

SEC. 6. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to make an examination as to the feasibility and propriety of consolidating into a single force the police and law enforcement agencies of the Federal Government in Alaska, and to report to the next session of the Congress his conclusions with reference thereto and the facts upon which they are based, together with a statement of the cost of such consolidation as compared with present expenditures for law enforcement in that Territory.

Law enforcement. Examination and report on feasibility of consolidating agencies for police and, to be submitted.

Approved, February 10, 1927.

CHAP. 103.—Joint Resolution To amend the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress for the construction of a bridge across the Delaware River at or near Burlington, New Jersey," approved May 21, 1926.

February 10, 1927. [H. J. Res. 292.] [Pub. Res., No. 53.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress for the construction of a bridge across the Delaware River at or near Burlington, New Jersey," approved May 21, 1926, is amended by striking out the name "Clifford A. Anderson" wherever it occurs in such Act and by inserting in lieu thereof the name "Clifford L. Anderson."

Delaware River. Clifford L. Anderson. Name corrected in Act to bridge.

Ante, p. 588, amended.

SEC. 2. The times for the commencement and completion of the construction of such bridge are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of the passage of this resolution.

Time extended for construction.

Approved, February 10, 1927.

CHAP. 104.—An Act Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes.

February 11, 1927. [H. R. 15059.] [Public, No. 600.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, namely:

Independent Offices Act, 1928. Appropriations for fiscal year 1928.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Executive Office.

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Compensation.

For compensation of the President of the United States, \$75,000.

President.

For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, \$15,000.

Vice President.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Office of the President.

Salaries: For Secretary to the President, \$10,000; personal services in the office of the President, in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$85,260; in all, \$95,260: *Provided*, That employees of the executive departments and other establishments of the executive branch of the Government may be detailed from time to time to the office of the President of the United States for such temporary assistance as may be deemed necessary.

Secretary, and office personnel.

Proviso. Details of employees to Office.

Contingent expenses: For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, including stationery, record books, telegrams, telephones, books for library, furniture and carpets for offices, automobiles, expenses of garage, including labor, special services, and miscel-

Contingent expenses.

laneous items, to be expended in the discretion of the President, \$35,500.

Printing and binding.  
Traveling, etc., expenses.

For printing and binding, \$2,800.

Traveling expenses: For traveling and official entertainment expenses of the President of the United States, to be expended in his discretion and accounted for on his certificate solely, \$25,000.

Executive Mansion, etc.

#### EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

Care, repairs, etc.

For the care, maintenance, repair, refurnishing, improvement, heating, and lighting, including electric power and fixtures of the Executive Mansion, the Executive Mansion greenhouses, including reconstruction, and the Executive Mansion grounds, to be expended by contract or otherwise as the President may determine, \$104,000.

White House police.

#### WHITE HOUSE POLICE

Salaries.

Salaries: First sergeant, \$2,700; three sergeants at \$2,400 each; and thirty-five privates at \$2,100 each; in all, \$83,400.

Uniforms and equipment.

For uniforming and equipping the White House police, including the purchase, issue, and repair of revolvers and the purchase and issue of ammunition and miscellaneous supplies, to be procured in such manner as the President in his discretion may determine, \$2,500.

Independent establishments.

#### INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS

Alien Property Custodian.

#### ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

Personal services, supplies, etc.  
Vol. 40, p. 415; Vol. 41, pp. 35, 977, 1147; Vol. 42, pp. 351, 1511.  
*Ante*, p. 406.

For expenses of the Alien Property Custodian authorized by the Act entitled "An Act to define, regulate, and punish trading with the enemy, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917, as amended, including personal and other services and rental of quarters in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, traveling expenses, law books, books of reference and periodicals, supplies and equipment, and maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, \$97,500, of which amount not to exceed \$92,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

*Proviso*.  
Rent restriction.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Alien Property Custodian, \$500.

American Battle Monuments Commission.

#### AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

All expenses.  
Vol. 42, p. 1509.

Title to land in foreign countries.

For every expenditure requisite for or incident to the work of the American Battle Monuments Commission authorized by the Act entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes," approved March 4, 1923, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries for carrying out the purposes of said Act without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes; employment of personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere: the transportation of, mileage of, reimbursement of actual travel expenses or per diem in lieu thereof to the personnel engaged upon the work of the commission; the reimbursement of actual travel expenses (not exceeding an average of \$8 per day for subsistence) or per diem in lieu thereof (not exceeding \$7 per day) to,

R. S., sec. 355, p. 60.

Travel expenses.

and the transportation of the members of the commission, while engaged upon the work of the commission; the establishment of offices and the rent of office space in foreign countries; the purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles for the official use of the commission and its personnel in foreign countries, at a total cost of not to exceed \$2,500; the maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, which may be furnished to the commission by other departments of the Government or acquired by purchase; printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting, including the publication of information concerning the American activities, battle fields, memorials, and cemeteries in Europe; the purchase of maps, textbooks, newspapers, and periodicals; \$600,000; to be immediately available and to remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the commission may incur obligations and enter into contracts for building materials and supplies and for construction work, which, inclusive of the amounts herein and heretofore made available, shall not exceed a total of \$3,000,000: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations and under such terms and conditions as the commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, the commission may contract for work in Europe, and engage, by contract or otherwise, the services of architects, firms of architects, and other technical and professional personnel: *Provided further*, That the commission shall have a seal, which shall be judicially noticed: *Provided further*, That when traveling on business of the commission officers of the Army serving as members or as secretary of the commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for other members of the commission: *Provided further*, That the commission may, under such terms and conditions and in such manner as the commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, dispose of any land or interest in land in foreign countries which has been or may hereafter be acquired by the commission in connection with its work: *Provided further*, That hereafter disbursements for expenditures outside of continental United States may be made by a special disbursing agent designated by the commission and under such regulations as it may prescribe.

