 30, 1929. This amount has been entirely obligated. Of the \$8,000,000 remaining, \$6,000,000 was appropriated as a part of the regular appropriation act for this bureau for 1930. This act, which was approved February 20, 1929, carried authority for immediate availability, and additional authority to obligate the remaining \$2,000,000. This entire sum has been obligated to specific projects, and consequently the request is made that the remaining \$2,000,000, which will be obligated prior to June 30, 1930, be appropriated and made immediately available.

LIMITATIONS AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION NOT HERETOFORE ENACTED

Limitations with respect to expenditures or legislative provisions, not heretofore enacted, are recommended as follows:

Exemptions, within certain limits, from provisions of law requiring advertising for bids in the purchase of supplies, from the provisions of the civil-service rules and the classification act with reference to the obtaining of certain personal services, and permitting the payment in advance for newspapers and clippings, as follows:

	Page of bill
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Public Buildings Commission.....	32

On page 13:

Provided, That the permanent appropriations made in private acts numbered 411, 451, and 467, Seventieth Congress, are repealed after June 30, 1930, and the payments authorized by such acts shall thereafter be made from the "Employees' compensation fund."

On page 14:

Provided, That the apportionment to the States shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year 1931, as authorized by the act approved February 5, 1929 (U. S. C., Supp. III, title 20, secs. 15a, 15c.).

On pages 15, 16, and 17:

*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; procuring of manuscripts, data, and special reports by purchase or by personal services without regard to the provisions of any other act; * * * 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 payment in lieu of actual operating expenses of not to exceed 3 cents per mile for motor cycle or 7 cents per mile for an automobile used for necessary travel on official business whenever the board shall find that the expenses of travel can be reduced thereby; the employment of persons, firms, and others for the performance of special services, including legal services and other miscellaneous expenses: * * * Provided further, That the objects of expenditure specified herein shall apply also to the appropriation for administrative expenses of the Federal Farm Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, contained in the act approved June 18, 1929, entitled "An act making an appropriation to carry out the provisions of the 'agricultural marketing act,' approved June 15, 1929," * * **

On page 38:

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 years 1930 and 1931 to the pay roll of the Shipping Board.

On pages 49 and 50:

SEC. 4. Whenever, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, 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.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, FISCAL YEAR 1931

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1930, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1931, and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1931

Object	Appropriations for 1930	Budget estimates for 1931	Amount recommended in bill for 1931	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1930 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1931 Budget estimates
EXECUTIVE OFFICE					
President, salary of-----	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00		
Vice President, salary of-----	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		
Executive Office:					
Salaries-----	123,520.00	126,120.00	126,120.00	+\$2,600.00	
Contingent expenses-----	35,000.00	43,500.00	43,500.00	+8,500.00	
Printing and binding-----	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00		
President, traveling expenses-----	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00		
Executive Mansion and Grounds, maintenance-----	166,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	-31,000.00	
Portrait of President Coolidge-----	5,000.00				
Total, Executive Office-----	447,220.00	422,320.00	422,320.00	-24,900.00	
American Battle Monuments Commission, salaries and expenses-----	600,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	+400,000.00	
Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission-----	2,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-1,000,000.00	

BOARD OF MEDIATION					
Salaries-----	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	
General expenses-----	110,570.00	136,680.00	136,680.00	136,680.00	+26,110.00
Arbitration boards-----	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	
Emergency boards-----	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Printing and binding-----	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	
Total, Board of Mediation-----	302,270.00	328,380.00	328,380.00	328,380.00	+26,110.00
BOARD OF TAX APPEALS					
Salaries and expenses-----	623,863.00	645,000.00	595,000.00	595,000.00	-28,863.00
Printing and binding-----	40,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	+5,000.00
Total, Board of Tax Appeals-----	663,863.00	690,000.00	640,000.00	640,000.00	-23,863.00
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY					
Salaries and expenses-----	223,830.00	223,830.00	223,830.00	223,830.00	
Printing and binding-----	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Total, Bureau of Efficiency-----	224,330.00	224,330.00	224,330.00	224,330.00	
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION					
Office force-----	672,610.00	700,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00	+27,390.00
Field force-----	383,000.00	447,000.00	447,000.00	447,000.00	+64,000.00
Expert examiners-----	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Examination of presidential postmasters-----	27,360.00	27,360.00	27,360.00	27,360.00	

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1930, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1931, and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1931—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1930	Budget estimates for 1931	Amount recommended in bill for 1931	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1930 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1931 Budget estimates
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION—continued					
Traveling expenses-----	\$30,000.00	\$68,000.00	\$68,000.00	+\$38,000.00	-----
Contingent expenses-----	38,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	+2,000.00	-----
Rent-----	24,592.00	24,592.00	24,592.00	-----	-----
Printing and binding-----	49,300.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	+4,700.00	-----
Total, Civil Service Commission-----	1,226,862.00	1,362,952.00	1,362,952.00	+136,090.00	-----
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS					
Salaries and expenses-----	7,380.00	8,820.00	8,820.00	+1,440.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	1,700.00	260.00	260.00	-1,440.00	-----
Total, Commission of Fine Arts-----	9,080.00	9,080.00	9,080.00	-----	-----
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	459,326.00	501,000.00	501,000.00	+41,674.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	14,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	-5,000.00	-----

