

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1937

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9863]

The accompanying bill carries appropriations for the Executive Office and for certain sundry independent establishments of the Government estimated for in the Independent Offices chapter of the Budget, pages 23 to 81, inclusive, excepting that for Emergency Conservation work, which will be considered under a subsequent bill.

TOTAL ESTIMATES AND TOTAL OF BILL

The total estimates for 1937 for the items in the bill aggregate \$927,345,766. The total of the bill as reported is \$47,601,861 less than the estimates. However, in effecting the various Budget cuts throughout the bill, the committee has authorized the use of unexpended balances of former appropriations and, in every instance but one, has, by this means, provided the full amount of the Budget estimates. The exception referred to is that of employees' compensation benefits to enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps, where a reduction of \$250,000 was made in view of the contemplated reduction in the number of enrollees.

INCREASES

Through the use of unexpended balances the committee has, without increasing the Budget, provided increased funds for three activities, as follows:

1. An increase of \$7,000 for the National Mediation Board for the salary and expenses of an additional mediator.

2. An increase of \$10,000 for the Railroad Adjustment Board for additional personnel.

3. An increase of \$2,000,000 for administrative expenses of the Veterans' Administration.

The above increases are explained in greater detail under the respective items below.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ESTIMATES COMPARED

The total appropriations for 1936 are \$805,234,158. For purposes of comparing with the estimates there should be subtracted from the foregoing figure the total of the following nonrecurring appropriations for 1936:

Federal Home Loan Bank Board.....	\$264, 043
George Washington Bicentennial Commission.....	103, 600
Thomas Jefferson Memorial.....	15, 000
United States-Texas Centennial.....	3, 000, 000
Protection of interests of the United States in matters affecting oil lands in former naval reserves.....	36, 000
Total.....	3, 418, 643

Subtracting the total of the foregoing nonrecurring items from the total of appropriations, there remains a net total of appropriations for 1936 of \$801,815,515.

Comparing the latter figure with the total estimates for 1937 of \$927,345,766, there is shown an increase over the current year of \$125,530,251.

Of the foregoing increase, \$48,555,420 is on account of the following new activities not appropriated for in 1936:

Central Statistical Board.....	\$175, 420
National Labor Relations Board.....	735, 000
Railroad Retirement Board.....	47, 645, 000
Total.....	48, 555, 420

However, revised estimates submitted in connection with the pending deficiency bill include a total of \$970,600 for the new activities above listed.

INCREASES FOR OLD ACTIVITIES

Major increases of old activities are as follows:

Civil service retirement fund.....	\$6, 050, 000
Interstate Commerce Commission:	
Air mail.....	160, 000
Motor transport regulation.....	1, 700, 000
Federal Power Commission.....	1, 412, 400
Securities and Exchange Commission.....	1, 980, 506
National Archives.....	142, 000
Veterans' Administration:	
Pensions.....	35, 160, 000
Adjusted service certificate fund.....	60, 000, 000
Total.....	106, 604, 906

The revised estimates for the pending deficiency bill include a total of \$3,251,500 supplemental for 1936 for the old activities of the bill.

DECREASES

Major offsetting decreases in the estimates for 1937 as compared with 1936 appropriations are as follows:

American Battle Monuments Commission.....	\$28, 059
Federal Communications Commission.....	50, 000
Federal Trade Commission.....	164, 309
Foreign service pay adjustment.....	1, 534, 865
National Capital Park and Planning Commission.....	400, 000
Tariff Commission.....	10, 000
Veterans' Administration:	
Military and naval insurance.....	15, 790, 000
Hospital and domiciliary facilities.....	18, 175, 000
Total.....	36, 152, 233

There follows a detailed discussion of each establishment, and at the end of the report is the usual comparative table.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Salaries.—The bill provides the Budget estimate of \$125,982 for salaries of the President's immediate office, an increase of \$98 over the appropriation for 1936. The number of the President's staff remains at 37 persons for 1937 as in the current fiscal year. The \$98 increase will provide very slight salary adjustments in two of the grades.

Contingent expenses, printing, and binding, and travel expenses.—The amounts for these items are the same for 1937 as for 1936, being: For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, \$50,350; for printing and binding, \$2,700; and for traveling expenses, \$25,000.

Executive Mansion and grounds.—For maintenance of the Executive Mansion and grounds, the bill carries the Budget estimate of \$143,098, being a reduction of \$200 under the amount appropriated for 1936. This amount provides \$73,634 for 53 permanent employees and \$16,814 for temporary employees. The remainder of the appropriation, \$52,650, is for miscellaneous expenses, of which \$15,265 is for supplies and materials; \$10,635 for heat, light, and power; and \$10,475 for repairs and alterations; the remainder being for minor expenses.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

The Budget estimate of \$171,000 for 1937 is solely for the care and upkeep of the cemeteries, chapels, and monuments abroad. There still remains an unexpended balance of former appropriations for construction of approximately \$187,000. This balance remains available for purposes of construction until expended. There is likewise an estimated unexpended balance of the 1936 appropriation for administrative purposes of approximately \$24,000, making a total of unexpended balances for both construction and administration of \$211,000.

The Commission's estimate of the items yet to be completed out of the construction fund total approximately \$110,000 to \$115,000. The committee has, therefore, reduced the Budget estimate of \$171,000 for the year 1937 by \$100,000 but has made available \$100,000 of unexpended balances, which will provide the Commission with the full amount of its estimate for maintenance for the next fiscal year and will leave a sufficient unexpended balance in the no-year fund to care for the items necessary to complete the project.

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

The Budget estimate of \$514,000 for salaries and expenses, and of \$26,000 for printing and binding, are the same for each of these items, respectively, as the current appropriation. The committee recommends the approval of the Budget estimate, but has provided that \$8,000 thereof shall be payable from an unexpended balance of the 1935 appropriation, thus reducing the Budget estimate by \$8,000.

The Board has, in the face of an annual decrease of appropriation since 1927, reduced the number of pending cases on its docket from a peak of 18,937 cases on July 1, 1932, to 9,005 appeals on December 1, 1935.

The decisions of the Board are appealed from in only 15 percent of the cases. The Board has been affirmed in approximately 70 percent of the cases that have gone to United States circuit courts of appeal, and in approximately 75 percent of the cases which were carried to the Supreme Court by writ of certiorari.

The Board collected in fees for the fiscal year 1935 a total of \$43,246.93 and a total of such fees since 1926 of \$770,518.27. These fees are deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

CENTRAL STATISTICAL BOARD

The Central Statistical Board was created by the act approved July 25, 1935 (Public, 219, 74th Cong.).

The functions and powers of the Board are epitomized on pages 37 and 38 of the hearings. In brief, they may be characterized as those of a general staff for all agencies engaged in the gathering of statistics (of which there are approximately 180 in the Federal Government).