Office, etc., expenses abroad.

Printing, etc.

Provisos. Contracts, etc., authorized.

Technical work abroad.

Seal authorized.

Traveling expenses, etc., of Army officers.

Disposal of land, etc., in foreign countries.

Special disbursing agent.

### ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

For continuing the construction of the Arlington Memorial Bridge across the Potomac River at Washington, authorized in an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac River from a point near the Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington to an appropriate point in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes," approved February 24, 1925, to be expended in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the said Act, \$2,500,000, including all necessary incidental and contingent expenses, not to exceed \$1,000 for the purchase, maintenance, and repair of one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle, printing and binding, and traveling expenses, to be available immediately and to remain available until expended.

Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission.

Continuing construction of Memorial Bridge. Vol. 43, p. 974.

### BOARD OF MEDIATION

For five members of the board, at \$12,000 each, \$60,000.  
For other authorized expenditures of the Board of Mediation in performing the duties imposed by law, including not to exceed \$121,100 for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, and for personal services

Board of Mediation.

Members of Board. *Ante*, p. 579. All other expenses.

Services in the District.

in the field; contract stenographic reporting services; supplies and equipment; law books and books of reference; not to exceed \$200 for newspapers, for which payment may be made in advance; periodicals; traveling expenses; rent of quarters in the District of Columbia, if space is not provided by the Public Buildings Commission, and rent of quarters outside the District of Columbia, \$177,000.

Rent in the District.

Expenses of arbitration boards.

*Ante*, p. 652.

Arbitration boards: To enable the Board of Mediation to pay necessary expenses of arbitration boards, including compensation of members and employees of such boards, together with their necessary traveling expenses and expenses actually incurred for subsistence while so employed, and printing of awards, together with proceedings and testimony relating thereto, as authorized by the Railway Labor Act, including also contract stenographic reporting service and rent of quarters when suitable quarters can not be supplied in any Federal building, \$100,000, to be immediately available.

Emergency boards expenses.

*Ante*, p. 586.

Emergency boards: For expenses of emergency boards appointed by the President to investigate and report respecting disputes between carriers and their employees, as authorized by section 10, Railway Labor Act, approved May 20, 1926, \$50,000.

Printing and binding.

Minor purchases, etc.  
R. S., sec. 3709, p. 733.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Mediation, \$3,000. Hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the Board of Mediation, including arbitration boards established under the Railway Labor Act, when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

Board of Tax Appeals.

### BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

All expenses.  
Vol. 43, p. 336.

*Ante*, p. 105.

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Board of Tax Appeals as authorized under Title IX, section 900, of the Revenue Act of 1924, approved June 2, 1924, as amended by Title X of the Revenue Act of 1926, approved February 26, 1926, including personal services and stenographic reporting services to be obtained by renewal of existing contract, or otherwise, rent at the seat of government and elsewhere, traveling expenses, car fare, stationery, furniture, office equipment, purchase and exchange of typewriters, law books and books of reference, periodicals, and all other necessary supplies, \$682,740, of which amount not to exceed \$558,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

Services in the District.

*Proviso*.  
Rent restriction.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Tax Appeals, \$30,040.

Efficiency Bureau.

### BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY

Chief of Bureau, and office personnel.  
Expenses.

For chief of bureau, and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923; contingent expenses, including traveling expenses; per diem in lieu of subsistence; supplies, stationery; purchase and exchange of equipment; not to exceed \$100 for law books, books of reference, and periodicals; and not to exceed \$150 for street-car fare; in all \$210,000, of which amount not to exceed \$205,540 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Bureau of Efficiency, \$350.

Civil Service Commission.

### CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioners, and office personnel.

Salaries: For three commissioners at \$7,500 each per annum, and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$506,500.

Field force: For salaries of the field force, \$330,000.

Except for one person detailed for part-time duty in the district office at New York City, no details from any executive department or independent establishment in the District of Columbia or elsewhere to the commission's central office in Washington or to any of its district offices shall be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928; but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the district secretaries. The Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees herein provided for to or from its office or field force.

For employment of expert examiners not in the Federal service to prepare questions and rate papers in examinations on special subjects for which examiners within the service are not available, \$2,000.

For examination of presidential postmasters, including travel, stationery, contingent expenses, additional examiners and investigators, and other necessary expenses of examinations, \$26,000, of which amount not to exceed \$22,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For necessary traveling expenses, including those of examiners acting under the direction of the commission, and for expenses of examinations and investigations held elsewhere than at Washington and including not exceeding \$1,000 for expenses of attendance at meetings of public officials when specifically directed by the commission, \$20,000.

