

For investigations of the chemical and physical character of road materials, twenty-five thousand dollars;

Chemical, etc., investigations.

For collating, reporting, and illustrating the results of such investigations and experiments and preparing, publishing, and distributing bulletins and reports, twenty-three thousand dollars;

Bulletins and reports.

In all, for general expenses, one hundred thousand dollars.

Total for Office of Public Roads, one hundred and sixteen thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

And not to exceed ten per centum of the foregoing amounts for the miscellaneous expenses of the work of any bureau, division, or office herein provided for shall be available interchangeably for expenditure on the objects included within the general expenses of such bureau, division, or office, but no more than ten per centum shall be added to any one item of appropriation except in cases of extraordinary emergency, and then only upon the written order of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Interchangeable appropriations.

Total, Department of Agriculture, for routine and ordinary work, twelve million nine hundred and eighty-five thousand and thirty-six dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

**PAPER TESTS:** To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to test such plants and woods as may require tests to ascertain if they be suitable for making paper, ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, including rent and the employment of labor in the city of Washington and elsewhere, and all other necessary expenses.

Paper tests.

And hereafter the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to permit employees of the Department of Agriculture to make assignments of their pay, under such regulations as he may prescribe, during such time as they may be in the employ of the said department.

Assignments of pay allowed employees.

And hereafter all duly and lawfully constituted and appointed watchmen of the Department of Agriculture stationed in and upon the buildings and premises of said department in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, shall have and perform the same powers and duties, while on duty in and about said premises, as the Metropolitan police of the District of Columbia.

Watchmen given police powers.

Total carried by this bill for the Department of Agriculture, twelve million nine hundred and ninety-five thousand and thirty-six dollars.

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**CHAP. 302.**—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1909.  
[H. R. 26203.]

[Public. No. 331.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes, namely:

Pensions appropriations.

For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and sixty million dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately: *And provided further*,

Invalid, etc., pensions.

*Provisos.*  
Navy pensions.

Accounts.

Additional, because of helpless child.

Prior rate to widow not affected.

Examining surgeons. Fees.

Agents' salaries.

Clerk hire.

Proviso. Apportionment.

Rent, New York agency.

Inspection of agencies. Vol. 22, p. 374. R. S., sec. 4766, p. 927.

Stationery, etc.

Proviso. Franked envelopes for pensioners.

Reimbursement for burial, etc., expenses.

That when an additional pension has been, or may hereafter be, granted by special act to a widow or guardian on account of a helpless child, such additional pension shall in no wise affect the rate of pension the widow may be entitled to independent of such additional allowance. For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and ten, four hundred thousand dollars.

For salaries of agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For clerk hire and other services, in the pension agencies, four hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire and other services for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

For rent, New York agency, four thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

For examination and inspection of pension agencies, as provided by the final provision of the Act of August eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, amending section forty-seven hundred and sixty-six, Revised Statutes, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For stationery and other necessary expenses, thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall hereafter furnish free to all pensioners franked or penalty envelopes, properly addressed, to be used by said pensioners only for the return of their pension vouchers: *And provided further*, That hereafter the settlement of all claims for the reimbursement of expenses of the last sickness and burial of deceased pensioners shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of Pensions.

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[Public, No. 332.]

District of Columbia. Code amendment. Vol. 1, p. 1299.

Building associations.

Proviso. Examination of the Currency. Vol. 31, p. 1299, amended.

Expense of examination. Limit.

Report to the Comptroller.

**CHAP. 303.**—An Act To amend section six hundred and ninety-one of subchapter seven, building associations, of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section six hundred and ninety-one, subchapter seven, of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, relating to building associations, be amended so that the same shall read:

“**SEC. 691. OBJECTS.**—The object of such corporation shall be the accumulation of a capital in money to be derived from the savings and accumulations by the members thereof, to be paid into said corporation in such sums and at such times as may be designated by the by-laws of said corporation, from which the members thereof may obtain advances upon their shares of stock: *Provided*, That the Comptroller of the Currency, in addition to the powers conferred upon him by law for the examination of national banks, is further authorized, whenever he may deem it useful, to cause examination to be made into the condition of any building association incorporated under the provisions of this chapter, as well as any other building or loan association located or doing business in the District of Columbia. The expenses necessarily incurred in making any such examination shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars for the first five hundred thousand dollars or fractional part thereof of assets and the sum of ten dollars for each additional two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or fractional part thereof of assets, and be paid by such association to the Comptroller of the Currency at the time of the making of such examination: *And provided further*, That every building or loan association