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INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, FISCAL
YEAR 1924.

JANUARY 6, 1923.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of
the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WOOD of Indiana, from the Committee on Appropriations, sub-
mitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 13696.]

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.

SCOPE OF THE BILL.

The bill embraces regular annual appropriations for the Office of
the President and for the various independent establishments of the
Government, and its order and arrangement follow the general out-
line submitted by the President in the Budget for the fiscal year 1924.

A detailed tabulation will be found at the end of this report giving
for each appropriation in this bill the amount appropriated for the
fiscal year 1923, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1924, together
with the increase or decrease in appropriations and estimates as
compared with the amounts recommended in the bill.

APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET ESTIMATES.

The Budget estimates upon which this bill is based were submitted
by the President in the Budget and will be found in detail in Chapter
II of that document, pages 29-94, inclusive. The total of the esti-
mates for regular annual appropriations submitted for consideration

in connection with this bill is \$508,341,013. In addition to the regular annual appropriations the estimated permanent and indefinite appropriations for the fiscal year 1924 aggregate \$6,511,495.74, making the total of the estimates for the independent offices for the fiscal year 1924 \$514,852,508.74.

The permanent annual appropriations are those which occur automatically each year without annual action by Congress, and the amount which the committee considered in framing this bill is the aggregate of the estimates for the independent offices customarily submitted for annual action by Congress. That sum, as heretofore stated, is \$508,341,013.

The total appropriations for the independent offices provided for in this bill for the fiscal year 1923 amounted to \$538,510,922.45.

The amount recommended to be appropriated in this bill is \$496,235,771. This sum compared with the regular annual appropriations for 1923 and the estimates for 1924 is as follows:

It is \$42,275,151.45 less than the total of the 1923 appropriations; and

It is \$12,105,242 less than the amount requested in the Budget estimates.

PRINTING AND BINDING.

Items for printing and binding for the various offices provided for in this bill, which formerly were carried as a part of their general-expense appropriations, have been set forth as separate items in accordance with the provisions of the legislative act, 1923.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Under the office of the Executive appropriations are made for the salaries of the President and Vice President, as well as the Office of the President. In addition there are appropriations for contingent and traveling expenses, printing and binding, the care of the Executive Mansion and grounds, and the White House police. The latter were first provided for in the first deficiency act, 1923, in accordance with the provisions of an act creating the White House police force, approved September 14, 1922.

Several new paragraphs of appropriation are recommended under the Executive Office, one of which carries an appropriation of \$20,000 for extraordinary repairs to and refurnishing of the Executive Mansion. This is to be expended for remodeling the basement in the Executive Office building, changing the heating system, and the installation of machinery for refrigeration.

The second of these new paragraphs provides an appropriation of \$5,000 for preparing plans and estimates for fireproofing the Executive Mansion, including plans for the renovation of the second and third stories, and the roof, and further provides that this work shall be done by the Office of the Supervising Architect.

The total amount recommended to be appropriated for the Executive Office is \$402,770, which amount is \$16,735 in excess of the appropriations for the current fiscal year, but is \$5,080 less than the estimates for 1924.

ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$281,200 for the office of the Alien Property Custodian, of which \$1,200 is carried in the item for printing and binding. An appropriation of \$370,000 was made for the current fiscal year for this office, and the recommendation of the committee, therefore, is a reduction of \$88,800.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

The appropriation recommended for additional employees of the Civil Service Commission is \$107,500, which amount is \$17,500 in excess of the estimates. This increase results from the transfer of five persons at \$3,500 each from the appropriation made for the examination of presidential postmasters, and that appropriation is correspondingly reduced.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$272,000 for the field force of the commission, which amount is \$12,000 in excess of the Budget estimates, and an apparent increase of \$226,320 over the appropriation for this purpose for the current fiscal year. This increase is brought about by the transfer of employees heretofore detailed to the commission from other departments and offices, as was provided in a paragraph of the independent offices appropriation bill, 1923, which authorized the Civil Service Commission to make an estimate for these details and the departments to make a corresponding reduction in their estimates for the ensuing fiscal year.

