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INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1938

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4064]

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 111, inclusive.

The following comparative table shows the amounts set up in the Federal Budget under Independent Offices (except Emergency Conservation Work) for the years 1937 and 1938, together with the amounts carried in the accompanying bill for 1938, under three general categories, namely: (1) Regular establishments, (2) authorizations for the administrative expenses of emergency agencies covered by section 7 of the First Deficiency Act, 1936, and (3) permanent annual appropriations.

	1937	Budget estimate 1938	Bill for 1938	Increase (+), decrease (-) bill compared with 1937	Increase (+), decrease (-) bill compared with Budget for 1938
Regular establishments, annual appropriations-----	\$907, 759, 405	\$991, 310, 963	\$986, 360, 963	+\$78, 601, 558	-\$4, 950, 000
Emergency agencies, authorizations-----	¹ 79, 294, 520	61, 396, 180	60, 396, 180	-18, 898, 340	-1, 000, 000
Total-----	987, 053, 925	1, 052, 707, 143	1, 046, 757, 143	+59, 703, 218	-5, 950, 000
Permanent appropriations-----	91, 993, 491	93, 556, 255	² 93, 556, 255	+1, 562, 764	-----
Grand total-----	1, 079, 047, 416	1, 146, 263, 398	³ 1, 140, 313, 398	+61, 265, 982	-5, 950, 000

¹ The amount for 1937 did not require to be authorized, sec. 7 of the First Deficiency Act, 1936, being effective only for 1938 and subsequent fiscal years. The figure shown is the estimated actual expenditure.

² Not included in the bill. Reported here for the purpose of affording a complete Budget picture.

³ Includes a total of \$93,556,255 for permanent appropriations which are not carried in the bill, but is reported here for the purpose of affording a complete Budget picture.

From the above table, it is to be seen that the total of Government expenditures under Independent Offices, both for 1937 and 1938, is well above one billion dollars, of which there is a total in the accompanying bill for 1938 of \$1,046,757,143, including \$986,360,963 in direct appropriations from the Treasury and \$60,396,180 of authorizations for administrative expenses on the part of the emergency agencies above referred to. The bill does not include the amount of \$93,556,255, estimated 1938 expenditures under the permanent appropriations, which do not require further action of Congress.

The total of the specific annual appropriations carried in the bill, \$986,360,963, is \$78,601,558 in excess of the 1937 appropriations, but is \$4,950,000 less than the Budget estimates.

However, adding to the total of 1937 specific annual appropriations the sum of \$44,366,611 of reappropriations and of \$24,000,000 transferred, for that year, by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Rural Electrification Administration, and adding to the total of specific appropriations in the bill for 1938 the sum of \$59,079,279 of reappropriations, the grand total of annual appropriations available for 1937 is found to be \$976,126,016, and the total in the bill for 1938 becomes \$1,045,440,242, or an actual increase over 1937 of \$69,314,226 in direct appropriations from the Treasury.

Some of the major increases in direct appropriations in the accompanying bill are:

Civil-service retirement fund.....	\$26,342,000
Federal Trade Commission.....	442,000
Interstate Commerce Commission.....	849,950
National Archives.....	137,000
Rural Electrification Administration (in lieu of the 1937 amount of \$24,000,000 transferred from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation).....	30,520,000
Social Security Board.....	66,800,000

Offsetting decreases in the bill include:

Federal Communications Commission.....	\$245,000
Federal Power Commission.....	184,000
General Accounting Office.....	409,300
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (on account of a nonrecurring 1937 construction item).....	1,263,700
Railroad Retirement Board (on account of the reappropriation for 1938 of an unexpended balance).....	\$45,320,000
Securities and Exchange Commission.....	343,000
Veterans' Administration.....	3,895,000

The decrease of \$4,950,000 under the Budget estimates is accounted for by a reduction of \$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Social Security Board and by an increase of \$50,000 for the care and maintenance of the Executive Mansion and grounds.

EMERGENCY AGENCIES

The Budget estimate of \$61,396,180 for administrative expenses of the emergency agencies under section 7 of the First Deficiency Appropriation Act is \$18,898,340 less than the estimated expenditures for similar purposes for 1937. The amount authorized in the bill is \$1,000,000 less than the Budget, a reduction accomplished through a decrease of \$2,000,000 in the amount authorized for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and an increase of \$1,000,000 for the Federal Housing Administration.

The action of the committee on the various items in the bill is discussed in greater detail in the following pages. At the end of the report will be found the usual comparative table.

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

For the regular maintenance of the Executive Mansion and grounds, the Budget estimate provides no increase over last year. The committee has provided an increase of \$50,000 in this appropriation for the purpose of a general renovation. This is in accord with the practice which has obtained heretofore at the beginning of a new administration.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

The Battle Monuments Commission has a current appropriation of \$171,000, of which \$100,000 is in the form of a reappropriation of unexpended balances. The Budget estimate provides a direct appropriation of \$138,673 together with a reappropriation of \$21,327, making a total of \$160,000, which is \$11,000 less than is available for the current year. This saving will be brought about primarily as a result of the devaluation of the French franc.

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

The Budget estimate and the amount in the bill of \$529,000 for the Board of Tax Appeals, including printing and binding, is \$11,000 under the current appropriation. There is no change in the number or salary rates of the employees, and the saving is effected in connection with expenditures for incidental expenses and through an estimated increased amount of salary lapses.

