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**CHAP. 123.**—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 fourteen, and for other purposes.

*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 fourteen, and for other purposes, namely:

Invalid, etc., pensions.

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, \$180,000,000: *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.

Proviso.  
Navy pensions.

Accounts.

Examining surgeons.  
Fees.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fourteen, \$300,000.

Disbursing office.  
Use of appropriation for expenses of.  
*Act*, p. 312.

That \$12,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the appropriation for clerk hire and other services contained in the Act making appropriations for invalid and other pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, is made available for postage on foreign mail, purchase and repair of furniture, filing cabinets, adding machines, addressing machines, typewriters, check signing machines, and other labor-saving devices for the use of the disbursing office, Bureau of Pensions.

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**CHAP. 141.**—An Act To create a Department of Labor.

Department of Labor created.  
Secretary.  
Appointment, salary, and tenure.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby created an executive department in the Government to be called the Department of Labor, with a Secretary of Labor, who shall be the head thereof, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and who shall receive a salary of twelve thousand dollars per annum, and whose tenure of office shall be like that of the heads of the other executive departments; and section one hundred and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to include such department, and the provisions of title four of the Revised Statutes, including all amendments thereto, are hereby made applicable to said department; and the Department of Commerce and Labor shall hereafter be called the Department of Commerce, and the Secretary thereof shall be called the Secretary of Commerce, and the Act creating the said Department of Commerce and Labor is hereby amended accordingly. The purpose of the Department of Labor shall be to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of the United States, to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The said Secretary shall cause a seal of office to be made for the said department of such device as the President shall approve and judicial notice shall be taken of the said seal.

R. S., sec. 158, p. 25, amended.

Department of Commerce and Labor hereafter Department of Commerce.  
*Post*, p. 782.

Purpose of Department.

Seal, etc.

Assistant Secretary.

Other employees.

**SEC. 2.** That there shall be in said department an Assistant Secretary of Labor, to be appointed by the President, who shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars a year. He shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Secretary or required by law. There shall also be one chief clerk and a disbursing clerk, and such other