Administration of employees' compensation fund.....	3,600,000.00	3,700,000.00	3,700,000.00	3,700,000.00	+100,000.00
Total, Employees' Compensation Commission.....	4,073,326.00	4,210,000.00	4,210,000.00	4,210,000.00	+136,674.00
FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION					
Salaries and expenses.....	13,400.00	13,400.00	13,400.00	13,400.00	
Vocational education, Hawaii.....	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
Vocational education in agriculture and home economics.....	500,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00	+400,000.00
Salaries and expenses.....	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	
Vocational rehabilitation.....	700,000.00				-700,000.00
Administrative expenses.....	79,120.00				-79,120.00
Vocational rehabilitation, District of Columbia.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Total, Federal Board for Vocational Education.....	1,432,520.00	1,053,400.00	1,053,400.00	1,053,400.00	-379,120.00
FEDERAL FARM BOARD					
Agricultural marketing revolving fund.....	150,000,000.00				
Administrative expenses.....	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,900,000.00	-149,890,000.00
Cooperative marketing.....	290,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00		
Total, Federal Farm Board.....	151,790,000.00	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	-149,890,000.00
Federal Oil Conservation Board.....		22,220.00	22,220.00	17,220.00	+17,220.00
					-\$5,000.00

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Object	Appropriations for 1930	Budget estimates for 1931	Amount recommended in bill for 1931	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1930 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1931 Budget estimates
FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	\$165,750.00	\$171,500.00	\$171,500.00	+\$5,750.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	-----	-----
Total, Federal Power Commission--	170,250.00	176,000.00	176,000.00	+5,750.00	-----
FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION					
Salaries of commissioners-----	45,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	+5,000.00	-----
General expenses-----	119,440.00	325,000.00	400,000.00	+280,560.00	+\$75,000.00
Total, Federal Radio Commission--	164,440.00	375,000.00	450,000.00	+285,560.00	+75,000.00
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION					
Salaries-----	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-----	-----
Expenses-----	1,197,760.00	1,357,460.00	1,357,460.00	+159,700.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-----	-----
Total, Federal Trade Commission--	1,277,760.00	1,437,460.00	1,437,460.00	+159,700.00	-----

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE					
Salaries-----	3,886,000.00	3,950,000.00	3,950,000.00	+64,000.00	-----
Contingent expenses-----	176,000.00	138,000.00	138,000.00	-38,000.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	30,000.00	93,000.00	93,000.00	+63,000.00	-----
Total, General Accounting Office-----	4,092,000.00	4,181,000.00	4,181,000.00	+89,000.00	-----
HOUSING CORPORATION					
Salaries-----	27,850.00	31,250.00	31,250.00	+3,400.00	-----
Contingent expenses-----	2,600.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	+1,400.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	600.00	600.00	600.00	-----	-----
Collections-----	6,400.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	+4,600.00	-----
Government Hotels, Washington-----	204,000.00	250,000.00	-----	-204,000.00	-250,000.00
Maintenance, unsold property-----	(¹)	100.00	100.00	+100.00	-----
Miscellaneous expenses on property sold-----	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-----	-----
Total, Housing Corporation-----	243,450.00	298,950.00	48,950.00	-194,500.00	-250,000.00
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION					
Salaries-----	141,000.00	141,000.00	141,000.00	-----	-----
General expenses-----	2,887,000.00	2,887,000.00	2,887,000.00	-----	-----
Regulating commerce-----	1,407,825.00	1,494,445.00	1,494,445.00	+86,620.00	-----
Safety of employees, etc-----	504,000.00	532,860.00	532,860.00	+28,860.00	-----

¹ Reappropriation.

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Object	Appropriations for 1930	Budget estimates for 1931	Amount recommended in bill for 1931	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1930 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1931 Budget estimates
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION—CON.					
Signal safety systems-----	(1)	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	+\$48,000.00	-----
Locomotive safety inspection-----	\$459,000.00	504,345.00	504,345.00	+45,345.00	-----
Valuation of property-----	2 2,043,000.00	3,547,313.00	2,540,000.00	+497,000.00	-\$1,007,313.00
Printing and binding-----	107,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	+68,000.00	-----
Total, Interstate Commerce Commission-----	7,548,825.00	9,329,963.00	8,322,650.00	+773,825.00	-1,007,313.00
Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission-----	-----	60,000.00	60,000.00	+60,000.00	-----
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS					
Salaries and expenses-----	1,277,200.00	1,306,000.00	1,306,000.00	+28,800.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-----	-----
Total, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics-----	1,292,200.00	1,321,000.00	1,321,000.00	+28,800.00	-----
Porto Rican Hurricane Relief Commission-----	-----	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	+1,000,000.00	-----
Protecting interests of the United States in oil leases and oil lands-----	100,000.00	-----	-----	-100,000.00	-----