CENTRAL STATISTICAL BOARD

The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$174,000 for the Central Statistical Board, which represents a saving of \$600 in printing and binding and of \$820 in salary adjustments.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.—The committee has approved the budget estimate of \$2,350,000, which is \$100,000 in excess of the regular annual appropriation for 1937. Since the latter contained a non-recurring item of \$10,000 for the 5-year valuation of the Canal Zone retirement and disability fund, the 1938 budget estimate reflects an actual increase of \$110,000. This amount is to be used in bringing to a more current status the work of auditing service-record changes, information which is essential in connection with retirement actions and all changes of status of employees resulting from transfers, promotions, etc.

The deficiency appropriation of \$530,000 to enable the Commission to perform work occasioned by the enactment of the 40-hour work week law for the Postal Service will have been expended and the work completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

Civil-service retirement fund.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$73,392,000, which compares with the appropriation for 1937 of \$46,050,000. The increased amount is based upon the recommendation of the Board of Actuaries that the amount estimated will provide

the Government's present annual contribution of \$23,665,000, leaving \$48,727,000 to apply to the present accrued Federal liability of \$408,350,440 on account of existing annuitants on the roll. The latter sum represents primarily the Government's liability arising from the payment of the normal annuity to all those retiring since the approval of the Retirement Act in 1920 who made no contributions to the fund for any period of their employment prior to that date.

An annual appropriation of \$48,727,000 will, in the opinion of the actuaries, amortize in a period of 30 years, the total accrued liability on account of all annuitants receiving benefits for service prior to 1920.

Alaska Railroad retirement fund.—The initial appropriation for the Alaska Railroad retirement fund is provided in the bill in the sum of \$175,000, as proposed by the Budget.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALLEY DWELLING AUTHORITY

The committee has approved the Budget proposal to continue for 1938 the authority reposed in the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Authority to expend for the purposes of the act creating it all receipts from sales and leases, estimated to be \$25,000 in 1938, together with an estimated unexpended balance of 1937 funds of \$136,000—making a total of \$161,000 authorized in the reported bill.

EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The 1937 appropriations for the Employees Compensation Commission, with the exception of compensation payments under emergency conservation work, were all made from an existing fund known as the Employees Compensation Fund, Civil Works, 1934 and 1935. This fund had an available unobligated balance in an amount sufficient to finance the entire cost of the activities indicated for 1937 and the amounts provided therefrom for the purpose were not treated as direct appropriations from the Treasury. The 1938 Budget reverts to the usual practice and submits estimates of direct appropriations totaling \$5,124,450, which compares with a total for the same purposes for 1937, provided from the special fund, of \$5,218,250.

Salaries.—The Budget estimate of \$466,450 has been approved, which is an increase of \$3,200 over funds available in 1937, representing an additional safety engineer to make studies in respect to the causes of accidents and means for their prevention.

Printing and binding.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$8,000 for printing and binding, an increase of \$3,000 over current funds, resulting from the transfer to the Government Printing Office of the printing of the monthly safety bulletin now produced through the use of duplicating machinery and facilities of another Government agency.

Employees' compensation fund.—The Budget estimate of \$4,650,000 has been approved, an increase of \$100,000 over estimated expenditures for 1937, representing the expected normal growth in the liabilities accruing under the act.

Employees' compensation fund, Civil Works.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$233,800 for compensation to bene-

ficiaries under the special fund set up from the original Civil Works allotment. Based on the expenditure of this amount in 1938, there will remain available for future costs under this head the sum of \$1,680,095.

Employees' compensation fund, Emergency Conservation work.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$635,000, payable from the special fund set aside in pursuance of law from the amount appropriated for Emergency Conservation work. The expenditure of the sum above indicated will leave available for future costs, after 1938, a remainder, from the special fund, of \$3,691,575.

Employees' compensation fund, Emergency Relief.—The Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and 1936 provided special funds out of which to pay compensation to beneficiaries under the two acts. The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$2,582,360, leaving a combined total in the two funds, for costs arising after 1938, of \$15,531,750.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Salaries.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$1,604,000, an increase of \$154,000 over the current appropriation. The increase is accounted for entirely by the increased responsibilities arising from the provisions of the Safety-at-Sea Convention, effective on the United States, November 7, 1936. Of the increase, \$100,000 is for salaries and incidental expenses of the additional personnel required and \$54,000 is a nonrecurring item for special equipment for the conduct of this work.

Telephone investigations.—The telephone investigations, for which the Commission received two appropriations totaling \$1,150,000, is still in progress, although approaching completion—a number of the reports now being complete. However, the existing appropriations will be exhausted by February 1 next, and the Commission anticipates an additional \$350,000 will be needed to complete the work. An appropriation for that purpose, in the latter amount, is included in the pending deficiency appropriation bill.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$1,525,000 for the Federal Power Commission, which is a decrease of \$200,000 under the amount available for 1937, but is \$80,000 more than the estimated actual expenditures for the current year. The Commission reports marked progress in carrying into effect the new duties entrusted to it by Congress in the Federal Power Act, approved August 26, 1935. An enumeration of these new duties may be found on pages 110–111 of the hearings.

The national power survey and electric rate survey, begun under allotments from emergency funds will be completed during the present fiscal year, but the work of keeping the information current is provided for in the 1938 Budget estimate.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

The committee has allowed the Budget estimate of \$1,981,000 for the Federal Trade Commission, an increase of \$442,000 over the current appropriation. The increase is accounted for as follows:

(1) An increase of \$513,116 in unlawful practices work, of which \$458,507 is on account of administering the Robinson-Patman Act, and \$54,656 is for additional regular work.

(2) An increase of \$15,000 in trade-practice agreement work.

(3) A decrease of \$181,935 in general investigations.

(4) A decrease of \$1,000 in the appropriation for printing and binding.