For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the Civil Service Commission, including furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; supplies; advertising; telegraph, telephone, and laundry service; freight and express charges; street-car fares not to exceed \$200; stationery; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, payment in advance for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, not to exceed \$1,000; charts; purchase, exchange, maintenance and repair of motor trucks, motor cycles, and bicycles; maintenance and repair of a motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle to be used only for official purposes; garage rent; postage stamps to prepay postage on matter addressed to Postal Union countries; special-delivery stamps; and other like miscellaneous necessary expenses not hereinbefore provided for; in all, \$40,350.

For rent of building for the Civil Service Commission, \$24,592, if space can not be assigned by the Public Buildings Commission in other buildings under the control of that commission.

For all printing and binding for the Civil Service Commission, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$58,000.

COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

For expenses made necessary by the Act entitled "An Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts," approved May 17, 1910, including the purchase of periodicals, maps, and books of reference, and payment of actual traveling expenses of the members and secretary of the commission in attending meetings of the commission either within or outside of the District of Columbia, to be disbursed on vouchers approved by the commission, \$7,000, of which amount not to exceed \$3,900 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Commission of Fine Arts, \$300.

Field force  
Details from departments, etc., forbidden.

Emergency transfers of office and field force.

Expert examiners.

Examining presidential postmasters.

Traveling expenses, etc.

Attendance at meetings.

Contingent expenses.

Rent.

Printing and binding.

Commission of Fine Arts.

Expenses. Vol. 36, p. 371.

Printing and binding.

## Employees' Compensation Commission.

## EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Commissioners, and office personnel.

Salaries: For three commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, including not to exceed \$1,000 for temporary experts and assistants in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to be paid at a rate not exceeding \$8 per day, \$132,540.

Contingent expenses.

Contingent expenses: For furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; law books, books of reference, periodicals, stationery, and supplies; traveling expenses; and for miscellaneous items, \$12,000.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Employees' Compensation Commission, \$3,700.

Employees' compensation fund. Allowances from. Vol. 39, pp. 743, 745.

Employees' compensation fund: For the payment of compensation provided by "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, including medical examinations, traveling and other expenses, and loss of wages payable to employees under sections 21 and 22; all services, appliances, and supplies provided by section 9, as amended, including payments to Army and Navy hospitals; the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections 9 and 11; and advancement of costs for the enforcement of recoveries provided in sections 26 and 27 where necessary, accruing during the fiscal year 1923 or in prior fiscal years, \$2,550,000.

Burial expenses.

Recoveries. Vol. 39, p. 747.

Vocational Education Board.

## FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Hawaii. Vocational education extended to. Vol. 39, p. 923.

For extending to the Territory of Hawaii the benefits of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for cooperation with the States in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for cooperation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects; and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditure," approved February 23, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of certain laws to the Territory of Hawaii," approved March 10, 1924, \$30,000.

Vol. 43, p. 18.

Vocational rehabilitation.

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Expenses of providing. Vol. 41, p. 735; Vol. 43, p. 430.

For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise and their return to civil employment," approved June 2, 1920, as amended by the Act of June 5, 1924, \$700,000: *Provided*, That the apportionment to the States shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed \$1,034,000, as authorized by the Act approved June 2, 1920, as amended by the Act approved June 5, 1924.

*Proviso.* Basis of apportionment to States.

Administrative expenses. Investigating placements, etc. Vol. 41, p. 735; Vol. 43, p. 432.

For the purpose of making studies, investigations, and reports regarding the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons and their placements in suitable or gainful occupations, and for the administrative expenses of said board incident to performing the duties imposed by the Act of June 2, 1920, as amended by the Act of June 5, 1924, including salaries of such assistants, experts, clerks, and other employees, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, as the board may deem necessary, actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred by the members of the board and by its employees, under its orders; including attendance at meetings of educational

Attendance at meetings.

associations and other organizations, rent and equipment of offices in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, purchase of books of reference, law books, and periodicals, payment in advance for subscriptions to newspapers not to exceed \$50 per annum, stationery, typewriters and exchange thereof, miscellaneous supplies, postage on foreign mail, printing and binding to be done at the Government Printing Office, and all other necessary expenses, \$68,230, of which amount not to exceed \$51,710 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Appropriations available to the Federal Board for Vocational Education for salaries and expenses shall be available for expenses of attendance at meetings of educational associations and other organizations which in the discretion of the board are necessary for the efficient discharge of its responsibilities.

### FEDERAL OIL CONSERVATION BOARD

The appropriation of \$50,000 made in the First Deficiency Act, approved January 20, 1925, for the expenses of the "Federal Oil Conservation Board, 1925 and 1926," shall remain available until June 30, 1928.

### FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including traveling expenses; per diem in lieu of subsistence; and not exceeding \$500 for press-clipping service, law books, books of reference, and periodicals, \$28,500: *Provided*, That the annual estimates of the Federal Power Commission for the fiscal year 1929 shall include the salaries of all civilian employees whose service with the commission has become permanent through detail from any executive department.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Power Commission, \$4,000.

### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

For five commissioners at \$10,000 each per annum, \$50,000.  
For all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Trade Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including secretary to the commission and other personal services, contract stenographic reporting services, supplies and equipment, law books, books of reference, periodicals, garage rental, traveling expenses, not to exceed \$175 for newspapers, foreign postage, and witness fees and mileage in accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, \$917,850, of which amount not to exceed \$790,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, including witness fees: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be expended for investigations requested by either House of Congress except those requested by concurrent resolution of Congress, but this limitation shall not apply to investigations and reports in connection with alleged violations of the antitrust Acts by any corporation.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Trade Commission, \$16,500.

### GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: Comptroller General, \$10,000; Assistant Comptroller General, \$7,500; and for other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$3,557,500; in all \$3,575,000.

Rent, etc.

Printing and binding.

Services in the District.

Attendance at meetings allowed from expenses of board.

Federal Oil Conservation Board.

Expenses for, reapportioned.  
Vol. 43, p. 754.

Federal Power Commission.

All expenses.  
Vol. 41, p. 1063.

*Proviso.*  
Estimates to include all permanent civilian employees.

Printing and binding.

Federal Trade Commission.

Commissioners.  
All other expenses.  
Vol. 33, p. 717.

Vol. 33, p. 722.

Services in the District.

*Proviso.*  
Restriction on requests by either House of Congress.

Printing and binding.

General Accounting Office.

Comptroller General, Assistant, and office personnel.

## Contingent expenses.

Contingent expenses: For traveling expenses, materials, supplies, equipment, and services; rent of buildings and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, books of reference and periodicals, tabulating cards, typewriters, calculating machines, and other office appliances, including their development, repairs and maintenance, including motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; and miscellaneous items, \$232,000.

## Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the General Accounting Office, including monthly and annual editions of selected decisions of the Comptroller General, \$26,000.

## George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

All expenses.  
Vol. 43, p. 671.

For all necessary expenditures by the United States Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, including compensation of employees and expert advisers, traveling and other expenses of the commission, \$14,000, to be expended in its discretion: *Provided*, That the salary of the executive secretary shall be at such rate as may be fixed by the commission from the date of employment, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law.

*Proviso.*  
Salary of executive secretary authorized.

## Housing Corporation.

## HOUSING CORPORATION

Salaries, etc., in the District, for specified purposes.

Salaries: For officers, clerks, and other employees in the District of Columbia necessary to collect and account for the receipts from the sale of properties and the receipts from the operation of unsold properties of the United States Housing Corporation, the Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, property commandeered by the United States through the Secretary of Labor, and to collect the amounts advanced to transportation facilities and others, \$43,300: *Provided*, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding \$5,000 per annum, and only one person may be employed at that rate.

*Proviso.*  
Pay restriction.

## Contingent expenses.

Contingent expenses: For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the offices at Washington, District of Columbia, including purchase of blank books, maps, stationery, file cases, towels, ice, brooms, soap, freight and express charges; telegraph and telephone service; and all other miscellaneous items and necessary expenses not included in the foregoing, and necessary to collect moneys and loans due the corporation, \$5,000.

## Printing and binding.

For printing and binding for the United States Housing Corporation, including all its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$800.

Collections from sales, etc.  
Vol. 41, p. 224.

Collections: For the collection of money due from the sale of real and other property under the provision of the Act approved July 19, 1919, the collection of rentals from unsold properties, including necessary office and travel expenses outside of the District of Columbia, \$29,000.

Government Hotel, D. C.  
Maintenance, etc.

Washington, District of Columbia, Government hotel for Government workers: For maintenance, operation, and management of the hotel and restaurants therein, including purchase and replacement of equipment, and personal services and including not to exceed \$850 for the exchange, purchase, repair, and maintenance of an automobile for official use, \$480,136, of which amount not to exceed \$263,166 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia in addition to any meals and lodging allowed employees: *Provided*, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding \$5,000 per annum, and only one person may be employed at that rate.

Personal services in the District.

*Proviso.*  
Pay restriction.

Maintenance, unsold property: To maintain and repair houses, buildings, and improvements, which are unsold, \$1,000.

Maintenance of unsold property.

Miscellaneous expenses account of property sold: To pay taxes, special assessments, and other utility, municipal, State, and county charges or assessments unpaid by purchasers and which have been assessed against property in which the United States Housing Corporation has an interest, and to defray expenses incident to foreclosing mortgages, conducting sales under deeds of trust, or reacquiring title or possession of real property under default proceeding, including attorney fees, witness fees, court costs, charges, and other miscellaneous expenses, \$5,000.

Miscellaneous property expenses.

No part of the appropriations heretofore made and available for expenditure by the United States Housing Corporation shall be expended for the purposes for which appropriations are made herein.

Use of former appropriations restricted.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Interstate Commerce Commission.

For eleven commissioners, at \$12,000 each; secretary, \$7,500; in all, \$139,500.

Commissioners and secretary.

For all other authorized expenditures necessary in the execution of laws to regulate commerce, including one chief counsel, one director of finance, and one director of traffic, at \$10,000 each per annum, traveling expenses, and stenographic reporting services to be obtained on and after the approval of this Act by the commission, in its discretion, through the civil service or by contract, or renewal of existing contract, or otherwise, \$2,460,600, of which amount not to exceed \$1,957,890 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of special counsel, for which the expenditure shall not exceed \$50,000; not exceeding \$3,000 for necessary books, reports, and periodicals; not exceeding \$100 in the open market for the purchase of office furniture similar in class or kind to that listed in the general supply schedule; and not exceeding \$139,000 for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

Personnel and expenses.

Stenographic reporting.

Services in the District.

Special counsel, etc.

Rent, D. C.  
*Proviso.*  
Rental restriction.

