

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

Payments, Armed Forces Leave Act, 1946: \$135,000,000.

Overtime, leave, and holiday compensation: The balance remaining unobligated on June 30, 1949, such balance to be carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury immediately thereafter.

60 Stat. 963.
37 U. S. C. §§ 32-37;
Supp. II, § 32 et seq., 10
U. S. C. § 18; 14 U. S. C.
§ 503; 34 U. S. C. § 604.
Ante, p. 495.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

Office of the Administrator: Public works advance planning under title V of the War Mobilization and Reconversion Act of 1944, \$4,164,000.

58 Stat. 791.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1671.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Administrative facilities: \$1,250,000.

Vocational Rehabilitation Revolving Fund: \$500,000.

This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1950".

Short title.

Approved August 24, 1949.

[CHAPTER 511]

AN ACT

To extend the benefits of section 1 (c) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, to employees who were involuntarily separated during the period from July 1, 1945, to July 1, 1947, after having rendered twenty-five years of service but prior to attainment of age fifty-five.

August 25, 1949
[H. R. 997]
[Public Law 267]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of subsection (c) of section 1 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "This subsection shall become effective as of July 1, 1945."

Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930, amendment.
56 Stat. 14.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 691 (c).

SEC. 2. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to reduce the annuity or in any way to affect the rights of any person who is receiving an annuity under the provisions of the amendment to section 1 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, made by the Act approved August 8, 1946 (Public Law 688, Seventy-ninth Congress), or to provide for the payment of any annuity in an amount in excess of the amount to which the annuitant would have been entitled had the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as now in effect been in effect on the date of his separation from the service.

Rights of annuitant.

46 Stat. 468.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 691.
Ante, p. 609.
60 Stat. 939.
5 U. S. C. § 691 (c).

Approved August 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 512]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

August 25, 1949
[H. R. 3825]
[Public Law 268]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Federal Crop Insurance Act, amendments.

"(a) Commencing with crops planted for harvest in 1948, for the purpose of determining the most practical plan, terms, and conditions of insurance for agricultural commodities, if sufficient actuarial data are available, as determined by the Board, to insure, or to reinsure insurers of, producers of such agricultural commodities under any plan or plans of insurance determined by the Board to be adapted to any such commodity. Such insurance shall be against loss of the

52 Stat. 74.
7 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 1508 (a).
Insurance against loss of certain agricultural commodities.

insured commodity due to unavoidable causes, including drought, flood, hail, wind, frost, winterkill, lightning, fire, excessive rain, snow, wildlife, hurricane, tornado, insect infestation, plant disease, and such other unavoidable causes as may be determined by the Board:

Limitations. *Provided*, That, except in the case of tobacco, such insurance shall not extend beyond the period the insured commodity is in the field. In 1948 insurance shall be limited to not more than seven agricultural commodities (including wheat, cotton, flax, corn, and tobacco) and to not more than three additional agricultural commodities in each year thereafter: *Provided*, That other agricultural commodities may be included in multiple crop insurance (insurance on two or more agricultural commodities under one contract with a producer). Insurance shall be limited to producers in not to exceed two hundred counties in the case of wheat, fifty-six counties in the case of cotton, fifty counties each in the case of corn and flax, thirty-five counties in the case of tobacco, twenty counties in the case of any other agricultural commodity, and, in addition, fifty counties in the case of multiple crop insurance: *Provided*, That, beginning with crops planted for harvest in 1950, and continuing through the crops planted for harvest in 1951, 1952, and 1953, the number of counties for insurance on wheat, cotton, corn, flax, and tobacco, and for multiple crop insurance may be increased each year by not in excess of 50 per centum of the number of counties specified above and the county limitations specified for other insurance may be similarly increased as to any agricultural commodity after insurance for such commodity has been provided for three years. Reinsurance for private insurance companies shall be limited to not to exceed twenty counties which may be selected without regard to the other county limitations specified herein. Any insurance offered against loss in yield shall not cover in excess of 75 per centum of the recorded or appraised average yield of the commodity on the insured farm for a representative period subject to such adjustments as the Board may prescribe to the end that the average yields fixed for farms in the same area, which are subject to the same conditions, may be fair and just: *Provided*, That if 75 per centum of the average yield represents generally more protection than the investment in the crop in any area, taking into consideration recognized farming practices, the Board shall reduce such maximum percentage so as more nearly to reflect the investment in the crop in such area. Insurance provided under this subsection shall not cover losses due to the neglect or malfeasance of the producer, or to the failure of the producer to reseed to the same crop in areas and under circumstances where it is customary to so reseed, or to the failure of the producer to follow established good farming practices. Counties selected by the Board shall be representative of the several areas where the agricultural commodity insured is normally produced.

Multiple crop insurance. The Board may limit or refuse insurance in any county or area, or on any farm, on the basis of the insurance risk involved. Insurance shall not be provided in any county unless written applications therefor are filed covering at least two hundred farms or one-third of the farms normally producing the agricultural commodity, excluding farms refused insurance on the basis of the risk involved; nor shall insurance on any agricultural commodity be provided in any county in which the Board determines that the income from such commodity constitutes an unimportant part of the total agricultural income of the county.

Increase in number of counties. The Corporation shall report annually to the Congress the results of its operations as to each commodity insured."

Reinsurance for private insurance companies.

Maximum amount.

Reduction of maximum percentage.

Losses not covered.

Refusal to insure.