FOREIGN SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT

This is an appropriation for a mandatory expenditure to reimburse all Federal employees in foreign countries for any losses sustained by them respecting their salaries by reason of appreciation of currencies of the countries in which they are stationed. The Budget estimate, approved by the committee, in the sum of \$1,745,342 compares with the current appropriation of \$3,848,611.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

The General Accounting Office is not asking for any increase in its regular appropriations for the fiscal year 1938 over what was appropriated for the fiscal year 1937. This situation is brought about by the fact that the Office has had allocated to it emergency funds to permit it to retain its present emergency employees, in addition to those employed and paid on the regular roll; otherwise, the regular estimates for 1938 would of necessity have been submitted for more than \$3,000,000 in excess of the current appropriation.

The bill includes the Budget estimates of \$4,954,600 for salaries, \$272,140 for contingent expenses, and \$79,800 for printing and binding.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

For the following activities the Budget estimates and the amounts included in the bill are even with the amounts appropriated for the same activities for the current year, namely:

General administrative expenses, \$2,544,000; regulating accounts, \$852,000; safety of employees, \$506,000; and locomotive inspection, \$471,000.

For signal safety systems, the bill includes the Budget estimate of \$41,500, an increase of \$2,950 over 1937, which will be used to employ an additional CAF-3 clerk and for additional travel.

Valuation of property of carriers.—The committee has allowed the Budget estimate of \$700,000, which is \$100,000 under 1937 funds. This decrease reflects the reduction of work because of the completion of original valuations, and the amount provided is to enable the Commission to keep valuations current.

Air mail.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$200,000 to enable the Commission to fix air-mail rates as required by law. This sum is \$40,000 above the initial appropriation, made

last year, for this purpose. The increase is granted for the reason experience has demonstrated the amount of \$160,000 for 1937 is inadequate to discharge the responsibilities imposed by law in connection with this activity.

Motor-transport regulation.—The 1937 appropriation for motor-transport regulation is \$1,700,000, although the original request to the Budget Bureau was for \$3,100,490. For 1938 the Commission requested \$3,209,530, and the Budget allowed \$2,450,000, the latter amount being approved by the committee. Here, again, experience has shown that a proper degree of execution of the purposes of the law cannot be had within the amount of the current appropriation, and the committee believes it is essential to that end that the amount of the Budget estimate be not reduced.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Salaries.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$1,259,850, which is \$104,700 less than the total available for this purpose in 1937. The current year's fund consists of the regular appropriation of \$1,158,850 together with \$205,700 of a deficiency appropriation of \$1,367,000, the remainder of which is being used for the construction of a new wind tunnel and for increasing the length of the present sea-plane model testing tank and necessary additional equipment therefor.

Through this organization, all aeronautical research of the Government, including that for the Army and the Navy, as well as civil aviation, is carefully coordinated and efficiently conducted at the laboratory at Langley Field, Va. Both the military and civil branches of flying are represented on the committee which plans the investigations, and none of the research conducted by the committee is duplicated elsewhere.

Printing and binding.—The Budget increase of \$2,300 for printing and binding is approved.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Budget estimate of \$752,000 has been approved. This amount is an increase of \$135,000 over funds available for the current year and will provide a personnel of 308 employees as compared with 251 for 1937. This increase is not because of any added function, but represents the normal expansion necessary to man the additional stacks and files which will be available next year. This expansion will continue gradually over an estimated period of 10 to 15 years and will reach an ultimate personnel total of 600 to 700, or thereabouts.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

The budget estimate of \$893,700, all for expenditure in the District of Columbia, has been approved. The appropriation of \$600,000 for 1937 is apportioned: \$200,000 for the acquisition of land in the George Washington Memorial Parkway, \$200,000 for advancement to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and \$200,000 to be spent within the District of Columbia.

The amount included in the bill for 1938 will be used toward acquisition of 11 of the 28 projects remaining to be completed and for the advancement toward acquisition of 5 others. It is deemed essential to make the contemplated acquisitions at this time before further increases in land values or actual subdivision and building construction makes the cost of acquisition unduly high or prohibitive.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$785,000 for the National Labor Relations Board. This is an increase of \$11,471 above the total funds available for 1937, but is accounted for entirely by the difference in administrative lapses in filling positions and administrative leaves. Actually there will be no change in the number of persons on the roll nor in their salary rates.

The Board reports it has an adequate staff to carry on its work at the present time, but that it is marking time on many cases similar to those now under challenge in the courts on constitutional questions. In the event clearance is obtained on final decision of these cases, confirming the constitutionality of the act, the staff, in the opinion of the Board, would be insufficient.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Salaries.—The Budget estimate of \$140,700, included in the bill, provides an additional mediator at \$3,800. Otherwise, the estimate follows the 1937 appropriation.

Arbitration and emergency boards.—The arbitration and emergency boards will be financed in 1938, as in previous years, by reappropriation of unexpended balances.

National Railroad Adjustment Board.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$242,565 for the National Railroad Adjustment Board, which is \$7,435 under the current fund.

OIL LANDS IN FORMER NAVAL RESERVES

The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$34,000 for protection of the interests of the United States in matters affecting oil lands in former naval reserves, which is the amount appropriated for 1937. One or more years, it is estimated, will be required to conclude the litigation respecting these lands, a brief, but comprehensive account of which is set forth on pages 211 to 216 of the hearings.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Salaries.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$2,300,000, which is an increase of \$1,300,000 over the 1937 appropriation. The increase is due, primarily, to the court order that, pending the final determination of the litigation challenging the constitutionality of the act, the railroads shall not be required to furnish service records at their own expense. The burden of the search in the field, necessary to establish these records, together with necessary departmental

activities incident thereto, falls upon the Board and accounts for the major portion of the increase in the appropriation.