Because of the transfer of details to the rolls of the Civil Service Commission a new paragraph is necessary in this bill which prohibits any further detail or loan of employees by the departments, and extends to the commission authority in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees to or from its office force or its field force, and also permits the detail of one person for part-time duty in the district office at New York City.

The aggregate of the appropriations recommended for the Civil Service Commission in the accompanying bill for the fiscal year 1924 is \$889,295, which amount is \$169,320 in excess of the appropriations for the current fiscal year, and \$12,000 in excess of the estimates.

EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,432,740 for the Employees' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year 1924. This is the amount estimated for in the Budget, but is \$211,766 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, the principal item of reduction being \$200,000 in the appropriation for the employees' compensation fund.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION.

Several new paragraphs are recommended in the accompanying bill for carrying out the purposes of the Federal water power act, one of which contains an appropriation of \$40,000 for general ex-

penses of the Federal Power Commission, and the second paragraph carries an appropriation of \$4,000 for printing and binding of the commission. These amounts are \$11,000 less than the total of the estimates.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

An appropriation of \$955,000 is recommended for the Federal Trade Commission for the fiscal year 1924, \$55,000 of which is to be used for the salaries of five commissioners and the secretary, \$880,000 for general expenses, and \$20,000 for printing and binding. This amount is the same as the estimated requirement but is \$50,000 more than the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,366,513 for the General Accounting Office, which amount is \$49,505 less than the total of all the appropriations available to this office for the current fiscal year, but is \$5,350 in excess of the estimates. Of the above-mentioned amount of \$3,366,513, \$2,989,440 is recommended for salaries, \$349,573 for contingent expenses, and \$27,500 for printing and binding.

Under a new provision the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to deliver to the General Accounting Office without payment therefor one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle. Another provision, new in this bill, will be found in connection with the appropriation for contingent expenses. It provides that not exceeding \$35,000 may be expended for the rental of tabulating and card-sorting machines. Heretofore this provision has been carried in the Post Office Department appropriation act, and the limitation has been \$44,000.

GRANT MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

An appropriation of \$1,800 is recommended in this bill for printing and binding a report on the construction and dedication of the Grant Memorial.

HOUSING CORPORATION.

No material reductions are made in the amounts recommended by the committee for the use of the Housing Corporation, except in the Government hotels for Government workers. The committee recommends \$800,000 for the fiscal year 1924 for the operation of the hotels as compared with an appropriation of \$925,000 for 1923. The recommendation of the committee, however, is \$50,000 in excess of that contained in the Budget.

In connection with the appropriation of \$800,000 for the Government hotels, a new provision has been inserted which authorizes and directs the Secretary of War, within 30 days after the approval of the act, to deliver without payment therefor to the Housing Corporation a 1-ton and a 2-ton motor truck. The transfer of these trucks is made necessary in order that the laundry facilities of the Government hotels may be extended to other departments of the Government in laundering towels, etc.

The aggregate of the amounts recommended to be appropriated for the Housing Corporation is \$920,450, which amount is \$135,975 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, but is \$50,000 in excess of the Budget estimates.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,564,500 for the Interstate Commerce Commission for the fiscal year 1924. This amount is made up as follows: Salaries of the commissioners and the secretary, \$139,500; general expenses, \$2,100,000; Bureau of Accounts, \$550,000; Bureau of Safety, \$350,000; Bureau of Locomotive Inspection, \$300,000; valuation of property of carriers, \$1,000,000; and printing and binding, \$125,000. The committee recommendation is \$481,150 less than the total of the appropriations for the current fiscal year, but is \$50,000 in excess of the Budget estimates, this increase being applied to the appropriation for the Bureau of Accounts.