The Board has the power to investigate and make recommendations respecting any and all Federal statistical projects, with a view of passing on the merits of the projects, preventing duplication of statistical work, and of standardizing, coordinating, and otherwise improving the general character of the statistics gathered, as well as their method of presentation.

As exemplifying the general nature of the work performed by this agency, there were submitted to the committee, for inclusion in the hearings, several tables showing the various statistical projects set up under emergency appropriations and the Board's recommendations with respect thereto. These may be found on pages 51 and 56, inclusive, of the hearings.

The act creating the Board authorizes an annual appropriation of not to exceed \$180,000 for its work. The Budget estimate for 1937 provides \$173,820 for salaries and expenses, and \$1,600 for printing and binding, making a total of \$175,420, which the committee has approved.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.—The Budget estimate of \$2,250,000 for 1937 has been cut by the committee to \$2,244,000, and an unexpended balance of \$6,000 of the 1935 appropriation has been reappropriated.

The total of \$2,250,000 thus made available for 1937 is \$205,000 in excess of the appropriation for 1936. Because of items of expenditure for 1936 which will not recur in 1937, there is an actual increase

of \$266,820 in the estimates for the ensuing year above the recurring items for the current year, as follows:

General examination and certification work.....	\$65,000
Service record and retirement work.....	60,000
5-year evaluation of Canal Zone retirement and disability fund.....	10,000
Personnel classification work.....	40,000
Character investigations, law enforcement, and Presidential postmaster applicants.....	10,000
Correspondence work.....	30,000
Appeals and review work.....	10,240
Field office work.....	41,580
Total increase.....	266,820

The necessity for the increases noted above are fully set forth on pages 86 to 88, inclusive, of the hearings.

Railway postal-clerk examinations.—Examinations for the railway postal-clerk register were to have been held under appropriations asked for and allowed in the sum of \$530,000 in the pending deficiency bill. These examinations are being held from the regular funds, with the expectation that the deficiency appropriation will ultimately be granted and the regular funds be reimbursed.

Reducing or limiting the number of applicants.—The committee has been impressed with the large number of persons taking examinations and the cost thereof in comparison with the relatively small number to be appointed as a result of such tests. Large savings could be effected if some plan, fair and just to all desiring to take the examinations, could be worked out whereby the number of applicants could be materially reduced. Within its power, the Commission has taken such measures as have seemed to it to be practicable to secure these ends. Its efforts are often criticized, however, as, for example, when its announcement of the railway postal-clerk examination limited to 8 days the period in which persons could apply for admission. Even in the short time allowed there were over 200,000 applicants for the examination, while the number of vacancies to be filled is only about 2,000.

Examination fees.—The Commission has given study to the plan of the Canadian Government in charging applicants a small fee. These are not, primarily, for the purpose of raising money. It has been found that the fee requirement very materially keeps down the number of applicants.

Standardizing examinations.—The committee believes that the cost of this activity could be reduced through the standardization of examinations, so that the same examination would constitute a substantial part, at least, of the test for positions of more or less related character.

It is believed that the feasibility of requiring the departments requesting the holding of civil-service examinations to pay the cost thereof should be looked into.

Printing and binding.—The Budget estimate of \$85,900 for printing and binding has been allowed. This sum is a decrease of \$900 under the current appropriation.

Civil service retirement fund.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$46,050,000 for the Federal contribution to the fund. On the basis of preliminary estimates, the board of actuaries for this fund

believes that \$58,251,430 is the proper amount of the Government contribution, but the lower sum has been submitted by the Budget. This amount is an increase of \$6,050,000 above the 1936 appropriation.

Canal Zone retirement fund.—Included in the estimate for 1937 under "Salaries and expenses" is an item of \$10,000 for an actuarial study of this fund. Pending such a study, the sum of \$500,000 is submitted, the same as appropriated for 1936.

EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The Budget estimate for all purposes for the Employees' Compensation Commission totals \$5,218,250. The Budget also includes an authorization of \$915,500 of the special fund created for the payment of benefits to enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps on account of injuries sustained in the performance of duty and an authorization of \$805,500 out of a like fund for benefits to Civil Works employees.

Approximately \$7,000,000 of the latter fund will never be required for the purposes for which it was created and set aside, the committee was informed by the Commission. Consequently, this unexpended balance has been utilized by the Committee to provide the funds required for the Commission's regular activities, resulting in a Budget reduction of \$5,218,250. The result is that, while the Commission is provided with all the funds it says it will require for 1937, none of the money is directly appropriated, being provided from the unexpended balance referred to.

The funds thus provided are: For administration, \$463,250, which is a reduction of \$750 under the 1936 appropriation; for printing and binding, \$5,000, being the amount of the current appropriation; and for the employees' compensation fund for the regular establishment, \$4,750,000, an increase of \$500,000 over the amount for 1936 to provide for the normal increase in the load on this fund.

The Budget request for an authorization of \$805,500 from the special fund on account of Civil Works employees has been granted; but the Budget estimate of \$915,500 from the special fund for the Civilian Conservation Corps has been reduced in the sum of \$250,000, on the assurance of the Commission that the lower amount will be sufficient with the number of enrollees being reduced as is now believed certain.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.—The Budget estimate for salaries and expenses for 1937 is \$1,450,000, which the bill includes. This is a reduction of \$50,000 under the current appropriation.

This is the second year's appropriation for the Commission since the passage of the Communications Act of 1934. That act abolished the old Federal Radio Commission and transferred its functions to the newly created Federal Communications Commission. In addition to its former control of radio communication, the Commission had placed under its jurisdiction all means of communication, whether by wire or radio, with broad powers of regulation and control, similar to those exercised by the Interstate Commerce Commission over the common carriers.

Special telephone investigation.—An extended report of the present status of the special telephone investigation authorized by Public Resolution No. 8, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved March 15, 1935, and for which \$750,000 was provided is set forth on pages 483 to 489 of the hearing.

Printing and binding.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$25,000 for printing and binding, which is the same in amount as appropriated for the current year, \$1,000 of the amount provided in the bill being in the form of a reappropriation.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

The Budget estimate of \$1,650,000 for the Federal Power Commission includes an amount for enforcement of title II of the Public Utility Act of 1935. The amount of \$308,600 appropriated for the Commission for the current fiscal year was based on the estimated requirements for the enforcement of the old Federal Water Power Act.

The increase of \$1,341,400 in the 1937 estimate over the 1936 appropriation is accounted for by the Commission's enlarged authority under the Public Utility Act referred to.

The committee has recommended a direct appropriation of \$1,634,000 for 1937, together with an unexpended balance of \$16,000, thus making available a total of \$1,650,000.

