

not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Availability of appropriations.

SEC. 402. The appropriations and authority with respect to appropriations in this Act in whole or in part for the fiscal year 1949 shall be available from and including March 1, 1949, for the purposes respectively provided in such appropriations and authority. All obligations incurred during the period between March 1, 1949, and the date of the enactment of this Act in anticipation of such appropriations and authority are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the terms thereof.

Short title.

SEC. 403. This Act may be cited as the "Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1949".

Approved June 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 237]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To print the monthly publication entitled "Economic Indicators".

June 23, 1949  
[S. J. Res. 55]  
[Public Law 120]

"Economic Indicators."

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Joint Committee on the Economic Report be authorized to issue a monthly publication entitled "Economic Indicators", and that a sufficient quantity be printed to furnish one copy to each Member of Congress; the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate; the Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, and Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives; two copies to the libraries of the Senate and House, and the Congressional Library; seven hundred copies to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report; and the required number of copies to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries; and that the Superintendent of Documents be authorized to have copies printed for sale to the public.

Approved June 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 238]

AN ACT

Relating to telephone and telegraph service and clerk hire for Members of the House of Representatives.

June 23, 1949  
[H. R. 4583]  
[Public Law 121]

House of Representatives.  
Telephone and telegraph service.

Telephone toll charges.

Charges on telegrams.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for each fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, in the case of each Member of the House of Representatives, there shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, subject to the limitation provided in section 2, the following charges:

(a) Toll charges on long-distance telephone calls (1) originating in the Member's office in the District of Columbia, or (2) on toll charges on strictly official business originating outside the District of Columbia but made by the Member to his office in the District of Columbia, to any department, agency, or office of the Federal Government or of the government of the District of Columbia, or to any department, agency, or office of the government of any State or of any political subdivision of a State; and

(b) Charges on telegrams sent by or on behalf of the Member from the District of Columbia or on telegrams sent collect from outside the District of Columbia by the Member to his office in the District of Columbia, to any department, agency, or office of the Federal Government or of the government of the District of Columbia, or to any department, agency, or office of the government of any State or of any political subdivision of a State.

SEC. 2. In the case of any Member of the House of Representatives other than the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, the majority whip, and the minority whip, the aggregate amount of the charges which may be so paid from the contingent fund for any fiscal year shall not exceed \$500.

Limitation on amount paid from contingent fund.

SEC. 3. After June 30, 1949, no telegrams shall be charged to the official business of the House of Representatives by any Member.

SEC. 4. Effective July 1, 1949, the clerk hire of each Member of the House of Representatives shall be at the rate of \$12,500 per annum. No person shall receive basic compensation from such clerk hire at a rate in excess of \$5,000 per annum.

Clerk hire.

SEC. 5. The last sentence of section 501 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "now" the words "or hereafter".

59 Stat. 301,  
5 U. S. C. § 931.

SEC. 6. As used in this Act, (a) the term "Member" or "Member of the House of Representatives" includes a Representative in Congress, a Delegate from a Territory, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and (b) the term "State" includes the several States, the Territories, and Puerto Rico.

Definitions.

Approved June 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 239]

AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer to the United States section, International Boundary and Water Commission, by the War Assets Administration of a portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, and adjacent borrow area, without exchange of funds or reimbursement.

June 23, 1949  
[H. R. 1338]  
[Public Law 122]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the United States section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is hereby authorized to accept by transfer without reimbursement or exchange of funds, and to assume permanent custody and control over, in connection with the lower Rio Grande flood-control project under the jurisdiction of said United States section, that portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, and adjacent borrow area, described as follows:

International Bound-  
ary and Water Com-  
mission, U. S. section.  
Transfer of land at  
Brownsville, Texas.

Tract 1, Fort Brown.—A tract containing two hundred and forty-one and six one-hundredths acres in the Espiritu Santo grant in Cameron County, Texas, out of and a part of the Fort Brown military reservation as shown on map recorded in volume 8, page 23, of the map records of Cameron County, Texas.

Tract 2, Borrow Area.—A tract containing seventeen and four-tenths acres in share numbered 19 of the Espiritu Santo grant, Cameron County, Texas, conveyed to the United States of America by deed from Carrie M. Combe, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Frederick J. Combe, deceased, recorded in volume 322, page 352, of the deed records of Cameron County, Texas; both of said tracts being shown on drawing numbered 4311-RC-12, San Benito, Texas, January 15, 1947, of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, United States section, designated "Flood Control Project—Lower Rio Grande, Texas—Fort Brown Military Reservation", and on field notes attached thereto, which drawing and field notes are on file with said United States section and with the War Assets Administration, said property having heretofore been declared surplus to the War Assets Administration; and the War Assets Administration, or other Federal agency in responsible charge, is authorized and directed to transfer said property to the said United States section without reimbursement or exchange of funds.