To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce compliance with section 20 and other sections of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Act approved June 29, 1906, and as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920, including the employment of necessary special accounting agents or examiners, and traveling expenses, \$1,315,000, of which amount not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Enforcing accounting by railroads.  
Vol. 34, p. 593; Vol. 36, p. 556; Vol. 41, p. 493.

Services in the District.

To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep informed regarding and to enforce compliance with Acts to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads; the Act requiring common carriers to make reports of accidents and authorizing investigations thereof; and to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and test appliances intended to promote the safety of railway operation, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and the provision of the Sundry Civil Act approved May 27, 1908, to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, including the employment of a chief inspector at \$6,000 per annum, and two assistant chief inspectors at \$5,000 each per annum, and such other inspectors as may be necessary, and for traveling expenses, \$515,824, of which amount not to exceed \$80,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Railway safety appliances.  
Vol. 27, p. 531; Vol. 29, p. 85; Vol. 32, p. 943; Vol. 36, p. 298.  
Accidents.  
Vol. 36, p. 350.

Safety signals.  
Vol. 34, p. 838; Vol. 35, p. 324; Vol. 38, p. 212.

Inspectors.

Services in the District.

Automatic train-control devices, etc.  
Vol. 41, p. 498.

For all authorized expenditures under section 26 of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920, with respect to the provision thereof under which carriers by railroad subject to the Act may be required to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices which comply with specifications and requirements prescribed by the commission; including investigations and tests pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and including the employment of the necessary engineers, and for traveling expenses, \$148,320, of which amount not to exceed \$100,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Vol. 34, p. 838.

Services in the District.

Safe locomotive boilers, etc.

Vol. 36, p. 913; Vol. 38, p. 1192; Vol. 40, p. 616.

For all authorized expenditures under the provisions of the Act of February 17, 1911, "To promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto," as amended by the Act of March 4, 1915, extending "the same powers and duties with respect to all parts and appurtenances of the locomotive and tender," and amendment of June 7, 1924, providing for the appointment from time to time by the Interstate Commerce Commission of not more than fifteen inspectors in addition to the number authorized in the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act of 1911, including such legal, technical, stenographic, and clerical help as the business of the offices of the chief inspector and his two assistants may require, and for traveling expenses, \$493,856, of which amount not to exceed \$65,740 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Vol. 43, p. 659.

Vol. 36, p. 914.

Services in the District.

Physical valuation of railroads.

Vol. 37, p. 701; Vol. 40, p. 271; Vol. 42, p. 624.

Valuation of property of carriers: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to carry out the objects of the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce,' approved February 4, 1887, and all Acts amendatory thereof," by providing for a valuation of the several classes of property of carriers subject thereto and securing information concerning their stocks, bonds, and other securities, approved March 1, 1913, including one director of valuation at \$10,000 per annum, one supervisor of land appraisals, one supervising engineer, and one supervisor of accounts, at \$9,000 each per annum, and one principal valuation examiner at \$7,500 per annum, and traveling expenses, \$2,563,214: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

Issue of stock, etc.  
Officials.

*Proviso*.  
Rent restriction,  
D. C.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Interstate Commerce Commission, including reports in all cases proposing general changes in transportation rates and not to exceed \$10,000 to print and furnish to the States at cost report-form blanks, and the receipts from such reports and blanks shall be credited to this appropriation, \$175,000, of which \$15,000 shall be immediately available: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be expended for printing the Schedule of Sailings required by section 25 of the Interstate Commerce Act.

*Proviso*.  
Schedule of Sailings  
excepted.  
Vol. 41, p. 498.

Attendance at meetings.

Not to exceed \$5,000 of the appropriations herein made for the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be available for expenses, except membership fees, for attendance at meetings concerned with the work of the commission.

National Advisory  
Committee for Aeronautics.

## NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

All expenses.

For scientific research, technical investigations, and special reports in the field of aeronautics, including the necessary laboratory and technical assistants; contracts for personal services in the making of special investigations and in the preparation of special reports; traveling expenses of members and employees; including not to exceed

\$500 for expenses, except membership fees, of attendance upon meetings of technical and professional societies; office supplies and other miscellaneous expenses, including technical periodicals and books of reference; equipment, maintenance, and operation of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory; purchase, maintenance, operation, and exchange of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; personal services in the field and in the District of Columbia; in all, \$512,000, of which amount not to exceed \$70,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, including all of its offices, laboratories, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$13,000.

Langley Laboratory.

Services in the District.

Printing and binding.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Public Buildings and Parks of the National Capital.

For personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$1,694,000, including not to exceed \$25,000 for intermittent and seasonal employees at per diem rates of compensation to be fixed by the director.

Personal services.  
Vol. 43, p. 983.

For general expenses in connection with the maintenance, care, improvement, protection, operation, repair, cleaning, heating, and lighting of the Washington Monument and Grounds; the Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool; the house where Abraham Lincoln died; grounds surrounding executive departments; and public buildings in the District of Columbia under the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital; including the installation of a vault in the Navy Building not to exceed \$20,000; rent of buildings in the District of Columbia; city directories; contingent expenses; traveling expenses and car fare not exceeding \$300; communication service; professional, scientific, technical, and law books; periodicals and reference books; blank books and forms; photographs; maps; leather and rubber articles for the protection of public property and employees; the maintenance, repair, exchange, storage, and operation of not to exceed one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle; the purchase, maintenance, and repair of equipment and fixtures; \$725,500: *Provided*, That hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

Maintenance, care, etc., of buildings, grounds, etc., designated.