A new provision is inserted in the general expense appropriation repealing the provisions contained in the current law permitting the Interstate Commerce Commission to employ expert stenographic services and to sell at cost copies of transcripts of its proceedings. It has been found that to do this work would cost approximately \$100,000 additional, and the provisions sought to be repealed are at present inoperative under authority contained in the third deficiency act, approved July 1, 1922.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,600 for the printing and binding of a report on the construction and dedication of the Lincoln Memorial.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS.

An appropriation of \$283,000 is recommended for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for the fiscal year 1924, \$13,000 of which is carried in the item for printing and binding. This amount is an increase of \$73,000 over the appropriations for the current fiscal year and \$23,000 over the estimates submitted in the Budget.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$340,000 for the use of the Railroad Labor Board for the fiscal year 1924, \$10,000 of which is carried in the item for printing and binding. The recommended amount is \$10,000 less than the current appropriation but is the same as the Budget requirements.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

The appropriations for the Smithsonian Institution are recommended in accordance with the amounts estimated for the fiscal year

1924 with but few exceptions. These exceptions are the increase of \$3,000 in the appropriation for international exchanges, \$4,000 in the appropriation for American ethnology, and \$17,400 for printing and binding. The total of the appropriations recommended by the committee is \$618,400, which amount is \$4,120 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, but is \$24,400 in excess of the Budget estimates.

STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS.

The committee recommends appropriations for the fiscal year 1924 in accordance with the amounts estimated. The total of the appropriations recommended are \$1,692,720 less than the total of the appropriations for the fiscal year 1923, but during the current fiscal year there was carried an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the purchase of land, so that the actual decrease in the appropriations for the care and maintenance of State, War, and Navy Department buildings is \$192,720.

The Interior Department buildings also come under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department buildings, transferred under authority contained in the Interior Department appropriation act, 1923, as well as the Lemon Building, transferred from the War Department.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$700,000 for the Tariff Commission for the fiscal year 1924. This amount is the same as that requested in the Budget, but is \$375,000 in excess of the appropriations for the current fiscal year. This increase is made necessary because of the additional duties imposed upon the Tariff Commission under sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act approved September 21, 1922.

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD.

An appropriation of \$2,000 is recommended for printing and binding for the United States Geographic Board, which is the amount of the estimate for 1924, and \$1,000 more than the appropriation for the current fiscal year. Authority is inserted because of the provision in the legislative act, 1923, relating to printing and binding, which permits all expenditures of the board to be paid upon vouchers approved by it and signed by its secretary, who shall act as its disbursing agent without bond.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD.

The committee recommends an appropriation of \$411,500 for the United States Shipping Board for the fiscal year 1924. Of this amount \$5,000 is carried in the item for printing and binding. The separate paragraph appropriating \$20,000 for 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 carried in the current law has been eliminated and the expense of this work will now be done under the general appropriation of the Shipping Board. The committee recommendation is the same as the estimated requirement, but is \$47,500 less than the total of the appropriations for the Shipping Board for the current fiscal year.

EMERGENCY SHIPPING FUND.

The committee recommends for the use of the Emergency Fleet Corporation for the fiscal year 1924 the sum of \$50,000,000, together with the amount on hand July 1, 1923, but not in excess of the sums sufficient to cover all obligations incurred prior to July 1, 1923, and then unpaid, and the amount received during the fiscal year 1924 from the operation of ships.

None of the limitations in the current law have been omitted and but one new paragraph has been added. The purpose of this paragraph is to cover into the Treasury immediately at the expiration of this fiscal year any balance of the appropriation of \$50,000,000 made in the current law for the payment of claims. The paragraph reads as follows:

Any part of the \$50,000,000 appropriated by the act approved June 12, 1922, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Executive and for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and for other purposes," for the payment of claims, damage charges, and miscellaneous adjustments, authorized under the provisions of the merchant marine act 1920, remaining unexpended or uncommitted on July 1, 1923, shall be covered into the United States Treasury.

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU.