The Commission reports its original estimate to the Bureau of the Budget was \$3,600,000, and that under the reduced amount many important things required of it under the act will have to be deferred to a later date. Among these, one of the most important is that of determining the amount of the capital investment of the power companies of the country and the proper rate of depreciation. This information is of prime importance to State commissions in fixing rates. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$14,000,000 to make these determinations.

Power and rate surveys.—Extensive surveys of power and rates have been conducted by the Commission from emergency fund allotments and an extended discussion of these is to be found on pages 192 to 194, inclusive, of the hearings.

Printing and binding.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$75,000 for printing and binding. The amount appropriated for 1936 is \$4,000, the difference being accounted for by printing and binding necessary in connection with the Commission's enlarged duties.

Fees.—The old Federal Water Power Act provides for the assessment of fees against licensees in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of administration of the act. For 1935 the total of such fees collected was \$325,080, while the cost of administration for the same year was \$321,396.14. The total gross receipts in fees by the Commission for the past 10 years was \$4,627,488.07. These fees have been turned into the general fund of the Treasury.

Overlapping.—The committee took notice of the possibilities of overlapping of the activities of this Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission but was assured that every precaution is being taken to avoid such duplication. The Central Statistical Board has been useful in preventing duplication of effort in the collection of statistics.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.—The Budget estimate of \$1,407,000 for 1937 has been allowed, of which \$1,399,000 is a direct appropriation and \$8,000 is a reappropriation of an unexpended balance. The amount appropriated for the current year is \$1,569,309.

The amount estimated for administrative expenses is \$108,330, both for 1936 and 1937. The unlawful practices work will increase from \$929,228 in 1936 to \$1,050,000 in 1937; while the trade practice agreement work will increase from \$32,192 to \$248,670 in 1937. These two activities have increased largely as a result of the liquidation of the National Recovery Administration, which has thrown a greater burden of adjusting complaints arising in trade upon the Federal Trade Commission.

No amount has been estimated for "special work", or economic investigations.

Agricultural income investigations.—The pending deficiency appropriation bill carries \$150,000 for agricultural income investigations. These investigations have been carried forward in a very limited fashion out of the regular funds, which will be reimbursed out of the deficiency appropriation if and when made. As soon as a direct appropriation for these investigations becomes available they will be prosecuted with vigor.

Printing and binding.—The Budget estimate for printing and binding, which the committee has approved, is in the sum of \$32,000, which is \$2,000 less than the current appropriation.

FOREIGN PAY ADJUSTMENT

The act approved March 26, 1934, authorizes annual appropriations to meet losses sustained by Federal employees in foreign countries due to the appreciation of foreign currencies.

The Budget estimate of \$3,848,611 is for all foreign services and is a matter of computation based upon existing exchange values. If exchange is more favorable at the time salaries are actually paid, there results a saving in the appropriation, which is returned to the Treasury. If, on the other hand, the exchange rate should have fluctuated unfavorably, there would result a deficiency in the appropriation for which a deficiency estimate would be submitted.

Of the 1935 appropriation there is an unexpended balance of approximately \$1,000,000 and of that for 1936 it now appears the unexpended balance will be slightly more than \$1,000,000.

The committee has, therefore, made a direct appropriation of \$1,800,000 and reappropriated \$2,048,611 of the unexpended balances of the 1935 and 1936 appropriations, making a total available for this purpose of an amount equal to that of the Budget estimate of \$3,848,611.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries and expenses.—The Budget estimate of \$4,954,600 has been approved by the committee, which is an increase of \$228,940 above the current appropriation.

Contingent expenses.—The committee has allowed the Budget estimate of \$272,440 for contingent expenses, which is an increase of \$98,500 over 1936. Of this increase \$80,000 is for travel expenses

and per diem in the field. Men are being sent into the field to pre-audit cotton payments in the South and sugar payments in the Philippines.

Printing and binding.—The Budget estimate of \$79,800 for printing and binding has been allowed. It is \$8,800 in excess of the current appropriation.

Increase in work.—There has been a growing increase in the work of this agency, due to the increase of both the regular establishment and the emergency agencies. Originally, the Office handled about 31 million checks a year. Under the increase in Government activities, the number of checks will reach around 80 or 90 million per year.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

General administrative expenses.—The 1936 appropriation for this item is \$2,796,465 and the Commission submitted its estimates to the Budget Bureau in that amount. However, the Budget reduced the figure to \$2,544,000. The committee made this sum available in the accompanying bill, but made a direct appropriation of \$2,426,000 and reappropriated \$118,000 of an unexpended balance.

Regulating accounts.—On January 1, 1935, the Commission's order became effective requiring steam railroads to set up depreciation charges against their equipment. To enforce this order, the Commission recommended to the Budget an increase of \$26,762. This increase was disallowed, and the amount submitted by the Budget is \$852,000, an increase over the current appropriation of \$24. The committee has provided this amount in the bill, of which \$847,000 is a direct appropriation, and \$5,000 is a reappropriation of an unexpended balance.

Safety of employees.—The Budget estimate of \$506,000 for safety of employees is \$8,195 below the current appropriation and below the request of the Commission for 1937. The committee has made a direct appropriation of \$500,000 and reappropriated an additional \$6,000 from an unexpended balance, thus providing the amount of the Budget estimate.

Signal safety systems.—For this activity, the Commission requested of the Budget an increase of \$7,333 over the current appropriation. This was reduced by the Budget to \$38,550, which is a reduction of \$1,132 below the 1936 figure. The Budget estimate was approved by the committee, \$36,550 being a direct appropriation and \$2,000 being a reappropriation of an unexpended balance.

Locomotive inspection.—The Budget estimate of \$471,000 is a reduction of \$11,238 below the current appropriation of \$482,238. The Commission had requested the latter figure. The committee has allowed the Budget estimate, but has made available \$16,000 of an unexpended balance and has made a direct appropriation of only \$455,000.

Valuation of property of carriers.—The Budget estimate of \$800,000 is a reduction of \$241,000 below the current appropriation. The original valuations are completed and the work is now primarily concerned with keeping them current through information and reporting on all new construction, improvements, retirements and other changes. The committee has made a direct appropriation of \$798,000 and a reappropriation of \$2,000.

Air mail.—This is a new appropriation, to enable the Commission to comply with the Air Mail Act of 1934, as amended, by reviewing bids in connection with air transport of the mails, and to determine and fix the fair and reasonable rate for such transportation.

The Budget estimate of \$160,000 has been allowed by the committee. The Commission's original request of the Budget Bureau was in the sum of \$257,220.

Motor-transport regulation.—In this activity, the Commission has embarked upon a new field, the exact extent of which and the appropriation requirements for which will probably not be determined for several years to come.