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF
THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Salaries-----	2,025,611.00	2,422,250.00	2,422,250.00	+396,639.00	-----
General expenses-----	859,000.00	1,165,940.00	1,165,940.00	+306,940.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	3,450.00	3,450.00	3,450.00		-----
Total-----	2,888,061.00	3,591,640.00	3,591,640.00	+703,579.00	-----
Public Buildings Commission-----		100,000.00	100,000.00	+100,000.00	-----

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

General administration-----	36,004.00	37,804.00	38,264.00	+2,260.00	+460.00
International exchanges-----	51,297.00	52,297.00	52,650.00	+1,353.00	+353.00
American Ethnology-----	68,800.00	68,800.00	70,280.00	+1,480.00	+1,480.00
International Catalogue of Scientific Literature-----	6,495.00	5,486.00	5,746.00	-749.00	+260.00
Astrophysical Observatory-----	36,720.00	36,720.00	37,560.00	+840.00	+840.00
National Museum:					
Furniture, cases, etc-----	33,240.00	33,240.00	33,740.00	+500.00	+500.00
Heat, telegraph, etc-----	90,160.00	92,160.00	93,120.00	+2,960.00	+960.00
Increase of collections-----	570,084.00	582,993.00	593,048.00	+22,964.00	+10,055.00
Repairs to buildings, etc-----	21,080.00	53,080.00	53,440.00	+32,360.00	+360.00
Purchase of books, etc-----	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	+1,000.00	
Stamps and foreign postage-----	450.00	450.00	450.00		

¹ Reappropriation.

² Together with a reappropriation of \$497,000.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1930, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1931, and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1931—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1930	Budget estimates for 1931	Amount recommended in bill for 1931	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1930 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1931 Budget estimates
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION—continued					
National Gallery of Art-----	\$34, 853. 00	\$44, 653. 00	\$44, 873. 00	+\$10, 020. 00	+\$220. 00
Gellatley Art Collection, New York City-----		20, 000. 00	20, 000. 00	+20, 000. 00	
Printing and binding-----	95, 000. 00	99, 000. 00	99, 000. 00	+4, 000. 00	
Total, Smithsonian Institution-----	1, 046, 183. 00	1, 129, 683. 00	1, 145, 171. 00	+98, 988. 00	+15, 488. 00
TARIFF COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	764, 000. 00	800, 000. 00	² 760, 000. 00	-4, 000. 00	-40, 000. 00
Printing and binding-----	25, 000. 00	25, 000. 00	25, 000. 00		
Total, Tariff Commission-----	789, 000. 00	825, 000. 00	785, 000. 00	-4, 000. 00	-40, 000. 00
U. S. GEOGRAPHIC BOARD					
Salaries-----	8, 900. 00	9, 760. 00	9, 760. 00	+860. 00	
Printing and binding-----	300. 00	4, 900. 00	4, 900. 00	+4, 600. 00	
Total, Geographic Board-----	9, 200. 00	14, 660. 00	14, 660. 00	+5, 460. 00	

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD

Salaries and expenses-----	349,750.00	384,000.00	384,000.00	+34,250.00
Printing and binding-----	10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	+2,000.00
Emergency shipping fund-----	11,134,250.00	6,000,000.00	5,950,000.00	-5,184,250.00
Total, Shipping Board-----	11,494,000.00	6,396,000.00	6,346,000.00	-5,148,000.00

U. S. VETERANS' BUREAU

Salaries and expenses-----	43,500,000.00	45,500,000.00	45,500,000.00	+2,000,000.00
Printing and binding-----	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	
Military and naval compensation-----	191,450,000.00	196,000,000.00	196,000,000.00	+4,550,000.00
Medical and hospital services-----	31,650,000.00	35,600,000.00	35,600,000.00	+3,950,000.00
Adjusted certificate fund-----	112,000,000.00	112,000,000.00	112,000,000.00	
Military and naval insurance-----	115,250,000.00	120,000,000.00	120,000,000.00	+4,750,000.00
Hospital facilities and services-----	6,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-4,000,000.00
Total, U. S. Veterans' Bureau-----	499,975,000.00	511,225,000.00	511,225,000.00	+11,250,000.00
Grand total, Executive Office and independent offices appropriation act-----	693,859,840.00	553,684,038.00	552,372,213.00	-141,487,627.00
				-1,311,825.00

² Together with a reapportionment of \$40,000.





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