The total of the appropriations recommended for the United States Veterans' Bureau for the fiscal year 1924 is \$428,160,773. This amount is \$10,096,929.55 greater than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, but is \$12,152,227 less than the amounts estimated for in the Budget. The total recommended by the committee is made up of the following items:

Salaries and expenses.....	\$49,984,063
Printing and binding.....	300,000
Compensation.....	118,450,000
Medical and hospital services.....	48,683,710
Vocational rehabilitation.....	120,743,000
Insurance.....	90,000,000
Total.....	428,160,773

Minor changes in the language of various paragraphs under the appropriations for salaries and expenses, and medical and hospital services are recommended, being necessary under the transfer of medical and hospital personnel from the Public Health Service to the Veterans' Bureau.

A paragraph is recommended permitting all moneys refunded or received in connection with the work of the Veterans' Bureau to be covered into the appropriation for the work from or on account of which the collection was made, and be available for the purpose of such appropriation, with the provision that a detailed statement be

submitted to Congress on the first day of each regular session, giving the amount of moneys so refunded or received and the appropriations into which the same were covered.

Another paragraph, not heretofore carried, is recommended by the committee which provides that hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered in the United States Veterans' Bureau when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of \$50. This proposed paragraph obviates the necessity of advertising for proposals to furnish certain services when the aggregate amount does not exceed \$50.

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A comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for 1923, the Budget estimates for 1924, and the increase or decrease in the amounts recommended as compared with the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1924, and the increase or decrease in the amounts recommended as compared with the amounts recommended in the Budget estimates.

Object.	Appropriations for 1923 in the independent offices, deficiency, and other acts.	Budget estimates for 1924, regular annual and supplemental.	Amount recommended in the bill for 1924.	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1923 appropriations.	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1924 Budget estimates.
EXECUTIVE OFFICE.					
President, salary of.....	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00		
Vice President, salary of.....	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Executive Office:					
Salaries.....	80,880.00	74,280.00	74,280.00	-\$6,600.00	
Contingent expenses.....	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00		
President, traveling expenses.....	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00		
Printing and binding.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Executive Mansion:					
Improvement and maintenance of grounds.....	10,000.00	10,080.00	5,000.00	-\$5,080.00	
Care, repair, etc.....	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00		
Fuel.....	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Care, etc., greenhouses.....	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00		

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE—continued.					
Executive Mansion—Continued.					
Repair to greenhouses.....	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Reconstructing greenhouses.....	6,000.00				
Lighting grounds and greenhouses.....	8,600.00	8,600.00	8,600.00
Iron fence, construction of.....	4,000.00	-\$4,000.00
Repairs and refurbishing.....	20,000.00	20,000.00	+20,000.00
Plans for fireproofing, etc.....	5,000.00	5,000.00	+5,000.00
White House Police:					
Salaries.....	41,655.00	55,540.00	55,540.00	+13,885.00
Uniforms and equipment.....	9,900.00	3,350.00	3,350.00	-6,550.00
Total, Executive Office.....	386,035.00	407,850.00	402,770.00	+16,735.00	-\$5,080.00
ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.					
Salaries and expenses.....	370,000.00	280,000.00	280,000.00	-90,000.00