The estimates include an increase of \$41,640 in the legal staff, necessitated by the unexpected volume and difficulty of the work of determining what companies were or were not common carriers within the meaning of the term used in the law, at periods of time, many of them very remote, for which employees claim service records.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and expenses.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$1,450,000, which compares with total available funds for 1937 of approximately \$1,200,000. Of the latter sum, \$1,000,000 is the regular appropriation and the remainder represents an allotment from Emergency Relief funds. The original Budget estimate for 1937 was \$1,450,000, and experience has demonstrated, both to the Budget and to the committee, that that amount is necessary to a proper performance of the work imposed by law upon the administration.

Printing and binding.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$70,000 for printing and binding, which was included, for 1937, under salaries and expenses in an estimated sum of \$60,000.

Loans.—The act authorizes an annual appropriation of \$40,000,000 for loans. The bill includes for this purpose the Budget estimate of \$30,000,000. For 1937, there is available for loans the sum of \$24,000,000, received by transfer from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$3,895,000 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is a decrease of \$350,000 under the 1937 appropriation. The reduction is accounted for entirely by the cessation of much of the work under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 pending litigation of the constitutionality of the act.

Work under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 has reached a normal basis, and no increase in these activities is involved in the estimate for 1938.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$1,023,665 for the Smithsonian Institution, involving increases over 1937 of \$24,750, as follows:

1. An increase of \$10,450 for installation of a water main and high-pressure water line and the purchase of fire hose, to replace present inadequate or outworn facilities, at the Natural History Building, Tenth Street and Constitution Avenue.

2. An increase of \$4,800 for four additional guards, the present force being inadequate to properly guard the valuable collections in the National Museum or to permit a fair compensation of excused leave privilege for overtime, Sunday, and holiday service.

3. An increase of \$9,500 for printing and binding, which will be utilized for the publication of the results of researches of the scientific staff and for printing accumulated manuscripts of importance to scientific workers throughout the world.

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Salaries and expenses.—The bill provides for 1938 a direct appropriation of \$10,000,000 and the reappropriation of the unexpended 1937 balance, estimated at \$8,377,202, or a total of \$18,377,202. The latter sum compares with the 1937 appropriation of \$18,400,000.

The Budget estimate for 1938 includes a direct appropriation of \$15,000,000, together with the unexpended 1937 balance, making a total of \$23,377,202.

The committee has, therefore, reduced the Budget estimate in the sum of \$5,000,000, and has done so, not for the purpose of impairing or diminishing the activities of the Board, but in the belief that the Board will not be able to recruit its personnel as rapidly as it anticipates.

Of the \$18,400,000 appropriated for 1937, only \$9,967,398 will have been actually expended by the end of the fiscal year. Thus, the committee has granted the Board for 1938, approximately double the amount of its total expenditures for 1937, and it is believed the sum provided is all the Board will be able to expend judiciously during the fiscal year 1938.

Printing and binding.—The committee has allowed the Budget estimate of \$1,000,000 for printing and binding. This item is provided for in 1937 by an allotment of \$1,085,010 from the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses."

Grants to States for old-age assistance.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$150,000,000 for grants to States for old-age assistance. This sum compares with \$85,000,000 appropriated for 1937 and is based on the assumption that every State will, by July 1, 1937, have adopted enabling legislation, that 15.7 percent of the population 65 years of age or over on January 1, 1938, will be eligible for aid, and that the average grant per recipient, including the Federal contribution, will approximate \$19 per month.

Grants to States for unemployment compensation administration.—For this object the committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$29,000,000 together with the unexpended balance of the 1937 appropriation, estimated to be \$17,500,000, or a total for 1938 of \$46,500,000, compared with estimated actual 1937 expenditures of \$11,500,000. It is anticipated that practically every State will have adopted the required legislation before the beginning of the fiscal year 1938 and that the funds provided in the bill under this head will all be required to meet the Board's obligations.

Grants to States for aid to dependent children.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$54,600,000 for this purpose, an increase of \$19,600,000 over the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The increased amount is based upon the assumption that 3.1 percent of the total estimated population under 16 years of age, as of January 1, 1938, will receive assistance under approved State

plans during the fiscal year 1938 and that the average payment per child will be \$11, of which the Federal Government will be called upon to provide one-third, or \$3.67.

Grants to States for aid to the blind.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$10,000,000 for aid to the blind, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the current appropriation. The amount provided in the bill is upon the basis of the estimate that 4.9 persons per 10,000 of the estimated general population will be receiving assistance under approved State plans during the fiscal year 1938 and that the monthly grants made by the States will average approximately \$25 per individual, of which the Federal Government's share will be one half.

TARIFF COMMISSION

The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$945,000 for the Tariff Commission, which involves an increase of \$5,000 for printing and binding, and a decrease of \$20,000 in available funds for other expenses. The personnel item remains a constant, both as to number of employees and rate of compensation.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

The committee has approved all Budget estimates under the Veterans' Administration. For the fiscal year 1938 the amount requested for the Veterans' Administration, exclusive of the Government life-insurance trust fund, personal funds of patients, and the general post fund, which are self-sustaining, is \$585,832,000. Compared with actual appropriations required for similar purposes for 1937, including a supplemental amount of \$1,000,000 included in the pending deficiency bill, this is a decrease of \$8,895,000. However, through reappropriation of balances from previous years totaling \$42,000,000, there is available for 1937 an aggregate sum of \$635,727,000. The appropriation requested for 1938, therefore, represents a reduction of \$49,895,000, or, considering the supplemental amount of \$1,000,000 in the deficiency bill under "Adjusted service and dependent pay" for 1937, a reduction of \$50,895,000.

