AN ACT

To authorize the Postmaster General to accept and use equipment, landing fields, men, and material of the War Department, for carrying the mails by air, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the period not to exceed one year after the date of passage of this Act the Secretary of War is authorized to place at the disposal of the Postmaster General such airplanes, landing fields, pilots, and other employees and equipment of the Army of the United States as may be needed or required for the transportation of mail during such period by air over routes and schedules prescribed by the Postmaster General: Provided, That this authority shall not be used unless and/or until such airplanes shall be fully equipped with the special equipment necessary by standard practice for safe night and day air-mail transport; and that pilots shall not be assigned to such airplanes unless and/or until fully and adequately trained in the use of such special equipment.

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General is authorized to transfer to the War Department such sums appropriated under the Act approved March 3, 1933, making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, for the inland transportation of mail by aircraft, and for the incidental expenses thereof incurred from and after February 10, 1934, as may be required to pay the expenses of carrying the mails of the United States as provided in section 1 hereof, including replacement for all airplanes and equipment and other material damaged, destroyed, or expended thereby: Provided, That officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Army on duty hereunder, while away from their permanent posts of duty, shall be paid the same per diem as is payable to civilian employees of the United States under the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended.

SEC. 3. The performance by military personnel of duty hereunder shall in no way disturb or change their military status under their respective commissions, warrants, or enlistments, in the Army, or any right, privilege, benefit, or responsibility, growing out of said military status.

SEC. 4. In case any officer (including warrant and Reserve officers) or enlisted man is injured or killed while performing duty hereunder, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to pay to such officer or enlisted man, and/or his dependents, pension at the rate prescribed in part I, Veterans' Regulation Numbered 1 (a), and amendments thereto: Provided, That in the event of injury of any such officer or enlisted man the degree of disability resulting therefrom shall be determined pursuant to the rating schedule authorized by Veterans' Regulation Numbered 3 (a): Provided further, That choice shall be made of the benefits provided in sections 4 and 5 of this Act.

SEC. 5. Reserve officers performing duty hereunder shall be deemed to be in the active military service and if injured or killed such officer and/or his dependents and beneficiaries shall be entitled to the same benefits as in the case of officers of the Regular Army and/or their dependents and beneficiaries. Section 4 and this section shall be deemed to take effect on February 10, 1934.
SEC. 6. The Postmaster General shall make a report to the Congress of every payment made by him under this Act, including the cost of transporting the mail by the War Department, on the first day of the next session of the Congress.

Approved, March 27, 1934.

[CHAPTER 102.]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—APPROPRIATIONS

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, 1935, namely:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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

For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, $13,500.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Salaries: For personal services in the office of the President, including the Secretary to the President, and two assistant secretaries to the President at $9,500 each; $113,188: 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.

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 miscellaneous items, to be expended in the discretion of the President, $38,452.

For printing and binding, $2,700.

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 AND GROUNDS

For the care, maintenance, repair and alteration, 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, and traveling expenses, to be expended as the President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, $174,210, to be immediately available, of which $50,000 shall be available until expended.

Total, Executive Office, $442,050.