Because of the failure of enactment of the deficiency bill at the last session, this work is being carried forward out of an allotment of \$575,000 from the Commission's appropriations for its other activities, with the expectation that a deficiency appropriation will be made early in the present session for an amount sufficient to reimburse the funds borrowed and to continue the motor-transport regulation for the balance of 1936.

The Commission requested of the Budget \$3,050,490 for the fiscal year 1937, but the Budget reduced the estimate to \$1,700,000, and that amount has been included in the bill.

Printing and binding.—The Budget estimate of \$175,000 is \$50,000 in excess of the current figure. The increase is necessitated by printing of forms required in the administration of the Motor Carrier Act. The committee has made a direct appropriation of \$167,000 and a reappropriation from an unexpended balance of \$8,000.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

The Budget estimates of \$1,158,850 for salaries and expenses, and of \$18,700 for printing and binding, are, respectively, the amounts appropriated for these purposes for the current year, and they are the amounts included in the bill. The activity comprises the world's greatest research organization in the field of aviation and is largely responsible for the present leadership of this country in that science.

The Committee is composed of 15 persons appointed from the Army, Navy, and other branches of the Government having to do with flying, as well as several from private life, all of whom serve without pay.

The chairman of the Committee is Dr. Joseph S. Ames, president emeritus of the Johns Hopkins University, and one of the world's outstanding physicists.

There is a small administrative force in the Washington office, but the work of the Committee is carried on at the laboratory which is located at Langley Field, Va., by a staff numbering over 300. The value of the buildings and equipment is estimated at \$5,000,000.

The value of this research organization is illustrated by a statement in the hearings (p. 370) which shows that on the basis of the number of airplanes, both military and nonmilitary, in use in this country in 1932, certain improvements in airplane design developed by the Committee have resulted in actual dollars-and-cents savings of approximately \$10,000,000 per year. These figures make no allowance for increase in safety which cannot, of course, be expressed in sums of money, nor do they include any evaluations of superior performance in time of war.

In the past 5 years, the average cruising speed of airplanes has increased from 110 miles per hour to 220 miles per hour, due largely to the researches of this committee.

In making its fundamental researches of the principles of aerodynamics and of the design and structure of airplanes best suited to apply the principles discovered, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics does not duplicate the work of any other Government agency. The committee, having within its membership the representatives of every important branch of the service, both military and civilian, interested in the development of aviation, constitutes a coordinating agency which effectively prevents duplication.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives was established by the act of June 19, 1934, to: First, concentrate and preserve all inactive Government records having a permanent value; and second, to classify, catalog, and arrange these records so as to facilitate their use by Government officials and by scholars.

The act establishing the Federal Register, approved July 26, 1935, added a third function to this agency, namely, that of filing and preparing for publication all rules and regulations issued by Federal agencies which have general applicability and legal effect.

Up to the present time the activities of this establishment have been largely in the nature of organizing and preparing for its regular duties, the design and selection of the special equipment which will be required to properly store the Government records in a manner to preserve their easy accessibility, and a survey of the great mass of Government records now scattered in innumerable buildings, preparatory to their removal to the Archives Building.

For the fiscal year 1935, there was an initial appropriation of \$50,000 with which to begin planning the organization. For the fiscal year 1936 there was appropriated \$475,000, including \$17,000 for printing and binding, and for 1937 the Budget has estimated \$600,000, which the committee has approved. The Budget has also estimated \$17,000 for printing and binding, which is included in the bill.

The estimate for 1937 provides a personnel of 251. In this connection, it is noted that the advisory committee on the National Archives Building appointed by President Hoover in 1930, stated: "That it is not likely the personnel employed in the completed structure will greatly exceed 600 people."

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

The Budget estimate of \$400,000 for land purchases under the National Capital Park and Planning Commission has been approved.

Of this sum \$200,000 is for purchase of land in Virginia for the further extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. This project, under a previous appropriation, is now being extended from the Memorial Bridge to the Key Bridge, and the amount provided in this bill will provide for its extension above the Key Bridge to Spout Run. The terms of the act creating the parkway require the State of Virginia to match the Government appropriation.

The other \$200,000 of the proposed appropriation is for the acquisition of lands in Maryland in connection with the extension of Rock Creek Park into that State. To preserve the beauties of Rock Creek it was deemed essential to preserve the entire watershed from urban encroachment. The act for this project requires the State of Maryland to bear two-thirds of the cost of the land purchases in connection therewith.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

The National Labor Relations Board was created by the act approved July 5, 1935.

Upon the appointment of the Board, August 27, 1935, it took over the unexpended and unobligated funds of the old board, amounting to \$304,000. There was submitted a supplemental estimate of \$296,000 for salaries and expenses and \$45,000 for printing and binding as an additional amount to run the Board for the fiscal year 1936, but no appropriation was made, due to the failure of passage of the deficiency bill at the last session. It is anticipated there will be a further effort to obtain a deficiency appropriation with which to complete the present fiscal year, as it is estimated the Board will be without funds shortly after the first of the calendar year.

The Board submitted to the Budget Bureau an estimate of \$1,100,000 for its needs for 1937, but this amount was reduced by the Budget to \$700,000, and the committee has recommended the Budget figure. The Budget estimate of \$35,000 has also received the approval of the committee.

The act creating the Board is reproduced in the hearings, pages 612-618, inclusive. A list of the regional offices may be found on pages 607-609, inclusive.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Salaries and expenses.—The Budget estimate of \$130,000 is an increase of \$7,050 over the amount appropriated for the current year. This increase was for an additional amount for travel expense.

The Board had originally requested a total increase of \$14,865, including one additional mediator at \$5,000. This request was reduced to the figure indicated.

The Board expressed serious need of the additional mediator and the committee has provided \$7,000 additional funds, of which \$5,000 is for the mediator's salary and \$2,000 for his travel expenses, through a transfer of \$7,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for emergency boards for 1936 to the appropriation for salaries and expenses for 1937. A cut of \$10,000 in the estimate of \$130,000 for this item for 1937 was made possible through a reappropriation of \$10,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1935.

Arbitration boards and emergency boards.—The Budget submits no request for direct appropriations for these two activities, but proposes merely the reappropriation of the unexpended balances, in which the committee has concurred.

Printing and binding.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$2,500 for printing and binding, which is the amount appropriated for the current year, but has provided \$1,000 thereof from an unexpended balance.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

The Budget estimate of \$205,000 is \$49,000 over the amount of the current appropriation. The increase is primarily for referees, employed on a per diem basis. The committee has provided \$10,000, not included in the Budget, for additional personnel, to enable the board to appoint 4 additional grade 5 clerk-stenographers as secretaries to the 4 Board members who do not now have secretaries, which will place them on a parity with the remaining 32 Board members. The additional amount will also provide one grade 3 clerk-stenographer.