Salaries and expenses.—The estimate for this purpose for the fiscal year 1938 is \$94,000,000. This appropriation covers all expenses of administration, including salaries and operating expenses of the central office in Washington, the field offices, hospitals, homes, and supply depots; the cost of travel and examination of beneficiaries; payment of burial expenses and reimbursement for such expenses; repairs and alterations to hospitals, homes, and other property in which the Veterans' Administration facilities are housed; payments to contract facilities wherein Veterans' Administration patients are hospitalized; reimbursement to States at the statutory rate for those veterans cared for in State soldiers' homes who are eligible for admission to Veterans' Administration homes for domiciliary care; in general, all items of expense which are not direct monetary benefits to the veterans.

The amount of the Budget estimate represents an increase of \$500,000 over the amount available under the current appropriation. However, taking into account a total of \$6,520,309 of nonrecurring

items in the 1937 appropriation, there is a net increase in 1938 over comparable items for 1937 of \$7,020,309.

Practically the entire amount of the increase is due to the increased number of hospital and domiciliary beds in the course of construction, or to be constructed, which will be in operation and utilized during the fiscal year 1938. In arriving at the estimate for this appropriation unit costs for 1936 were used. Experience since July 1, 1936, indicates a rising trend in the curve of commodity prices and, in the opinion of the Administrator, it will require the utmost in economical administration in order to obtain efficient operation within the limit of the total funds requested.

Printing and binding.—The amount for printing and binding is \$125,000, a decrease of \$5,000 under the current amount. With the decreased appropriation the administration will be called upon to meet increased printing obligations arising under Public Resolution 117, Seventy-fourth Congress (49 Stat., pp. 1569–1570) authorizing the Veterans' Administration to prepare and publish a compilation of all Federal laws relating to veterans of wars of the United States. The major portion of the printing in connection with this publication will occur during the fiscal year 1938.

Army and Navy pensions.—The bill includes the Budget estimate of \$400,955,000 for Army and Navy pensions, a decrease of \$34,965,000 under the net amount available under the 1937 appropriation, but a reduction of only \$1,917,900 under estimated actual expenditures for the current year. This decrease is not the result of restrictive legislation or limitation in the application of existing pension laws. World War, Spanish War, and peacetime veterans' pensions are continuing to increase in total number and aggregate amount. However, Civil War veterans and their dependents are decreasing so rapidly at present, due to deaths, that those declining payments more than offset the gains now shown in payment to beneficiaries of later wars.

Military and naval insurance.—The committee has approved the Budget estimate of \$88,752,000 for military and naval insurance. While this sum is \$12,368,000 below the total available under the 1937 Appropriation Act, it is but \$3,394,827 below the estimated actual expenditures for the current year. This obligation, it is reported, has passed its peak and the appropriation should be hereafter on a diminishing scale.

Adjusted service and dependent pay.—The Budget estimate of \$2,000,000 is included in the bill. This sum is \$943,000 above the 1937 appropriation. The marked increase of claims following the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936 (approved Jan. 27, 1936), produced a sharp upward trend in payments which is reflected in the \$1,000,000 appropriation for 1937 for this item in the pending deficiency appropriation bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, EMERGENCY AGENCIES

The First Deficiency Act, 1936, contained the following:

SEC. 7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the establishments or agencies named in subsection (b) of this section shall, after June 30, 1937, incur any obligations for administrative expenses, except pursuant to an annual appropriation specifically therefor, nor shall any such establishment or

agency continue to function after said date unless established by or pursuant to law: *Provided*, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to extend the period during which any such establishment or agency heretofore has been authorized by law to function.

- (b) 1. Federal Home Loan Bank Board;
2. Home Owners' Loan Corporation;
3. Federal Housing Administration;
4. Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation;
5. Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation;
6. Export-Import Bank of Washington;
7. Second Export-Import Bank of Washington, District of Columbia;
8. Reconstruction Finance Corporation;
9. Electric Home and Farm Authority;
10. Commodity Credit Corporation;
11. Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works;
12. Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation;
13. Reconstruction Finance Mortgage Company.

Extended hearings were held by the committee on the estimates of those of the above agencies for which 1938 expenditures are submitted in the independent offices chapter of the Budget.

Reference is made to those hearings for detailed information concerning the needs of the agencies treated.

Part II of the table at the end of this report indicates the amount requested by the Budget and the amount allowed by the committee for administrative expenses for each of these agencies.

With but two exceptions, the Budget estimate has been approved.

Federal Housing Administration.—The committee has increased the Budget estimate of \$8,500,000 to \$9,500,000.

The estimates do not include an amount for continuing modernization loans, the authority for which is about to expire. The hearings disclose that there is a very large number of communities to which the benefits of title II of the act, which pertains to insuring home mortgages made under the terms of the act, have not yet been extended. The Budget estimate will enable the administration to carry on its work in 1938 in the cities and counties where it has already been established, but will permit of no appreciable expansion. Thus, the benefits of the act would be available to a portion of the country and, of necessity, would be denied to many other sections. The committee has, therefore, provided an additional \$1,000,000 to permit the extension of the benefits of this activity.

Home Owners' Loan Corporation.—The Budget estimate for this activity is in the sum of \$32,000,000 which the committee has reduced to \$30,000,000. The committee is convinced that the amount granted being \$1,000,000 in excess of the estimated actual expenditures this year, will be ample to carry on the work in 1938, especially in view of the fact that no more loans are being made and the Corporation is on a liquidation basis.