Rent, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Minor purchases, etc.  
R. S., sec. 3709, p. 733.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, \$3,450.

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Smithsonian Institution.

International exchanges: For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, purchase of books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$46,855, of which amount not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

International exchanges.

American ethnology: For continuing ethnological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii, the excavation and preservation of archæologic remains under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, the preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations, the purchase of books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$58,720, of which amount not to exceed \$48,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

American ethnology.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature: For the cooperation of the United States in the work of the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature, including the preparation of a classified index catalogue of American scientific publications for incorporation in the International Catalogue, clerk hire, purchase of books and periodicals, traveling expenses, and other necessary incidental expenses, \$7,260, of which amount not to exceed \$7,100 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Astrophysical Observatory.

Astrophysical Observatory: For maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including assistants, purchase of books, periodicals, and apparatus, making necessary observations in high altitudes, repairs and alterations of buildings, preparation of manuscripts, drawings and illustrations, traveling expenses, and miscellaneous expenses, \$32,060, of which amount not to exceed \$29,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Additional Assistant Secretary. Salary, etc.

For an additional Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, \$7,500, during the present incumbency; and in the event of a change in incumbency the salary of such position shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Classification Act of 1923 and section 2 of this Act.

Post, p. 1085.

National Museum.

NATIONAL MUSEUM

Furniture, etc.

For cases, furniture, fixtures, and appliances required for the exhibition and safe-keeping of collections, including necessary employees, \$26,500, of which amount not to exceed \$13,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Heating, lighting, etc.

For heating, lighting, electrical, telegraphic, and telephonic service, and traveling expenses, \$79,500, of which amount not to exceed \$46,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Preserving collections, etc.

For continuing preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government, and from other sources, including necessary employees, travel, and all other necessary expenses, and not exceeding \$5,500 for preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications, \$473,510, of which amount not to exceed \$457,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Repairs, etc.

For repairs of buildings, shops, and sheds, including all necessary labor and material, \$13,000, of which amount not to exceed \$8,620 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Books, etc.

For purchase of books, pamphlets, and periodicals for reference, \$1,500.

Postage.

For postage stamps and foreign postal cards, \$450.

New gallery, Smithsonian Building.

For the construction of a gallery over the west end of the main hall of the Smithsonian Building, second floor, including cost of all labor, material, and incidental expenses, \$12,500.

National Gallery of Art.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

Administration expenses.

For the administration of the National Gallery of Art by the Smithsonian Institution, including compensation of necessary employees, purchase of books of reference and periodicals, traveling expenses, and necessary incidental expenses, \$30,356, of which amount not to exceed \$27,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

PRINTING AND BINDING

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Smithsonian Institution, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located

in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$90,000, of which not to exceed \$7,000 shall be available for printing the report of the American Historical Association: *Provided*, That the expenditure of this sum shall not be restricted to a pro rata amount in any period of the fiscal year.

American Historical Association.  
*Proviso.*  
No pro rata restriction.

Hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the bureaus under the Smithsonian Institution when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

Minor purchase, etc.  
R. S., sec. 3709, p. 733.

TARIFF COMMISSION

Tariff Commission.

For salaries and expenses of the United States Tariff Commission, including purchase and exchange of labor-saving devices, the purchase of professional and scientific books, law books, books of reference, gloves and other protective equipment for photostat and other machine operators, payment in advance for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and contract stenographic reporting services, as may be necessary, as authorized under Title VII of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the revenue, and for other purposes," approved September 8, 1916, and under sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide revenue, to regulate commerce with foreign countries, to encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved September 21, 1922, \$673,500, of which amount not to exceed \$551,780 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia and not to exceed \$2,000 for expenses, except membership fees, of attendance at meetings concerned with subjects under investigation by the commission: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the United States Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any proceedings under said sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of said Act, approved September 21, 1922, wherein he or any member of his family has any special, direct, and pecuniary interest, or in which he has acted as attorney or special representative.

Salaries and expenses.

Vol. 39, p. 796.

Vol. 42, pp. 941-947.

Services in the District.

*Proviso.*  
Salary restriction.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Tariff Commission, \$8,500.

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Geographic Board.

For salaries and expenses of the United States Geographic Board, including personal services in the District of Columbia, in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, and for stationery and office supplies, \$3,645: *Provided*, That the certificates by the Civil Service Commission issued June 29, 1926, and September 18, 1926, authorizing continuance in the service and transferring the present Chairman of the United States Geographic Board from the Department of Agriculture with the same grade and salary, to the appropriation for salaries and expenses United States Geographic Board, are hereby confirmed and validated, and the appropriation made by this Act and that made by the Act approved July 3, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 841), are made available for the payment of the salary of the present Chairman of the United States Geographic Board for the fiscal years 1927 and 1928.

Salaries and expenses.

*Proviso.*  
Chairman of Board.  
Transfer from Department of Agriculture confirmed.

*Ante*, p. 845.

Salary.

Stationery, printing, and binding.

For stationery and printing and binding, \$300.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

Shipping Board.

For seven commissioners at \$12,000 each per annum, \$84,000.

Commissioners.