The committee has made a direct appropriation of \$190,000 and has made a reappropriation of \$25,000 of the unexpended balance for 1935.

Printing and binding.—The Budget estimate of \$35,000 for printing and binding has been approved.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Salaries and expenses.—The estimates of the Railroad Retirement Board for the fiscal year 1937 as originally submitted to the Budget called for a departmental personnel of 919 and 400 in the field—a total of 1,319. The salaries of these employees, together with contingent expenses, totaled \$3,354,000.

The Budget allowed only \$1,000,000, providing for a departmental personnel numbering 410 and none in the field.

Under the restricted Budget, the Board has advised the committee the passing of the original peak of 50,000 to 60,000 applications for annuities will not be reached until the end of January 1937, due to the lack of personnel in the field to render personal assistance to the applicants, many of whom are old and infirm and whose service extends back many years and with different railroads. In many of these cases, proof of service will be difficult to establish by correspondence, resulting in great delays in many cases in the final determination of the amount of annuity to which the applicant may be entitled.

It will be possible to obtain only partial information of wages received after the effective date of the act, the record of which will consist mainly of infrequent reports made by the carriers on individual employees. This, to be effective, will impose such an additional expense upon the railroads as to render it of doubtful legality, in the opinion of the Board.

The Board will be unable to collect any records of pay or of service of employees in the period 1924 to 1931, and in passing on claims it will have to depend, as each employee comes up for retirement, on carrier records made available by the carriers themselves. This will put further burdens on the railroads and will make inevitable delays in passing on annuity claims even after the peak is passed.

Actuarial valuations will be made, but will, of necessity, be sketchy, both because of the small staff and because there will be insufficient records from which accurate data can be drawn.

Only brief reports will be made on the subject matter as specified in the act.

The committee has not felt justified in appropriating more than the Budget estimate of \$1,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of this organization, but, at the same time, believes it is only fair to the

Congress to set forth the views of the Board respecting the adequacy of the appropriation.

Annuities.—Actuarial studies indicate there will be required for the payment of annuities through the fiscal year 1937 the sum of \$46,620,000. This sum is the amount estimated by the Budget and approved by the committee.

Printing and binding.—The Budget estimate of \$25,000 for printing and binding has been included in the bill.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.—The 1936 appropriation was \$2,234,494. The Commission requested of the Budget for 1937 the sum of \$5,400,000. The Budget estimate submitted to Congress is \$4,200,000, which the committee has provided in the form of a direct appropriation of \$4,193,000, together with a reappropriation of \$7,000 of the unexpended balance of the 1935 appropriation.

The Budget estimate is an increase of \$1,965,506 above the 1936 appropriation. Of this increase, \$1,170,400 is for the regulation of holding companies as provided by the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935; \$53,000 is for an investment-trust study as provided for by section 30 of that act; and the remainder, \$742,106, is for an increased amount in the administration of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

During the past 6 or 7 months the Commission has received complaints alleging violations of the Securities Act and the Securities and Exchange Act. These have been resolved into 2,012 cases, of which 523 have been closed, the remainder being still under investigation.

On November 20, 1935, the Commission had 48 cases in litigation in the courts, affecting 236 firms and individuals. Approximately 47 cases have been referred to the Department of Justice for prosecution and 13 to the Post Office Department for action in connection with violation of the postal laws.

It is estimated that during the fiscal year 1936, on a basis of the business done at the present time, the Commission will collect a total of \$525,000 in fees which will be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

Printing and binding.—The committee has allowed the Budget estimate of \$45,000 for printing and binding, which is an increase of \$15,000 over the current appropriation, necessitated by the Commission's enlarged activities.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Administrative expenses.—The Budget estimate for administrative expenses of the Smithsonian Institution is \$36,330, which is the amount carried in the bill. The amount of the appropriation for 1936 is \$36,326. The increase of \$4 is to round out the appropriation to even figures.

International exchanges.—The Budget estimate for international exchanges is \$44,260, which is the amount included in the bill. This is a decrease of \$2 under the 1936 appropriation, made to bring the appropriation to even figures.

American ethnology.—The bill includes \$58,730 for studies in American ethnology which is the amount of the Budget estimate and of the current appropriation.

Astrophysical observatory.—For maintenance of the astrophysical observatory, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, the bill includes the Budget of \$30,850. This is an increase of \$4 over the current appropriation, made to round out the appropriation to even figures.

Maintenance and operation of National Museum.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$134,390, which is an increase of \$8,718 above the amount of the current appropriation. Of this increase, \$3,720 is to cover salaries of two senior mechanics, an additional painter, and a cabinetmaker, required for making repairs to buildings and exhibit and storage cases. The latter work is accumulating because of shortage of personnel of this character. An increase of \$4,998 is required for additional supplies, including lumber and other materials for storage cases, etc. These facilities are needed to provide for exhibiting and storing in a safe manner the specimens which are being constantly received in numbers. For some years funds for this purpose have been entirely inadequate, subjecting many specimens to possible deterioration and loss.

Preservation of collections.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$604,580, which is an increase of \$10,002 over the appropriation of 1936. This increase will provide one clerk-stenographer at \$1,620 for the Division of Fishes, which is at the present time entirely without clerical or stenographic services to care for a valuable and rapidly increasing collection. There will also be provided two additional guards at \$1,200 each, the present guard service being regarded as materially inadequate. There is also provided an increase of \$5,982 for the purchase of equipment, the lack of which serves to reduce the output of the Museum's small staff and contributes to a gradually increasing arrearage of work.

National Gallery of Art.—The Budget estimate of \$34,275 is the same amount as appropriated for 1936 and this sum has been included in the bill.

Printing and binding.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$55,500 for printing and binding, which is an increase of \$30,000 over the current appropriation. This appropriation, in 1932, was \$104,000. For 1934 it was reduced to \$5,500 and in 1935 there was appropriated \$25,500. These reductions resulted in the accumulation of a considerable arrearage in the printing of manuscripts of wide general interest relating to scientific work of the Smithsonian Institution. In the same manner the publications of the American Historical Association were reduced and the manuscripts for both have been accumulating. The increase of this appropriation for 1937 will only partially reduce these accumulations.

TARIFF COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.—The Budget estimate for salaries and expenses for 1937 is \$945,000, which is provided for in the bill through a direct appropriation of \$941,000 and a reappropriation of \$4,000 of the unexpended balance of the 1935 appropriation. The 1936

appropriation is \$955,000, but by reason of a portion of the 1935 appropriation being carried over for obligation in 1936 and of certain transfers of funds, the estimated expenditures for 1936 are \$971,633.