The committee strongly disapproves of the disproportionate expenditures for printing and binding of some of the emergency agencies, much of which is devoted to overpretentious publications whose apparent primary objective is to sell their activities to the public. It is believed substantial economies could be effected in this item without impairment of the public interest.

LIMITATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are carried in the bill for the first time:

On page 50, lines 13 to 16, in connection with travel expenses of the Federal Housing Administration:

except employees engaged in the inspection of property may be paid an allowance not to exceed 4 cents per mile for all travel performed by motor vehicle in connection with such inspection;

On page 56, after line 22:

SEC. 4. None of the funds herein appropriated for any executive department or other executive agency shall be available to pay any compensation or other expense in connection with any investigation or inquiry under a resolution of either House of Congress, except it be a concurrent resolution of the two Houses; but this shall not be construed to prohibit or limit the authority or scope of action of any such executive department or other executive agency under substantive or appropriation law.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1938

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1938

[NOTE.—Appropriations for 1937 include amounts in regular annual and deficiency acts]

I. REGULAR ESTABLISHMENTS

Object	Appropriations for 1937	Estimates for 1938	Amount recommended in bill for 1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1938 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-----	125,982.00	133,680.00	133,680.00	+\$7,698.00	-----
Contingent expenses-----	50,350.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-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-----	221,098.00	143,098.00	193,098.00	-28,000.00	+\$50,000.00
Total Executive Office-----	515,130.00	444,478.00	494,478.00	-20,652.00	+50,000.00
American Battle Monuments Commission--	171,000.00	171,000.00	171,000.00	-----	-----

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Salaries and expenses-----	2 506,000.00	503,000.00	503,000.00	-3,000.00
Printing and binding-----	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	
Total, Board of Tax Appeals-----	2 532,000.00	529,000.00	529,000.00	-3,000.00

CENTRAL STATISTICAL BOARD

Salaries and expenses-----	173,820.00	173,000.00	173,000.00	-820.00
Printing and binding-----	1,600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-600.00
Total, Central Statistical Board-----	175,420.00	174,000.00	174,000.00	-1,420.00

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses-----	3 2,244,000.00	2,350,000.00	2,350,000.00	+106,000.00
Printing and binding-----	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	
Civil-service retirement fund-----	46,050,000.00	72,392,000.00	72,392,000.00	+26,342,000.00
Canal Zone retirement fund-----	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	
Alaska Railroad retirement and disability fund-----		175,000.00	175,000.00	+175,000.00
Total, Civil Service Commission-----	3 48,879,000.00	75,502,000.00	75,502,000.00	+26,623,000.00

District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Authority-----

	(3a)	(3a)	(3a)	
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1 Together with reappropriation of \$100,000 of unexpended balances of prior appropriations.
 1a Together with a reappropriation of \$21,327.
 2 Together with a reappropriation of \$8,000.
 3 Together with a reappropriation of \$6,000.
 3a Reappropriation and authorization to use receipts.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1938—Continued

I. REGULAR ESTABLISHMENTS—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1937	Estimates for 1938	Amount recommended in bill for 1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1938 Budget estimates
EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	(4)	\$466, 450. 00	\$466, 450. 00	+\$466, 450. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	(5)	8, 000. 00	8, 000. 00	+8, 000. 00	-----
Employees' compensation fund-----	(6)	4, 650, 000. 00	4, 650, 000. 00	+4, 650, 000. 00	-----
Total, Employees' Compensation Commission-----	(7)	5, 124, 450. 00	5, 124, 450. 00	+5, 124, 450. 00	-----
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----		1, 604, 000. 00	1, 604, 000. 00	-246, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----		25, 000. 00	25, 000. 00	+1, 000. 00	-----
Total, Federal Communications Commission-----		1, 629, 000. 00	1, 629, 000. 00	-245, 000. 00	-----
FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	8	1, 634, 000. 00	1, 450, 000. 00	-184, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----		75, 000. 00	75, 000. 00	-----	-----
Total, Federal Power Commission-----	8	1, 709, 000. 00	1, 525, 000. 00	-184, 000. 00	-----

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses-----	1, 507, 000. 00	1, 950, 000. 00	1, 950, 000. 00	+ 443, 000. 00
Printing and binding-----	32, 000. 00	31, 000. 00	31, 000. 00	- 1, 000. 00
Total, Federal Trade Commission-----	1, 539, 000. 00	1, 981, 000. 00	1, 981, 000. 00	+ 442, 000. 00
Foreign Service pay adjustment-----	⁹ 1, 800, 000. 00	1, 745, 342. 00	1, 745, 342. 00	- 54, 658. 00

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries-----	5, 324, 600. 00	4, 954, 600. 00	4, 954, 600. 00	- 370, 000. 00
Contingent expenses-----	309, 440. 00	272, 140. 00	272, 140. 00	- 37, 300. 00
Printing and binding-----	81, 800. 00	79, 800. 00	79, 800. 00	- 2, 000. 00
Total, General Accounting Office-----	5, 715, 840. 00	5, 306, 540. 00	5, 306, 540. 00	- 409, 300. 00
Great Lakes Exposition-----	275, 000. 00			- 275, 000. 00

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

General administrative expenses-----	¹⁰ 2, 426, 000. 00	2, 544, 000. 00	2, 544, 000. 00	+ 118, 000. 00
Regulating accounts-----	¹¹ 847, 000. 00	852, 000. 00	852, 000. 00	+ 5, 000. 00
Safety of employees-----	¹² 500, 000. 00	506, 000. 00	506, 000. 00	+ 6, 000. 00

⁴ Authorization to use \$463,250 of a special fund.
⁵ Authorization to use \$5,000 of a special fund.
⁶ Authorization to use \$4,750,000 of a special fund.
⁷ Total authorizations, \$5,218,250.
⁸ Together with a reappropriation of \$16,000.
⁹ Together with a reappropriation of \$2,048,611.
¹⁰ Together with a reappropriation of \$118,000.
¹¹ Together with a reappropriation of \$5,000.
¹² Together with a reappropriation of \$6,000.