For all other expenditures authorized by the Act approved September 7, 1916, as amended, and by the Act approved June 5, 1920,

All other expenses.  
Vol. 39, p. 728; Vol. 41, p. 988.  
Personnel included.

including the compensation of a secretary to the board, attorneys, officers, naval architects, special experts, examiners, and clerks, including one admiralty counsel at \$10,000 per annum, and other employees in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and for all other expenses of the board, including the rental of quarters outside the District of Columbia, law books, books of reference, periodicals, and traveling expenses of members of the board, its special experts, and other employees, while upon official business away from their designated posts of duty, and for the employment by contract or otherwise of expert stenographic reporters for its official reporting work, and including the investigation of foreign discrimination against vessels and shippers of the United States and for the investigation of transportation of immigrants in vessels of the United States Shipping Board, \$199,000, of which amount not to exceed \$170,131 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the United States Shipping Board, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$7,000.

Outside rent.

Investigating discrimination against American vessels, etc.

Services in the District.

Printing and binding.

Shipping fund.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD SHIPPING FUND

Merchant Fleet Corporation expenses payable from.

Post, p. 1451.

Vol. 41, p. 988. Sources of.

Additional, without prior approval of the President.

Ante, p. 318.

Proviso. Payment of claims limited.

Liquidation, expenses, etc.

No payment of claims.

Unexpended balance for claims continued. Vol. 42, p. 647.

Operation of ships taken back from purchasers.

Balance reappropriated. Ante, p. 318.

Proviso. Prior approval of President required.

For expenses of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, for administrative purposes, the examination of estimates of appropriations in the field, miscellaneous adjustments, losses due to the maintenance and operation of ships, for the repair of ships, and for carrying out the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, (a) the amount on hand July 1, 1927, but not in excess of the sums sufficient to cover all obligations incurred prior to July 1, 1927, and then unpaid; (b) \$12,000,000, and in addition not to exceed \$5,000,000 of the special appropriation of \$10,000,000 contained in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1927 and reappropriated by this Act to be used without the prior approval of the President; (c) the amount received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, from the operation of ships: *Provided*, That no part of these sums shall be used for the payment of claims other than those resulting from current operation and maintenance; (d) so much of the total proceeds of all sales pertaining to liquidation received during the fiscal year 1923, but not exceeding \$3,000,000, as is necessary to meet the expenses of liquidation, including also the cost of the tie-up and the salaries and expenses of the personnel directly engaged in liquidation: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be used for the payment of claims.

That portion of the special claims appropriation, contained in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1923, committed prior to July 1, 1923, and remaining unexpended on June 30, 1927, shall continue available until June 30, 1928, for the same purposes and under the same conditions.

To enable the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation to operate ships or lines of ships which have been or may be taken back from purchasers by reason of competition or other methods employed by foreign ship owners or operators, there is hereby reappropriated the unexpended balance of the appropriation of \$10,000,000 made for similar purposes in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1927: *Provided*, That no expenditure shall be made for the purposes of this paragraph from this sum without the prior approval of the President of the United States.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any attorney, regular or special, for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation unless the contract of employment has been approved by the Attorney General of the United States.

Attorneys subject to approval of Attorney General

No officer or employee of the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation shall be paid a salary or compensation at a rate per annum in excess of \$10,000 except the following: One at not to exceed \$18,000, three at not to exceed \$15,000 each, and one at not to exceed \$12,000.

Pay restriction.

No part of the funds of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation shall be available for the rent of buildings in the District of Columbia during the fiscal year 1928 if suitable space is provided for said corporation by the Public Buildings Commission.

Rent restriction in the District.

Hereafter the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be known as the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation.

Merchant Fleet Corporation. Name established.

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU

Veterans' Bureau.

For carrying out the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Veterans' Bureau and to improve the facilities and service of such bureau and to further amend and modify the War Risk Insurance Act approved August 9, 1921," and to carry out the provisions of the Act entitled "World War Veterans' Act, 1924," approved June 7, 1924, as amended, and for administrative expenses in carrying out the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of May 19, 1924, including salaries of personnel in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, and expenses of the central office at Washington, District of Columbia, and regional offices and suboffices, and including salaries, stationery, and minor office supplies, furniture, equipment and supplies, rentals and alterations, heat, light, and water, miscellaneous expenses, including telephones, telegrams, freight, express, law books, books of reference, periodicals, ambulance service, towel service, laundry service, repairs to equipment, storage, ice, taxi service, car fare, stamps and box rent, traveling and subsistence, including not to exceed \$4,000 for the expenses, except membership fees, of employees detailed by the director to attend meetings of associations for the promotion of medical science, and annual national conventions of such organizations as may be recognized by the director in the presentation or adjudication of claims under authority of section 500 of the World War Veterans' Act, as amended, including reimbursement to employees, for similar travel heretofore authorized, from the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the travel was performed, and traveling expenses of employees transferred from one official station to another when incurred on the written order of the director, salaries and expenses of employees engaged in field investigation, passenger-carrying and other motor vehicles, including purchase, maintenance, repairs, and operation of same, salaries and operating expenses of the Arlington Building and annex, including repairs and mechanical equipment, fuel, electric current, ice, ash removal, and miscellaneous items; and including the salaries and allowances, where applicable, wages, travel, and subsistence of civil employees at the United States veterans' hospitals, supply depots, dispensaries, and clinics, including the furnishing and laundering of white duck suits, and white canvas shoes to employees whose duties make necessary the wearing of same, \$42,500,000: *Provided*, That physicians, dentists, and nurses of the

Salaries and expenses. Vol. 42, p. 147.

