

[CHAPTER 299]

AN ACT

To permit the Comptroller General to pay claims chargeable against lapsed appropriations and to provide for the return of unexpended balances of such appropriations to the surplus fund.

July 6, 1949
[H. R. 3549]
[Public Law 159]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, except as otherwise provided by law, all balances of appropriations contained in the annual appropriation bills and made specifically for the service of any fiscal year shall only be applied to the payment of expenses properly incurred during that year, or to the fulfillment of contracts properly made within that year.

Surplus Fund—Certified Claims Act of 1949.

SEC. 2. Unless a longer period of availability for expenditure is specifically provided in an appropriation or other law, on July 1 in each year the unexpended balances of all appropriations which shall have remained upon the books of the Government for two fiscal years following the fiscal year or years for which appropriated shall lapse and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause such balances to be transferred to a consolidated appropriation account, to be known as "Payment of certified claims", and such funds shall remain available until expended for the payment of claims, within the limits of and chargeable to the respective balances of any lapsed appropriations, which may be certified by the Comptroller General of the United States to be lawfully due: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to permanent specific appropriations or appropriations for rivers and harbors, lighthouses, or public buildings (which shall continue available until otherwise ordered by the Congress) or to appropriations for the Post Office Department or the postal service: *Provided further*, That on July 1 of each year, all funds in the appropriation account "Payment of certified claims", certified by the Comptroller General of the United States as not required for the payment of claims thereunder, shall be carried to the surplus fund of the Treasury.

Payment of certified claims account.

Nonapplicability.

Surplus fund.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be effective July 1, 1949, and shall supersede the provisions of law codified as sections 712, 713, 714, and 716 of title 31 and section 266 of title 5, United States Code, which, on the effective date of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Effective date.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Surplus Fund—Certified Claims Act of 1949".

Short title.

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[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

To correct inequities in the pay of certain officers and employees of the Federal Government and of the government of the District of Columbia.

July 6, 1949
[H. R. 5100]
[Public Law 160]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a), effective as of the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1948, each of the rates of basic compensation provided by sections 412 and 415 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 22, secs. 867 and 870) which do not exceed \$10,000 is hereby increased by \$330.

Certain Federal and D. C. employees. Compensation increase.

60 Stat. 1003.

(b) No additional compensation shall be payable by reason of the enactment of this section for any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act in the case of any person who is not a Foreign Service