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INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1938

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1938—Continued

I. REGULAR ESTABLISHMENTS—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1937	Estimates for 1938	Amount recommended in bill for 1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1938 Budget estimates
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION—CON.					
Signal safety systems-----	13 \$36, 550. 00	\$41, 500. 00	\$41, 500. 00	+\$4, 950. 00	-----
Locomotive inspection-----	14 455, 000. 00	471, 000. 00	471, 000. 00	+16, 000. 00	-----
Valuation of property-----	15 798, 000. 00	700, 000. 00	700, 000. 00	-98, 000. 00	-----
Air mail-----	160, 000. 00	200, 000. 00	200, 000. 00	+40, 000. 00	-----
Motor-transport regulation-----	1, 700, 000. 00	2, 450, 000. 00	2, 450, 000. 00	+750, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	16 167, 000. 00	175, 000. 00	175, 000. 00	+8, 000. 00	-----
Total, Interstate Commerce Commission	17 7, 089, 550. 00	7, 939, 500. 00	7, 939, 500. 00	+849, 950. 00	-----
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS					
Salaries and expenses-----	2, 525, 850. 00	1, 259, 850. 00	1, 259, 850. 00	-1, 266, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	18, 700. 00	21, 000. 00	21, 000. 00	+2, 300. 00	-----
Total, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics-----	2, 544, 550. 00	1, 280, 850. 00	1, 280, 850. 00	-1, 263, 700. 00	-----

NATIONAL ARCHIVES					
Salaries and expenses-----	18 598,000.00	735,000.00	735,000.00	735,000.00	+137,000.00
Printing and binding-----	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	
Total, National Archives-----	18 615,000.00	752,000.00	752,000.00	752,000.00	+137,000.00
National Capital Park and Planning Commission-----	600,000.00	893,700.00	893,700.00	893,700.00	+293,700.00
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD					
Salaries and expenses-----	700,000.00	750,000.00	750,000.00	750,000.00	+50,000.00
Printing and binding-----	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	
Total, National Labor Relations Board-----	735,000.00	785,000.00	785,000.00	785,000.00	+50,000.00
NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD					
Salaries and expenses-----	19 123,000.00	140,700.00	140,700.00	140,700.00	+17,700.00
Arbitration boards-----	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	
Emergency boards-----	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21)	
Printing and binding-----	22 1,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	+1,000.00

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

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1938—Continued

I. REGULAR ESTABLISHMENTS—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1937	Estimates for 1938	Amount recommended in bill for 1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1938 Budget estimates
NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD—continued					
National Railroad Adjustment Board-----	\$215, 000. 00	\$207, 565. 00	\$207, 565. 00	-\$7, 435. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	35, 000. 00	35, 000. 00	35, 000. 00	-----	-----
Total, National Mediation Board-----	²⁴ 374, 500. 00	385, 765. 00	385, 765. 00	+11, 265. 00	-----
Northwest Territory Celebration Commission-----					
Protection of interests of the United States in matters affecting oil lands in former naval reserves-----	100, 000. 00	-----	-----	-100, 000. 00	-----
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD					
Salaries and expenses-----	1, 000, 000. 00	2, 300, 000. 00	2, 300, 000. 00	+1, 300, 000. 00	-----
Railroad annuities-----	46, 620, 000. 00	(^{24a})	(^{24a})	-46, 620, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	25, 000. 00	25, 000. 00	25, 000. 00	-----	-----
Total, Railroad Retirement Board-----	47, 645, 000. 00	2, 325, 000. 00	2, 325, 000. 00	-45, 320, 000. 00	-----
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION					
Salaries and expenses-----	1, 000, 000. 00	1, 450, 000. 00	1, 450, 000. 00	+450, 000. 00	-----
Printing and binding-----	-----	70, 000. 00	70, 000. 00	+70, 000. 00	-----

	(^{24b})	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	+30,000,000.00
Loans-----				
Total Rural Electrification Administration-----	1,000,000.00	31,520,000.00	31,520,000.00	+30,520,000.00
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION				
Salaries and expenses-----	²⁵ 4,193,000.00	3,850,000.00	3,850,000.00	-343,000.00
Printing and binding-----	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	
Total, Securities and Exchange Commission-----	²⁵ 4,238,000.00	3,895,000.00	3,895,000.00	-343,000.00
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION				
General administration-----	36,330.00	36,330.00	36,330.00	
International exchanges-----	44,260.00	44,260.00	44,260.00	
American ethnology-----	58,730.00	58,730.00	58,730.00	
Astrophysical Observatory-----	30,850.00	30,850.00	30,850.00	
National Museum:				
Miscellaneous expenses-----	134,390.00	144,840.00	144,840.00	+10,450.00
Preservation of collections-----	604,580.00	609,380.00	609,380.00	+4,800.00
National Gallery of Art-----	34,275.00	34,275.00	34,275.00	
Printing and binding-----	55,500.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	+9,500.00
Total, Smithsonian Institution-----	998,915.00	1,023,665.00	1,023,665.00	+24,750.00

²⁴ Together with a reappropriation of \$18,000.

^{24a} Reappropriation.