The distribution of the amount estimated for 1937 and the amount of the 1936 estimated expenditures is shown in the following table:

By activities or projects	1937	1936
General and specific investigations (for Congress and the President) (sec. 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930)	\$392,820	\$191,217
Reciprocal trade agreements (amendment of June 12, 1934, to Tariff Act of 1930)	178,000	382,752
Protection of agricultural products against imports (sec. 31, amendment of Aug. 24, 1935, to Agricultural Adjustment Act)	95,000	95,000
Unfair practices in import trade (sec. 337, Tariff Act, 1930)	27,900	56,900
Tariff adjustments (sec. 336, Tariff Act, 1930)	85,000	80,000
Discriminations against the foreign trade of the United States (sec. 338, Tariff Act, 1930)	10,000	9,483
Expert assistance to other executive agencies and establishments (sec. 334, Tariff Act, 1930)	30,000	30,000
Preparation of publications	7,280	7,280
Office administration	119,000	119,000
Total	945,000	971,633

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Administration, Medical, Hospital, and Domiciliary services.—The Budget estimate of \$91,500,000 for 1937 compares with the appropriation of \$86,700,000 for 1936. The increase is necessitated largely by additional hospital beds which will be available and in use in 1937. A part of the increase will be necessary in equipping additional hospital facilities with new hospital and domiciliary beds estimated at 14,476 in number. The remainder of the increase will be accounted for largely by the cost for materials and supplies for the additional hospital population and the additional personnel required to operate the increased number of beds.

The committee has provided an increase of \$2,000,000 in the funds requested for administration, by making available an unexpended balance of the 1935 appropriation. The amount of unexpended balance so made available is \$7,000,000, which permits a cut of \$5,000,000 in the amount to be appropriated directly from the Treasury.

The increase of \$2,000,000 is to care for two situations: (1) To forestall a possible deficiency in the appropriation due to the fact that the estimate for foods, drugs, and chemicals was based on the 1935 price level, whereas current prices for those commodities are up 10 to 15 percent above the 1935 level; and (2) to enable the Administrator to adjust the terms of contract of employment of certain hospital personnel where deductions from pay are customarily made on account of quarters, subsistence, and laundry service furnished to such employees and where, in the discretion of the Administrator, it will be in the interest of the service to permit such employees to obtain quarters, subsistence, and laundry away from the hospital and eliminate the deductions from pay for same.

Printing and binding.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$130,000 for printing and binding, which is an increase of \$5,000 above the current appropriation. The increase is due, partly to an increase in the number of compensation and pension cases, requiring

additional printed forms; and partly to an increase in the unit costs of printing.

Pensions.—The Budget estimate for pensions is in the amount of \$435,920,000. The 1936 appropriation for this item is \$400,760,000; however, there is an anticipated deficiency for 1936 of \$28,981,628, which will net an actual increase next year over the current year of \$6,178,372. The deficiency is due to the liberalizing provisions of Public, No. 269, Seventy-fourth Congress, relating to Spanish-American War veterans, and the increased amount required for 1937 is due to a 12-month effectiveness of that legislation next year as compared with a 10-month effectiveness for the current year.

The committee has provided the Budget estimate for pensions for 1937 through a direct appropriation of \$421,920,000 and a reappropriation of \$14,000,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1935.

Military and naval insurance.—There are substantial unexpended balances in the appropriations for military and naval insurance for the fiscal years 1935 and 1936, due to the unexpectedly low number of war-risk insurance suits filed as a result of the Supreme Court decision invalidating section 17 of Public, No. 2, Seventy-third Congress, which prevented adjudication in the courts of all claims incident to war risk insurance contracts, except those in litigation on the date of the approval of the act. The estimate of \$101,120,000 is based upon the lower trend of such suits as shown since the date of the decision. The committee has provided the Budget estimate through a direct appropriation of \$80,120,000 and a reappropriation of \$21,000,000 of the unexpended balances referred to.

Hospital and domiciliary facilities.—The bill includes the budget estimate of \$4,000,000, which is the unappropriated balance of the original authorization of \$20,877,000 contained in the act of March 4, 1931 (Public, 868, 71st Cong.). This authorization provides additional new hospital units at various locations and the amount in the bill is for those units which were temporarily suspended under the provisions of economy legislation. It is to be distinguished from the appropriation of \$21,250,000 in the Second Deficiency Act, 1935, which is available exclusively for extension, remodeling, or alteration of existing facilities.

Adjusted-service-certificate fund.—The amortization obligations of this fund up to January 1, 1937, require an appropriation of \$195,000,000. An appropriation of \$160,000,000 for 1937 and of a similar amount for 1938 will meet the amortization obligations up to January 1, 1938. The Budget has submitted an estimate of \$160,000,000 for 1937, which the committee has approved, and if a similar amount is submitted and approved next year this appropriation will again be on the old basis of appropriating for the amortization needs.

Adjusted service and dependent pay.—This appropriation covers payment of the amounts due under the World War Adjusted Compensation Act in cases where such benefits are not covered by the issuance of an adjusted-service certificate. Sections 401, 601, 603, and 608 of the act specify the types of payments to be made from this appropriation.

The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$1,057,000 for this item, there being no appropriation under this head for 1936.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1937

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1936, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1937 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1937

[NOTE.—Appropriations for 1936 include amounts in regular annual and deficiency acts]

Object	Appropriations for 1936	Estimates for 1937	Amount recommended in bill for 1937	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1936 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 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-----	125,884.00	125,982.00	125,982.00	+\$98.00	-----
Contingent expenses-----	50,350.00	50,350.00	50,350.00	-----	-----
Printing and binding-----	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	-----	-----
Traveling expenses of President-----	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	-----	-----
Executive Mansion and grounds, maintenance-----	143,298.00	143,098.00	143,098.00	-\$200.00	-----
Total Executive Office-----	437,232.00	437,130.00	437,130.00	-\$102.00	-----
American Battle Monuments Commission-----	199,059.00	171,000.00	171,000.00	-\$28,059.00	-\$100,000.00

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Salaries and expenses	514,000.00	514,000.00	2,506,000.00	-8,000.00	-8,000.00
Printing and binding	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00		
Total, Board of Tax Appeals	540,000.00	540,000.00	2,532,000.00	-8,000.00	-8,000.00
CENTRAL STATISTICAL BOARD					
Salaries and expenses	173,820.00	173,820.00	173,820.00	+173,820.00	
Printing and binding	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	+1,600.00	
Total, Central Statistical Board	175,420.00	175,420.00	175,420.00	+175,420.00	
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses	2,045,000.00	2,250,000.00	2,244,000.00	+199,000.00	-6,000.00
Printing and binding	85,900.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	-900.00	
Civil-service retirement fund	40,000,000.00	46,050,000.00	46,050,000.00	+6,050,000.00	
Canal Zone retirement fund	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00		
Total, Civil Service Commission	42,630,900.00	48,885,000.00	48,879,000.00	+6,248,100.00	-6,000.00
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses	464,000.00	463,250.00	(4)	-464,000.00	-463,250.00
Printing and binding	5,000.00	5,000.00	(5)	-5,000.00	-5,000.00

¹ Together with reappropriation of \$100,000 of unexpended balances of prior appropriations.