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Printing and binding.....			1, 200. 00	1, 200. 00	+1, 200. 00
Total, Alien Property Custodian.....	370, 000. 00	281, 200. 00	281, 200. 00	281, 200. 00	-88, 800. 00
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION.					
Salaries and expenses.....	25, 000. 00				-25, 000. 00
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.					
Salaries and expenses.....	145, 000. 00	144, 500. 00	144, 500. 00	144, 500. 00	-500. 00
Printing and binding.....		500. 00	500. 00	500. 00	+500. 00
Total, Bureau of Efficiency.....	145, 000. 00	145, 000. 00	145, 000. 00	145, 000. 00	
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.					
Office force.....	305, 420. 00	305, 420. 00	305, 420. 00	305, 420. 00	
Additional employees.....	100, 000. 00	90, 000. 00	107, 500. 00	107, 500. 00	+7, 500. 00
Field force.....	45, 680. 00	260, 000. 00	272, 000. 00	272, 000. 00	+226, 320. 00
Expert examiners.....	2, 000. 00	2, 000. 00	2, 000. 00	2, 000. 00	
Administration of retirement act.....	40, 000. 00	30, 000. 00	30, 000. 00	30, 000. 00	-10, 000. 00
Examination of presidential postmasters.....	75, 000. 00	50, 000. 00	32, 500. 00	32, 500. 00	-42, 500. 00
Traveling expenses.....	20, 000. 00	18, 000. 00	18, 000. 00	18, 000. 00	-2, 000. 00
Contingent expenses.....	50, 000. 00	45, 000. 00	45, 000. 00	45, 000. 00	-5, 000. 00
Rent.....	16, 875. 00	16, 875. 00	16, 875. 00	16, 875. 00	
Printing and binding.....	65, 000. 00	60, 000. 00	60, 000. 00	60, 000. 00	-5, 000. 00
Total, Civil Service Commission.....	719, 975. 00	877, 295. 00	889, 295. 00	889, 295. 00	+169, 320. 00

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COMMISSION ON FINE ARTS.					
Salaries and expenses.....	\$6,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	-\$500.00
Printing and binding.....	500.00	500.00	+500.00
Total, Commission of Fine Arts.....	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION.					
Salaries.....	123,940.00	116,740.00	116,740.00	-7,200.00
Contingent expenses.....	20,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	-8,000.00
Printing and binding.....	4,000.00	4,000.00	+4,000.00
Administration of employees' compensation fund.....	2,500,000.00	2,300,000.00	2,300,000.00	-200,000.00
Private relief act.....	566.00	-566.00
Total, Employees' Compensation Commission.....	2,644,506.00	2,432,740.00	2,432,740.00	-211,766.00
FEDERAL FUEL DISTRIBUTION.					
Salaries and expenses.....	150,000.00	-150,000.00

FEDERAL NARCOTICS BOARD.				
Salaries and expenses.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	-\$2,500.00
FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION.				
Salaries and expenses.....	.....	50,000.00	40,000.00	+40,000.00
Printing and binding.....	.....	5,000.00	4,000.00	+4,000.00
Total, Federal Power Commission.....	.....	55,000.00	44,000.00	+44,000.00
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.				
Salaries.....	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	.....
Expenses.....	850,000.00	880,000.00	880,000.00	+30,000.00
Printing and binding.....	.....	20,000.00	20,000.00	+20,000.00
Total, Federal Trade Commission.....	905,000.00	955,000.00	955,000.00	+50,000.00
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.				
Salaries.....	2,997,650.00	2,984,090.00	2,989,440.00	-8,210.00
Contingent expenses.....	386,738.00	349,573.00	349,573.00	-37,165.00
Printing and binding.....	31,630.00	27,500.00	27,500.00	-4,130.00
Total, General Accounting Office.....	¹ 3,416,018.00	3,361,163.00	3,366,513.00	-49,505.00
GRANT MEMORIAL COMMISSION.				
For printing and binding report.....	.....	1,800.00	1,800.00	+1,800.00

¹ \$892,820 of this amount transferred from the Post Office Department, third deficiency appropriation act, 1923.

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HOUSING CORPORATION.					
Salaries.....	\$65,725.00	\$54,250.00	\$54,250.00	-\$11,475.00
Contingent expenses.....	11,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	-3,000.00
Printing and binding.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	+1,500.00
Cost of appraisal.....	6,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	+4,000.00
Collections.....	33,700.00	33,700.00	33,700.00
Government hotels, Washington.....	925,000.00	750,000.00	800,000.00	-125,000.00	+\$50,000.00
Maintenance, unsold property.....	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses on property sold.....	10,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	-1,000.00
Total, Housing Corporation.....	1,056,425.00	870,450.00	920,450.00	-135,975.00	+50,000.00
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.					
Salaries.....	139,500.00	139,500.00	139,500.00
General expenses.....	2,250,000.00	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00	-150,000.00
Regulating commerce.....	525,000.00	500,000.00	550,000.00	+25,000.00	+50,000.00

