

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby authorized to designate official delegates to enable the United States to participate in the proposed congress.

Delegates to be designated.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prepare and install a suitable national exhibit for display at the proposed congress, portraying in a correlated manner the fundamental features concerning the organization and development of the poultry industry of the United States, including the broad problems of production, distribution, and marketing of poultry and poultry products, and the sum of \$20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of preparing, transporting and demonstrating such an exhibit.

Exhibits to be prepared, etc.

Amount authorized for.  
Post, p. 854.

Approved, April 21, 1926.

CHAP. 171.—An Act Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, and for other purposes.

April 22, 1926.  
[H. R. 9341.]  
[Public, No. 141.]

*Be it enacted 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, for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, namely:

Executive and independent establishments appropriations.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Executive.

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Compensation.

For compensation of the President of the United States, \$75,000.  
For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, \$15,000.

President.  
Vice President.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Office of the President.

Salaries: For Secretary to the President, \$10,000, and on and after July 1, 1926, the compensation for such position shall be at the rate of \$10,000 per annum; personal services in the office of the President in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$85,260; in all \$95,260: *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.

Secretary.  
Pay increased.  
Office personnel.

*Provided*,  
Details of employees to office.

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, \$35,500.

Contingent expenses.

For printing and binding, \$2,800.

Printing and binding.

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.

Traveling, etc., expenses.

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

Executive Mansion, etc.

For the care, maintenance, repair, refurnishing, improvement, heating, and lighting, including electric power and fixtures, of the

Care, repairs, etc.

Executive Mansion, the Executive Mansion greenhouses, including reconstruction, and the Executive Mansion grounds, to be expended by contract or otherwise as the President may determine, \$110,000.

## White House police.

## WHITE HOUSE POLICE

## Salaries.

Salaries: First sergeant, \$2,700; three sergeants at \$2,400 each; and thirty-five privates at \$2,100 each; in all, \$83,400.

## Uniforms and equipment.

For uniforming and equipping the White House police, including the purchase, issue, and repair of revolvers and the purchase and issue of ammunition, to be procured in such manner as the President in his discretion may determine, \$2,500.

## Independent establishments.

## INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS

## Alien Property Custodian.

## ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

Personal services, supplies, etc.  
Vol. 40, p. 415; Vol. 41, pp. 35, 977, 1147; Vol. 42, pp. 351, 1511.

For expenses of the Alien Property Custodian authorized by the Act entitled "An Act to define, regulate, and punish trading with the enemy, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917, as amended, including personal and other services and rental of quarters in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, per diem allowances in lieu of subsistence not exceeding \$4, traveling expenses, law books, books of reference and periodicals, supplies and equipment, and maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, \$130,000, of which amount not to exceed \$122,900 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

*Proviso.*  
Rent restriction.

## Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Alien Property Custodian, \$650.

## American Battle Monuments Commission.

## AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

## All expenses.

Vol. 42, p. 1509.

## Title to land in foreign countries.

For every expenditure requisite for or incident to the work of the American Battle Monuments Commission authorized by the Act entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes," approved March 4, 1923, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries for carrying out the purposes of said Act without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes; employment of personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; the transportation of, mileage of, reimbursement of actual travel expenses or per diem in lieu thereof to the personnel engaged upon the work of the commission; the reimbursement of actual travel expenses (not exceeding \$8 per day) or per diem in lieu thereof (not exceeding \$7 per day) to, and the transportation of the members of the commission, while engaged upon the work of the commission; the establishment of offices and the rent of office space in foreign countries; the purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles for the official use of the commission and its personnel in foreign countries, at a total cost of not to exceed \$2,500; the maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, which may be furnished to the commission by other departments of the Government or acquired by purchase; printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting; the purchase of maps, textbooks, newspapers, and periodicals; \$800,000:

R. S. sec. 355, p. 60.

## Travel expenses.

## Office, etc., expenses abroad.

## Printing, etc.

*Provided*, That the appropriation herein made shall be immediately available, and together with the unexpended balances of the appropriations made available for the fiscal year 1926 by the Act approved March 3, 1925, shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the commission may incur obligations and enter into contracts for building materials and supplies and for construction work, which, inclusive of the amounts herein made available, shall not exceed a total of \$3,000,000: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations and under such terms and conditions as the commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, the commission may contract for work in Europe, and engage, by contract or otherwise, the services of architects, firms of architects, and other technical and professional personnel: *Provided further*, That when traveling on business of the commission officers of the Army serving as members or as secretary of the commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for other members of the commission: *Provided further*, That disbursements for expenditures outside of continental United States may be made by a special disbursing agent designated by the commission and under such regulations as it may prescribe.

*Provisos.*  
Use of unexpended  
balances.  
Vol. 43, p. 1199.

Contracts, etc., au-  
thorized.

Contracts for tech-  
nical services, etc.,  
abroad allowed.

Traveling expenses,  
etc., of Army officers.

Special disbursing  
officer.

### ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

For continuing the construction of the Arlington Memorial Bridge across the Potomac River at Washington, authorized in an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac River from a point near the Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington to an appropriate point in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes," approved February 24, 1925, to be expended in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the said Act, \$2,500,000, including all necessary incidental and contingent expenses, printing and binding, and traveling expenses, to be available immediately and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Act approved February 24, 1925, shall be construed as authorizing the expenditure, with the specific approval of the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission, of such portion as said commission shall determine, of this or any other appropriation heretofore or hereafter made to carry out said project, for the employment, on such terms as said commission shall decide, of expert consultants, engineers, architects, sculptors or artists, or firms, partnerships, or associations thereof, including the facilities, service, travel, and other expenses of their respective organizations so far as employed upon this project, in accordance with the usual customs of their several professions, without regard to the restrictions of law governing the employment, salaries, or traveling expenses of regular employees of the United States: *Provided further*, That under the authority contained in the preceding proviso the aggregate amount to be expended in connection with the entire project shall not exceed \$250,000 and any payments in reimbursement of actual expenses incurred for subsistence shall not exceed the rate of \$10 per day and any payments for per diem allowances for subsistence shall not exceed the rate of \$8 per day.

Arlington Memorial  
Bridge Commission.

Continuing construc-  
tion of Memorial  
Bridge.  
Vol. 43, p. 974.

All expenses in-  
cluded.

*Provisos.*  
Commission empow-  
ered to employ expert,  
etc., regardless of re-  
strictions of law gov-  
erning regular em-  
ployees.

Restriction on aggre-  
gate amount for ex-  
penses of experts.

### BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Board of Tax Appeals as authorized under Title IX, section 900, of the Revenue Act of 1924, approved June 2, 1924, including personal services and contract stenographic reporting services, rent

Board of Tax Ap-  
peals.

All expenses.  
Vol. 43, p. 336.  
*Ante*, p. 105.

at the seat of government and elsewhere, traveling expenses, necessary expenses for subsistence or per diem in lieu of subsistence, car fare, stationery, furniture, office equipment, purchase and exchange of typewriters, law books and books of reference, periodicals, and all other necessary supplies, of which \$13,888.64 shall be immediately available, \$594,224.64, of which amount not to exceed \$422,248.64 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

For all printing and binding for the Board of Tax Appeals, \$20,000.

### BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY

For chief of bureau and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923; contingent expenses, including traveling expenses; per diem in lieu of subsistence; supplies; stationery; purchase and exchange of equipment; not to exceed \$100 for law books, books of reference, and periodicals; and not to exceed \$150 for street-car fare; in all \$210,000, of which amount not to exceed \$205,540 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the Bureau of Efficiency, \$350.

### CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries: For three commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923. \$470,000.

Field force: For salaries of the field force, \$330,000.

Except for one person detailed for part-time duty in the district office at New York City, no details from any executive department or independent establishment in the District of Columbia or elsewhere to the commission's central office in Washington or to any of its district offices shall be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927; but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the district secretaries. The Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees herein provided for to or from its office or field force.

For employment of expert examiners not in the Federal service to prepare questions and rate papers in examinations on special subjects for which examiners within the service are not available, \$2,000.

To carry out the provisions of section 13 of the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes," approved May 22, 1920, including personal services in the District of Columbia, stationery, purchase of books, office equipment, and other supplies, \$35,000, of which amount not to exceed \$34,440 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For examination of presidential postmasters, including travel, stationery, contingent expenses, additional examiners and investigators, and other necessary expenses of examinations, \$26,000, of which amount not to exceed \$22,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For necessary traveling expenses, including those of examiners acting under the direction of the commission, and for expenses of examinations and investigations held elsewhere than at Washington and including not exceeding \$1,000 for expenses of attendance at

Services in the District  
*Proviso.*  
Rent restriction.

Printing and binding.

Efficiency Bureau.

Chief of Bureau, and  
office personnel.

Expenses.

Printing and binding.

Civil Service Commission.

Commissioners, and  
office personnel.

Field force.

Details from departments,  
etc., forbidden.

Transfer, etc., of its  
employees.

Expert examiners.

Civil Service retirement  
Act expenses  
Vol. 41, p. 619.

Examining Presidential  
postmasters.

Traveling expenses,  
etc.

meetings of public officials when specifically directed by the commission, \$18,000.

For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the Civil Service Commission, including furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; supplies; advertising; telegraph, telephone, and laundry service; freight and express charges; street-car fares not to exceed \$200; stationery; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, newspapers, and periodicals, not to exceed \$1,000; charts; purchase, exchange, maintenance, and repair of motor trucks, motor cycles, and bicycles; maintenance, and repair of a motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle to be used only for official purposes; garage rent; postage stamps to prepay postage on matter addressed to Postal Union countries; special-delivery stamps; and other like miscellaneous necessary expenses not hereinbefore provided for; in all, \$38,000.

Contingent expenses.

For rent of building for the Civil Service Commission, \$24,592, if space can not be assigned by the Public Buildings Commission in other buildings under the control of that commission.

Rent.

For all printing and binding for the Civil Service Commission, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$58,000.

