business trust, corporation, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not, and except for the provisions of section 13 any Government department, agency, officer, corporation, or instrumentality of the United States; and

(j) The term "United States" includes the several States, the District of Columbia, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 19. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act.

(b) Until such time as appropriations herein authorized are made, any department, agency, officer, Government corporation, or instrumentality of the United States may, in order to carry out its functions, powers, and duties under this Act, continue to incur obligations and make expenditures in accordance with laws in effect on March 31, 1948.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 20. This Act shall become effective on April 1, 1948, and shall remain in effect until June 30, 1950.

Approved March 31, 1948.

[CHAPTER 167]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making appropriations for foreign aid, welfare of Indians, and refunding internal-revenue collections.

Resolved 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, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes, namely:

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN AID

Foreign aid: For an additional amount for "Foreign aid", $55,000,000, to be applicable to Austria, France, and Italy: Provided, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 15 of the Foreign Aid Act of 1947 (Public Law 389, Eightieth Congress), all funds appropriated for the purposes of such Act shall remain available for obligation for the procurement of commodities for a period of thirty days following the date of enactment of this Act.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Welfare of Indians: For an additional amount for "Welfare of Indians", $125,000.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Refunding internal-revenue collections: For an additional amount for "Refunding internal-revenue collections", $500,000,000.

Approved March 31, 1948.