Vol. 43, pp. 607, 1302. *Ante*, p. 790.

Adjusted Compensation Act. Vol. 43, p. 121. *Ante*, p. 826.

Other expenses.

Attendance at meetings.

Vol. 43, p. 1311.

Arlington Building.

*Proviso*.

Allowance for transferring household effects on changes of stations.

medical service of the United States Veterans' Bureau, in addition to their compensation, when transferred from one official station to another for permanent duty, may be allowed, within the discretion and under written order of the director, the expenses incurred for packing, crating, drayage, and transportation of their household effects and other personal property not exceeding in all 5,000 pounds.

Allotment to Public Health Service details.

Such portion of this appropriation as may be necessary shall be allotted from time to time by the United States Veterans' Bureau to the Public Health Service and shall be available for expenditure by the Public Health Service for necessary personnel, the pay and allowances and travel of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service detailed to the United States Veterans' Bureau for duty.

Printing and binding.

For printing and binding for the United States Veterans' Bureau, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$125,000.

Military and naval compensation.

Compensation: For the payment of military and naval compensation accruing during the fiscal year 1928 or in prior fiscal years for death or disability provided by the Act approved October 6, 1917, as amended, and the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, approved June 7, 1924, as amended, \$168,500,000.

Vol. 41, p. 371.  
Vol. 43, pp. 615, 1304.  
*Ante*, p. 793.

Medical, hospital, etc., services to beneficiaries.

Medical and hospital services: For medical, surgical, dental, dispensary, and hospital services and facilities, convalescent care, necessary and reasonable aftercare, welfare of, nursing, prosthetic appliances (including special clothing made necessary by the wearing of prosthetic appliances prescribed by the bureau), medical examinations, funeral, burial, and other incidental expenses (including preparation for shipment and transportation of remains) accruing during the fiscal year 1928 or in prior fiscal years, traveling expenses, and supplies, and not exceeding \$100,000 for library books, magazines, and papers for beneficiaries of the United States Veterans' Bureau, court or other expenses incident to any investigation or court proceeding for the appointment or removal of any guardian, curator, conservator, or other person legally vested with the care of the claimant or his estate, or in connection with the administration of such estate by such fiduciaries, including court costs and other expenses incident to proceedings heretofore or hereafter taken for commitment of mentally incompetent persons to hospitals for the care and treatment of the insane, \$35,275,000.

Library books, etc.

Court expenses of guardians, etc.

This appropriation shall be disbursed by the United States Veterans' Bureau, and such portion thereof as may be necessary shall be allotted from time to time to the Public Health Service, and the War, Navy, and Interior Departments, and transferred to their credit for disbursement by them for the purposes set forth in the foregoing paragraph; and allotted and transferred to the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the purposes set forth in the foregoing paragraph, and such sums as are allotted to the Board of Managers shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury.

Use for new hospitals, sites, etc., forbidden.

No part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of any site for a new hospital, for or toward the construction of any new hospital, or for the purchase of any hospital; and not more than \$3,500,000 of this appropriation may be used to alter, improve, or provide facilities in the several hospitals under the jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau so as to furnish adequate accommodations for its beneficiaries either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials.

Amount for alterations, etc.

Expenditures authorized from allotments to other agencies.

The allotments made to the Public Health Service, War, Navy, and Interior Departments shall be available for expenditure for care and treatment of beneficiaries of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and for necessary minor repairs and improvements of existing facili-

ties, under the various headings of appropriations made to said departments as may be necessary.

Adjusted service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under section 505 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of May 19, 1924, to provide for the payment of the face value of each adjusted service certificate in twenty years from its date or on the prior death of the veteran, \$112,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1928 or in prior fiscal years, \$114,000,000.

Hospital facilities and services: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the "World War Veterans' Act, 1924," approved March 3, 1925, \$1,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, and is specifically authorized by other law.

SEC. 3. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Independent Offices Act, 1928."

Approved, February 11, 1927.

**CHAP. 105.**—An Act To increase the pensions of certain maimed veterans who have lost limbs or have been totally disabled in the same, in line of duty, in the military or naval service of the United States; and to amend section 4788 of the Revised Statutes of the United States by increasing the rates therein for artificial limbs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the approval of this Act all persons now on the pension roll, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who while in the military or naval service of the United States, and in line of duty, shall have lost one hand or one foot, or have been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of \$80 per month; that all persons who in like manner shall have lost an arm at or at any point above the elbow, or a leg at or at any point above the knee, or have been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of \$90 per month.

Adjusted service certificate fund.  
Payment of.  
Vol. 43, p. 128.  
*Ante*, p. 826.

Military and naval insurance.

Additional hospital facilities and services.  
Vol. 43, p. 1212.

Personal services in District of Columbia.  
Vol. 42, p. 1488.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries.

If only one position in a grade.

Allowance in unusually meritorious cases.

*Proviso.*  
Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical services.  
No fixed salary reduced.  
Vol. 42, p. 1490.  
Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

Title of Act.

February 11, 1927.  
[H. R. 13451.]  
[Public, No. 601.]

Pensions.  
Increase of, for specified loss of limbs.

Vol. 41, p. 982, amended.