² Together with a reappropriation of \$8,000.

³ Together with a reappropriation of \$6,000.

⁴ Authorization to use \$463,250 of a special fund.

⁵ Authorization to use \$5,000 of a special fund.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1936, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1937 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1937—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1936	Estimates for 1937	Amount recommended in bill for 1937	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1936 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 Budget estimates
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION— continued					
Employees' compensation fund-----	\$4,250,000.00	\$4,750,000.00	(6)	-\$4,250,000.00	-\$4,750,000.00
Total, Employees' Compensation Commission-----	4,719,000.00	5,218,250.00	(7)	-4,719,000.00	-5,218,250.00
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	1,500,000.00	1,450,000.00	\$1,450,000.00	-50,000.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	25,000.00	25,000.00	7a 24,000.00	+1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Total, Federal Communications Commission-----	1,525,000.00	1,475,000.00	7a 1,474,000.00	-51,000.00	-1,000.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Board-----	264,043.00	-----	-----	-264,043.00	-----
FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	308,600.00	1,650,000.00	8 1,634,000.00	+1,325,400.00	-16,000.00
Printing and binding-----	4,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	+71,000.00	-----
Total, Federal Power Commission-----	312,600.00	1,725,000.00	8 1,709,000.00	+1,396,400.00	-16,000.00

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses-----	1, 569, 309. 00	1, 407, 000. 00	1, 399, 000. 00	-170, 309. 00	-8, 000. 00
Printing and binding-----	34, 000. 00	32, 000. 00	32, 000. 00	-2, 000. 00	
Total, Federal Trade Commission--	1, 603, 309. 00	1, 439, 000. 00	1, 431, 000. 00	-172, 309. 00	-8, 000. 00
Foreign Service pay adjustment-----	5, 383, 476. 00	3, 848, 611. 00	10 1, 800, 000. 00	-3, 583, 476. 00	-2, 048, 611. 00

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries-----	4, 725, 660. 00	4, 954, 600. 00	4, 954, 600. 00	+228, 940. 00	
Contingent expenses-----	173, 940. 00	272, 440. 00	272, 440. 00	+98, 500. 00	
Printing and binding-----	71, 000. 00	79, 800. 00	79, 800. 00	+8, 800. 00	
Total, General Accounting Office--	4, 970, 600. 00	5, 306, 840. 00	5, 306, 840. 00	+336, 240. 00	
George Washington Bicentennial Com- mission-----	103, 600. 00			-103, 600. 00	

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

General administrative expenses-----	2, 796, 465. 00	2, 544, 000. 00	11 2, 426, 000. 00	-370, 465. 00	-118, 000. 00
Regulating accounts-----	851, 976. 00	852, 000. 00	12 847, 000. 00	-4, 976. 00	-5, 000. 00
Safety of employees-----	514, 195. 00	506, 000. 00	13 500, 000. 00	-14, 195. 00	-6, 000. 00
Signal safety systems-----	39, 682. 00	38, 550. 00	14 36, 550. 00	-3, 132. 00	-2, 000. 00

⁶ Authorization to use \$4,750,000 of a special fund.

⁷ Total authorizations, \$5,218,250.

^{7a} Together with a reappropriation of \$1,000.

⁸ Together with a reappropriation of \$16,000.

⁹ Together with a reappropriation of \$8,000.

¹⁰ Together with a reappropriation of \$2,048,611.

¹¹ Together with a reappropriation of \$118,000.

¹² Together with a reappropriation of \$5,000.

¹³ Together with a reappropriation of \$6,000.

¹⁴ Together with a reappropriation of \$2,000.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1936, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1937 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1937—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1936	Estimates for 1937	Amount recommended in bill for 1937	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1936 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 Budget estimates
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION—CON.					
Locomotive inspection-----	\$482, 238. 00	\$471, 000. 00	¹⁵ \$455, 000. 00	-\$27, 238. 00	-\$16, 000. 00
Valuation of property-----	1, 041, 100. 00	800, 000. 00	¹⁶ 798, 000. 00	-243, 000. 00	-2, 000. 00
Air mail-----	-----	160, 000. 00	160, 000. 00	+160, 000. 00	-----
Motor-transport regulation-----	-----	1, 700, 000. 00	1, 700, 000. 00	+1, 700, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	125, 000. 00	175, 000. 00	¹⁷ 167, 000. 00	+42, 000. 00	-8, 000. 00
Total, Interstate Commerce Commission-----	5, 850, 656. 00	7, 246, 550. 00	¹⁸ 7, 089, 550. 00	+1, 238, 894. 00	-157, 000. 00
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS					
Salaries and expenses-----	1, 158, 850. 00	1, 158, 850. 00	1, 158, 850. 00	-----	-----
Printing and binding-----	18, 700. 00	18, 700. 00	18, 700. 00	-----	-----
Total, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics-----	1, 177, 550. 00	1, 177, 550. 00	1, 177, 550. 00	-----	-----
NATIONAL ARCHIVES					
Salaries and expenses-----	458, 000. 00	600, 000. 00	¹⁹ 598, 000. 00	+140, 000. 00	-2, 000. 00
Printing and binding-----	17, 000. 00	17, 000. 00	17, 000. 00	-----	-----
Total, National Archives-----	475, 000. 00	617, 000. 00	¹⁹ 615, 000. 00	+140, 000. 00	-2, 000. 00

National Capital Park and Planning Commission	800,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	-400,000.00
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD				
Salaries and expenses	700,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00	+700,000.00
Printing and binding	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	+35,000.00
Total, National Labor Relations Board	735,000.00	735,000.00	735,000.00	+735,000.00
NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD				
Salaries and expenses	122,950.00	130,000.00	20 120,000.00	-2,950.00
Arbitration boards	30,000.00	(21)	(21)	-30,000.00
Emergency boards	25,000.00	(22)	(22)	-25,000.00
Printing and binding	2,500.00	2,500.00	23 1,500.00	-1,000.00
National Railroad Adjustment Board	156,000.00	205,000.00	24 190,000.00	+34,000.00
Printing and binding		35,000.00	35,000.00	+35,000.00
Total, National Mediation Board	336,450.00	372,500.00	25 346,500.00	+10,050.00
Protection of interests of the United States in matters affecting oil lands in former naval reserves	36,000.00			-36,000.00