^{21b} For 1937 there is available \$24,000,000 transferred from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

²⁵ Together with a reappropriation of \$7,000.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1938—Continued

I. REGULAR ESTABLISHMENTS—Continued

Object	Appropriations for 1937	Estimates for 1938	Amount recommended in bill for 1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1938 Budget estimates
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD					
Salaries and expenses-----	\$18,400,000.00	^{25a} \$15,000,000.00	^{25a} \$10,000,000.00	-\$8,400,000.00	-\$5,000,000.00
Printing and binding-----	-----	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	+1,000,000.00	-----
Grants to States:					
Old-age assistance-----	85,000,000.00	150,000,000.00	150,000,000.00	+65,000,000.00	-----
Unemployment compensation administration-----	29,000,000.00	^{25b} 29,000,000.00	^{25b} 29,000,000.00	-----	-----
Dependent children, aid to-----	35,000,000.00	54,600,000.00	54,600,000.00	+19,600,000.00	-----
Blind, aid to-----	8,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	+2,000,000.00	-----
Wage records-----	12,400,000.00	-----	-----	-12,400,000.00	-----
Total, Social Security Board-----	187,800,000.00	259,600,000.00	254,600,000.00	+66,800,000.00	-5,000,000.00
TARIFF COMMISSION					
Salaries and expenses-----	²⁶ 941,000.00	925,000.00	925,000.00	-16,000.00	-----
Printing and binding-----	15,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	+5,000.00	-----
Total, Tariff Commission-----	²⁶ 956,000.00	945,000.00	945,000.00	-11,000.00	-----

Thomas Jefferson Memorial-----	15,000.00				-15,000.00
United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission-----	200,000.00				-200,000.00
United States Harvard University Tercentenary Commission-----	1,500.00				-1,500.00
VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION					
Administration, medical, hospital, and domiciliary services-----	27 86,500,000.00	94,000,000.00	94,000,000.00	94,000,000.00	+7,500,000.00
Printing and binding-----	130,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	-5,000.00
Pensions-----	28 421,920,000.00	400,955,000.00	400,955,000.00	400,955,000.00	-20,965,000.00
Military and naval insurance-----	29 80,120,000.00	88,752,000.00	88,752,000.00	88,752,000.00	+8,632.00
Adjusted service and dependent pay-----	1,057,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	+943,000.00
Total, Veterans' Administration-----	30 589,727,000.00	585,832,000.00	585,832,000.00	585,832,000.00	-3,895,000.00
Grand total, Executive Office and Independent Offices Appropriation Act, regular establishments-----	31 907,759,405.00	991,310,963.00	986,360,963.00	986,360,963.00	+78,601,558.00

^{25a} Together with reappropriation of an unexpended balance estimated to be \$8,377,202.

^{25b} Together with reappropriation of unexpended balance of (estimated) \$17,500,000.

²⁶ Together with a reappropriation of \$4,000.

²⁷ Together with a reappropriation of \$7,000,000.

²⁸ Together with a reappropriation of \$14,000,000.

²⁹ Together with a reappropriation of \$21,000,000.

³⁰ Together with a reappropriation of \$42,000,000.

³¹ Together with a reappropriation of \$44,366,611.

Comparative statement of the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 1937, the Budget estimates for the fiscal year 1938 and the amounts recommended in the accompanying bill for 1938—Continued

II. EMERGENCY AGENCIES, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

[Amounts shown are authorizations of amounts which may be used for administrative expenses from the funds of the respective agencies]

Object	Appropriations for 1937	Estimates for 1938	Amount recommended in bill for 1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1937 appropriation	Increase (+) or decrease (-), bill compared with 1938 Budget estimates
Federal Home Loan Bank Board-----	(32)	\$1, 140, 000. 00	\$1, 140, 000. 00	+\$1, 140, 000. 00	-----
Home Owners' Loan Corporation-----	(32)	32, 000, 000. 00	30, 000, 000. 00	+30, 000, 000. 00	-\$2, 000, 000. 00
Federal Housing Administration-----	(32)	8, 500, 000. 00	9, 500, 000. 00	+9, 500, 000. 00	+1, 000, 000. 00
Reconstruction Finance Corporation-----	(32)	9, 500, 000. 00	9, 500, 000. 00	+9, 500, 000. 00	-----
Public Works Administration-----	(32)	10, 000, 000. 00	10, 000, 000. 00	+10, 000, 000. 00	-----
Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation-----	(32)	256, 180. 00	256, 180. 00	+256, 180. 00	-----
Total, emergency agencies-----	(32)	61, 396, 180. 00	60, 396, 180. 00	+60, 396, 180. 00	-1, 000, 000. 00

³² Estimated obligations for 1937 administrative expenses for above agencies are:

Federal Home Loan Bank Board-----	\$1, 072, 212	Public Works Administration-----	\$26, 000, 000
Home Owners' Loan Corporation-----	29, 000, 000	Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation-----	237, 000
Federal Housing Administration-----	11, 040, 000		
Reconstruction Finance Corporation-----	11, 945, 308	Total-----	79, 294, 520

III. PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Object	1937	1938	Increase (+) or decrease (-), 1938 estimates compared with 1937 appropriations
Employees' Compensation Commission (relief and rehabilitation, longshoremen's and harbor workers' compensation act, trust fund)-----	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Federal Power Commission-----	16,000.00	16,500.00	+500.00
Smithsonian Institution-----	60,000.00	60,000.00	-----
U. S. Government life-insurance fund-----	89,251,825.00	91,073,760.00	+1,821,935.00
Personal funds of patients, Veterans' Administration-----	2,106,000.00	2,346,000.00	+240,000.00
General post fund-----	519,666.00	29,995.00	-489,671.00
Total-----	91,993,491.00	93,556,255.00	+1,562,764.00

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