Signal safety systems.....	391, 150.00	350, 000.00	-41, 150.00	.....
Locomotive safety inspection.....	290, 000.00	300, 000.00	+10, 000.00	.....
Valuation of property.....	1, 300, 000.00	1, 000, 000.00	-300, 000.00	.....
Printing and binding.....	150, 000.00	125, 000.00	-25, 000.00	.....
Total, Interstate Commerce Commission.....	5, 045, 650.00	4, 564, 500.00	-481, 150.00	+50, 000.00
INTERSTATE RIVER COMMISSION.				
Salaries and expenses.....	10, 000.00	.....	-10, 000.00	.....
LINCOLN MEMORIAL COMMISSION.				
For printing and binding report.....	.....	3, 600.00	+3, 600.00	.....
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS.				
Salaries and expenses.....	210, 000.00	270, 000.00	+60, 000.00	+23, 000.00
Printing and binding.....	.....	13, 000.00	+13, 000.00	.....
Total, National Advisory Committee for Aero- nautics.....	210, 000.00	283, 000.00	+73, 000.00	+23, 000.00
FERRY'S VICTORY MEMORIAL COMMISSION.				
Improvements, etc.....	.....	99, 185.00	.....	-99, 185.00
RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.				
Salaries and expenses.....	350, 000.00	330, 000.00	-20, 000.00	.....
Printing and binding.....	10, 000.00	+10, 000.00
Total, Railroad Labor Board.....	350, 000.00	340, 000.00	-10, 000.00

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.					
International exchanges.....	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$43,000.00	-\$2,000.00	+\$3,000.00
American Ethnology.....	44,000.00	40,000.00	44,000.00	+4,000.00
International Catalogue of Scientific Literature.....	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Astrophysical Observatory.....	15,500.00	15,500.00	15,500.00
National Museum:					
Furniture, cases, etc.....	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Heat, telegraph, etc.....	73,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	-3,000.00
Increase of collections.....	312,620.00	312,500.00	312,500.00	-120.00
Repairs to buildings, etc.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Purchase of books, etc.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Stamps and foreign postage.....	500.00	500.00	500.00
National Gallery of Art.....	15,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	+1,000.00

Printing and binding.....	77,400.00	60,000.00	77,400.00	.....	+17,400.00
Total, Smithsonian Institution.....	622,520.00	594,000.00	618,400.00	-4,120.00	+24,400.00
STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDINGS.					
Office of superintendent.....	3,600.00	8,100.00	8,100.00	+4,500.00	.....
Printing and binding.....	.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	+2,000.00	.....
State, War, and Navy Buildings:					
Salaries.....	119,980.00	100,900.00	100,900.00	-19,080.00	.....
Fuel, repairs, etc.....	54,000.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	.....	.....
Walker-Johnson Building:					
Salaries.....	15,060.00	13,740.00	13,740.00	-1,320.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	8,500.00	8,480.00	8,480.00	-20.00	.....
Potomac Park Office Buildings:					
Salaries.....	334,850.00	315,490.00	315,490.00	-19,360.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	185,000.00	164,000.00	164,000.00	-21,000.00	.....
Mall Office Buildings:					
Salaries.....	263,850.00	233,550.00	233,550.00	-30,300.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	117,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-17,000.00	.....
Lemon Building, 1729 New York Avenue NW.: ¹					
Salaries.....	.....	4,860.00	4,860.00	+4,860.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	.....	4,100.00	4,100.00	+4,100.00	.....

¹ Formerly under War Department appropriations.

A comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for 1923, the Budget estimates for 1924, the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1924, and the increase or decrease in the amounts recommended as compared with the appropriations and the Budget estimates—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1923 in the independent offices, deficiency, and other acts.	Budget estimates for 1924, regular annual and supplemental.	Amount recommended in the bill for 1924.	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1923 appropriations.	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1924 Budget estimates.
STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDINGS—continued.					
Temporary office building, 1800 Virginia Avenue:					
Salaries.....	\$38,650.00	\$34,510.00	\$34,510.00	-\$4,140.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	22,300.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	-3,300.00	.....
Temporary office building, 1800 E Street NW.:					
Salaries.....	8,820.00	8,820.00	8,820.00	.....	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	4,800.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-800.00	.....
Temporary office buildings:					
Salaries.....	203,480.00	172,700.00	172,700.00	-30,780.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	109,000.00	81,000.00	81,000.00	-28,000.00	.....
Purchase of land.....	1,500,000.00	.....	.....	-1,500,000.00	.....
Interior Department Building: 3					
Salaries.....	115,800.00	110,760.00	110,760.00	-5,040.00	.....
Fuel, light, etc.....	77,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-17,000.00	.....

Pension Office, Patent Office, and General Land Office Buildings:

Salaries.....	138,260.00	133,220.00	133,220.00	-5,040.00
Contingent expenses.....	80,000.00	74,000.00	74,000.00	-6,000.00
Total, State, War, and Navy Buildings.....	3,399,950.00	1,707,230.00	1,707,230.00	-1,692,720.00

TARIFF COMMISSION.

Salaries and expenses.....	325,000.00	680,000.00	680,000.00	+355,000.00
Printing and binding.....		20,000.00	20,000.00	+20,000.00
Total, Tariff Commission.....	325,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00	+375,000.00

UNITED STATES COAL COMMISSION.

Salaries and expenses.....	200,000.00			-200,000.00
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UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD.

Printing and binding.....	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	+1,000.00
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UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD.

Salaries and expenses.....	459,000.00	406,500.00	406,500.00	-52,500.00
Printing and binding.....		5,000.00	5,000.00	+5,000.00
Emergency shipping fund.....	² 100,000,000.00	50,000,000.00	50,000,000.00	-50,000,000.00

Total, Shipping Board.....	100,459,000.00	50,411,500.00	50,411,500.00	-50,047,500.00
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¹ Carried in Interior Department bill for 1923.

² Includes \$50,000,000 for the payment of claims.

A comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for 1923, the Budget estimates for 1924, the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1924, and the increase or decrease in the amounts recommended as compared with the appropriations and the Budget estimates—Continued.

Object.	Appropriations for 1923 in the independent offices, deficiency, and other acts.	Budget estimates for 1924, regular annual and supplemental.	Amount recommended in the bill for 1924.	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1923 appropriations.	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1924 Budget estimates.
UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU.					
Salaries and expenses.....	\$34,970,974.65	\$55,063,000.00	\$49,984,063.00	+\$15,013,088.35	-\$5,078,937.00
Printing and binding.....	.....	300,000.00	300,000.00	+300,000.00	.....
Settlement of claims.....	25,000.00	.....	.....	-25,000.00	.....
Military and naval compensation.....	160,000,000.00	118,450,000.00	118,450,000.00	-41,550,000.00	.....
Medical and hospital services.....	¹ 76,658,680.00	52,000,000.00	48,683,710.00	-27,974,970.00	-3,316,290.00
Vocational rehabilitation.....	146,409,188.80	124,500,000.00	120,743,000.00	-25,666,188.80	-3,757,000.00
Military and naval insurance.....	.....	90,000,000.00	90,000,000.00	+90,000,000.00	.....
Total, United States Veterans' Bureau.....	418,063,843.45	440,313,000.00	428,160,773.00	+10,096,929.55	-12,152,227.00
Total, regular annual appropriations.....	² 538,510,922.45	508,341,013.00	496,235,771.00	-42,275,151.45	-12,105,242.00

¹ Includes \$12,000,000 for hospital construction.

² Includes \$411,060 for 1923, carried in Interior Department bill.