Report to Congress.

58 Stat. 919,
7 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 1508 (b).

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the proviso in the second sentence and the colon which precedes it and substituting a period therefor.

SEC. 3. Subsection (c) of section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) To adjust and pay claims for losses in the agricultural commodity or in cash, under rules prescribed by the Board: *Provided*, That indemnities may be determined on the same price basis as premiums are determined for the crop with respect to which such indemnities are paid. The Corporation shall provide for the posting annually in each county at the county courthouse of a list of indemnities paid for losses on farms in such county. In the event that any claim for indemnity under the provisions of this title is denied by the Corporation, an action on such claim may be brought against the Corporation in the United States district court, or in any court of record of the State having general jurisdiction, sitting in the district or county in which the insured farm is located, and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon such district courts to determine such controversies without regard to the amount in controversy: *Provided*, That no suit on such claim shall be allowed under this section unless the same shall have been brought within one year after the date when notice of denial of the claim is mailed to and received by the claimant.”

52 Stat. 74.
7 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 1508 (c).
Payment of claims.
Indemnities.

Posting of indemnities paid.

Civil actions.

Time limitation.

SEC. 4. Subsection (a) of section 504 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act is amended by striking out the second sentence thereof.

52 Stat. 72.
7 U. S. C. § 1504 (a).

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cancel, without consideration, outstanding receipts for payments for or on account of the stock of the Corporation in excess of \$27,000,000.

SEC. 6. Subsection (b) of section 504 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act is amended to read as follows:

52 Stat. 72.
7 U. S. C. § 1504 (b).

“(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for the purpose of subscribing to the capital stock of the Corporation.”

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 7. Subsection (c) of section 505 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “The members of the Board who are not employed by the Government shall be paid such compensation for their services as directors as the Secretary of Agriculture shall determine, but such compensation shall not exceed \$50 per day each when actually employed and transportation expenses plus not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses when on business of the Corporation away from their homes or regular places of business.”

52 Stat. 73.
7 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 1505 (c).
Compensation of Board members.

SEC. 8. Subsection (h) of section 506 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

52 Stat. 73.
7 U. S. C. § 1506 (h).

“(h) may conduct researches, surveys, and investigations relating to crop insurance and shall assemble data for the purpose of establishing sound actuarial bases for insurance on agricultural commodities.”

Researches, surveys, etc.

SEC. 9. Section 518 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended by striking therefrom the words “determined by the Board pursuant to subsection (a) (2) of section 508 of this title” and substituting therefor the words “determined by the Board pursuant to subsection (a) of section 508 of this title”.

58 Stat. 919.
7 U. S. C. § 1518.

Ante, p. 663.

SEC. 10. Subsection (a) of section 507 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act is amended to read as follows:

52 Stat. 73.
7 U. S. C. § 1507 (a).

“(a) The Secretary shall appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of the Corporation pursuant to civil-service laws and regulations, fix their compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, define their authority and duties, delegate to them such of the powers vested in the Corporation as he may determine, require bond of such of them as he may designate, and fix the penalties and

Appointment of officers and employees.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674;
Supp. II, § 662 et seq.
Post, p. 972.

pay the premiums of such bonds: *Provided*, That personnel paid by the hour, day, or month when actually employed, and county crop insurance committeemen may be appointed and their compensation fixed without regard to civil-service laws and regulations or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.”

SEC. 11. The expanded program authorized herein shall be instituted beginning with the 1950 crop year, the additional cost for fiscal year 1950 to be financed, pending the appropriation of supplemental funds, from any appropriation available for operating and administrative expenses of the Corporation for such fiscal year.

Approved August 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 513]

AN ACT

To amend the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 with respect to certain mothers of veterans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) clause (5) of section 2 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, is amended by striking out “(if they have not remarried)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(if they have not remarried or, if they have remarried, they are divorced or legally separated from their husband or such husband is dead at the time preference is claimed)”.

(b) Clause (6) of section 2 of such Act, as amended, is amended by striking out “(B) the mother was divorced or separated from the father of said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter, and (C) the mother has not remarried.” and inserting in lieu thereof “(B) the mother was divorced or separated from the father of said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter, and (C) the mother has not remarried or, if she has remarried, she is divorced or legally separated from her husband or such husband is dead at the time preference is claimed.”.

Approved August 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 516]

AN ACT

To discontinue divisions of the court in the district of Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 96 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended to read as follows:

“§ 96. Kansas

“Kansas constitutes one judicial district.

“Court shall be held at Kansas City, Leavenworth, Salina, Topeka, Hutchinson, Wichita, Dodge City, and Fort Scott.”

Approved August 27, 1949.

[CHAPTER 517]

AN ACT

To accord privileges of free importation to members of the armed forces of other nations, to grant certain extensions of time for tax purposes, and to facilitate tax administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in the United States, its Territories, or possessions for the official use of persons who

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674;
Supp. II, § 662 et seq.
Post, p. 972.

August 26, 1949
[S. 974]

[Public Law 269]

Veterans' Preference
Act of 1944, amend-
ments.
62 Stat. 3.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 851 (5).

62 Stat. 3.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 851 (6).

August 27, 1949
[S. 259]

[Public Law 270]

Title 28, U. S. Code,
amendment.
62 Stat. 880.
28 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 96.

August 27, 1949
[H. R. 5086]

[Public Law 271]

Armed forces of
other nations.
Free importation
privileges.