¹⁵ Together with a reappropriation of \$16,000.
¹⁶ Together with a reappropriation of \$2,000.
¹⁷ Together with a reappropriation of \$8,000.
¹⁸ Together with a reappropriation of \$157,000.
¹⁹ Together with a reappropriation of \$2,000.
²⁰ Together with a reappropriation of \$17,000.
²¹ Reappropriation of unexpended balance.
²² Reappropriation of unexpended balance.
²³ Together with a reappropriation of \$1,000.
²⁴ Together with a reappropriation of \$25,000.
²⁵ Together with a reappropriation of \$43,000.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1936, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1937 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1937—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1936	Estimates for 1937	Amount recommended in bill for 1937	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1936 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 Budget estimates
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD					
Salaries and expenses		\$1, 000, 000. 00	\$1, 000, 000. 00	+\$1, 000, 000. 00	
Railroad annuities		46, 620, 000. 00	46, 620, 000. 00	+46, 620, 000. 00	
Printing and binding		25, 000. 00	25, 000. 00	+25, 000. 00	
Total, Railroad Retirement Board		47, 645, 000. 00	47, 645, 000. 00	+47, 645, 000. 00	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses	\$2, 234, 494. 00	4, 200, 000. 00	2 ⁶ 4, 193, 000. 00	+1, 958, 506. 00	-\$7, 000. 00
Printing and binding	30, 000. 00	45, 000. 00	45, 000. 00	+15, 000. 00	
Total, Securities and Exchange Commission	2, 264, 494. 00	4, 245, 000. 00	2 ⁶ 4, 238, 000. 00	+1, 973, 506. 00	-7, 000. 00
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION					
General administration	36, 326. 00	36, 330. 00	36, 330. 00	+4. 00	
International exchanges	44, 262. 00	44, 260. 00	44, 260. 00	-2. 00	
American ethnology	58, 730. 00	58, 730. 00	58, 730. 00		
Astrophysical Observatory	30, 846. 00	30, 850. 00	30, 850. 00	+4. 00	

National museum:					
Miscellaneous expenses-----	125,672.00	134,390.00	134,390.00	+8,718.00	
Preservation of collections-----	594,578.00	604,580.00	604,580.00	+10,002.00	
National Gallery of Art-----	34,275.00	34,275.00	34,275.00		
Printing and binding-----	25,500.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	+30,000.00	
Total, Smithsonian Institution-----	950,189.00	998,915.00	998,915.00	+48,726.00	
TARIFF COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	955,000.00	945,000.00	²⁷ 941,000.00	-14,000.00	-4,000.00
Printing and binding-----	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		
Total, Tariff Commission-----	970,000.00	960,000.00	²⁷ 956,000.00	-14,000.00	-4,000.00
Thomas Jefferson Memorial-----	15,000.00			-15,000.00	
United States Texas Centennial Commission-----	3,000,000.00			-3,000,000.00	
VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION					
Administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services-----	86,700,000.00	91,500,000.00	²⁸ 86,500,000.00	-200,000.00	-5,000,000.00
Printing and binding-----	125,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	+5,000.00	
Pensions-----	400,760,000.00	435,920,000.00	²⁹ 421,920,000.00	+21,160,000.00	-14,000,000.00
Military and naval insurance-----	116,910,000.00	101,120,000.00	³⁰ 80,120,000.00	-36,790,000.00	-21,000,000.00

²⁶ Together with a reappropriation of \$7,000.
²⁷ Together with a reappropriation of \$4,000.
²⁸ Together with a reappropriation of \$7,000,000.
²⁹ Together with a reappropriation of \$14,000,000.
³⁰ Together with a reappropriation of \$21,000,000.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1936, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1937 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1937—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1936	Estimates for 1937	Amount recommended in bill for 1937	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1936 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 Budget estimates
VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION—continued	132,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	+2,000.00	
Hospital and domiciliary facilities-----	\$22,175,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	-\$18,175,000.00	
Adjusted service certificate fund-----	100,000,000.00	160,000,000.00	160,000,000.00	+60,000,000.00	
Adjusted service and dependent pay-----	-----	1,057,000.00	1,057,000.00	+1,057,000.00	
Total, Veterans' Administration-----	726,670,000.00	793,727,000.00	31 753,727,000.00	+27,057,000.00	-\$40,000,000.00
Grand total, Executive Office and Independent Offices Appropriation Act-----	805,234,158.00	927,345,766.00	879,743,905.00	+74,509,747.00	-47,601,861.00
<p>³¹ Together with a reapportionment of \$42,000,000.</p>					
<p>IVYILLE COMMISSION</p>					
Local Government Inspection-----	320,128.00	302,312.00	302,312.00	+17,816.00	
Printing and binding-----	52,200.00	22,200.00	22,200.00	+30,000.00	
National Council of Y.M.C.A.-----	34,512.00	34,512.00	34,512.00		
Liberalization of collections-----	204,218.00	604,280.00	604,280.00	+400,062.00	
Miscellaneous expenses-----	132,015.00	134,380.00	134,380.00	+2,365.00	
National Museum-----					

PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Object	1936	1937	Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1937 estimates compared with 1936 appropriations
Employees' Compensation Commission (relief and rehabilitation, longshoremen's and harbor workers' compensation act, trust fund)-----	\$15,000.00	\$17,000.00	+\$2,000.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Board-----	672,527.00	811,295.00	+138,768.00
Federal Power Commission-----	66,424.00	16,000.00	-50,424.00
Smithsonian Institution-----	60,000.00	60,000.00	-----
U. S. Government life-insurance fund-----	67,500,000.00	70,601,145.00	+3,101,145.00
Personal funds of patients, Veterans' Administration-----	1,648,985.00	1,681,965.00	+32,980.00
General post fund-----	187,870.00	27,870.00	-160,000.00
Total-----	70,150,806.00	73,215,275.00	+3,064,469.00

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Comparative statement of expenditures for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget authorized for the fiscal year 1937, and the amounts actually expended for 1937. Continued

Object	1936	1937	1937	1937	Change (+) or (-)
Total	10,190,800.00	13,312,312.37	13,312,312.37		+3,094,400.00
General fund	187,810.00	31,818.78	31,818.78		-100,000.00
Personal funds of various Administrations	1,048,282.00	1,021,022.00	1,021,022.00		+23,000.00
U. S. Government life-insurance fund	61,200,000.00	40,001,142.00	40,001,142.00		+3,101,141.00
Administrative Institution	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00		
Federal Labor Commission	66,434.00	16,000.00	16,000.00		-20,434.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Board	675,237.00	217,302.00	217,302.00		+138,200.00
and Federal Reserve, Compensation and Rehabilitation (Fund)	212,000.00	212,000.00	212,000.00		+23,000.00
Employees' Compensation Commission (Federal and Rehabilitation)					
Object	1936	1937	1937		



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