Printing and binding.

### COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Commission of Fine Arts.

For expenses made necessary by the Act entitled "An Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts," approved May 17, 1910, including the purchase of periodicals, maps, and books of reference, and payment of actual traveling expenses of the members and secretary of the commission in attending meetings of the commission either within or outside of the District of Columbia, to be disbursed on vouchers approved by the commission, \$5,000, of which amount not to exceed \$3,300 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Expenses.  
Vol. 36, p. 371.

For all printing and binding for the Commission of Fine Arts, \$295.

Printing and binding.

### EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Employees' Compensation Commission.

Salaries: For three commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, including not to exceed \$1,000 for temporary experts and assistants in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to be paid at a rate not exceeding \$8 per day, \$132,540.

Commissioners, and office personnel.

Contingent expenses: For furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; law books, books of reference, periodicals, stationery, and supplies; traveling expenses; and for miscellaneous items, \$9,000.

Contingent expenses.

For all printing and binding for the Employees' Compensation Commission, \$3,000.

Printing and binding.

Employees' compensation fund: For the payment of compensation provided by "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, including medical examinations, traveling, and other expenses, and loss of wages payable to employees under sections 21 and 22; medical, surgical, and hospital services, and supplies provided by section 9; the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections 9 and 11; and advancement of costs for the enforcement of recoveries provided in sections 26 and 27 where necessary, accruing during the fiscal year 1927 or in prior fiscal years, \$2,600,000.

Employees' compensation fund.  
Allowances from.  
Vol. 39, pp. 743, 745.Recoveries.  
Vol. 39, p. 747.

Vocational Educa-  
tion Board.

FEDERAL BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Hawaii.  
Vocational education  
benefits extended to.

Education: For extending to the Territory of Hawaii the benefits of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for cooperation with the State in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for cooperation with the States in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects; and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditure," approved February 23, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to extend the provisions of certain laws to the Territory of Hawaii," approved March 10, 1924, \$30,000.

Vol. 39, p. 929.

Vol. 43, p. 18.

Vocational rehabili-  
tation of persons dis-  
abled in industry.

Rehabilitation: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise and their return to civil employment," approved June 2, 1920, as amended by the Act of June 5, 1924, \$740,000: *Provided*, That the apportionment to the States shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed \$1,034,000, as authorized by the Act approved June 2, 1920, as amended by the Act approved June 5, 1924.

Vol. 41, p. 735; Vol.  
43, p. 430.

*Proviso.*  
Basis of apportion-  
ment.

Administrative ex-  
penses.  
Investigations  
of placements, etc.

For the purpose of making studies, investigations, and reports regarding the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons and their placements in suitable or gainful occupations, and for the administrative expenses of said board incident to performing the duties imposed by the Act of June 2, 1920, as amended by the Act of June 5, 1924, including salaries of such assistants, experts, clerks, and other employees, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, as the board may deem necessary, actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred by the members of the board and by its employees, under its orders; including attendance at meetings of educational associations and other organizations, rent and equipment of offices in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, purchase of books of reference, law books, and periodicals, payment in advance for subscriptions to newspapers not to exceed \$50 per annum, stationery, typewriters and exchange thereof, miscellaneous supplies, postage on foreign mail, printing and binding to be done at the Government Printing Office, and all other necessary expenses, \$73,620, of which amount not to exceed \$56,680 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Vol. 41, p. 735.

Vol. 43, p. 432.

Rent.

Printing and bind-  
ing.  
Services in the Dis-  
trict.

Federal Oil Conser-  
vation Board.

FEDERAL OIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Expenses.  
Reappropriation.  
Vol. 43, p. 734.

The appropriation of \$50,000 made in the First Deficiency Act, approved January 20, 1925, for the "Federal Oil Conservation Board, 1925 and 1926," shall remain available until June 30, 1927.

Federal Power Com-  
mission.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Expenses.  
Vol. 41, p. 1063.

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including traveling expenses; per diem in lieu of subsistence; and not exceeding \$500 for press-clipping service, law books, books of reference, and periodicals, \$25,400.

Printing and bind-  
ing.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Power Commission, \$4,000.

Federal Trade Com-  
mission.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Commissioners.  
All other expenses.  
Vol. 38, p. 717.

For five commissioners at \$10,000 each per annum, \$50,000.  
For all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Trade Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance

of law, including secretary to the commission and other personal services, contract stenographic reporting services, supplies and equipment, law books, books of reference, periodicals, garage rental, traveling expenses, including actual expenses at not to exceed \$5 per day or per diem in lieu of subsistence not to exceed \$4, newspapers, foreign postage, and witness fees and mileage in accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, \$930,000, of which amount not to exceed \$825,160 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, including witness fees: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be expended for investigations requested by either House of Congress except those requested by concurrent resolution of Congress, but this limitation shall not apply to investigations and reports in connection with alleged violations of the antitrust Acts by any corporation.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Trade Commission, \$17,000.

Vol. 38, p. 722.  
Services in the District.

*Proviso.*  
Restriction on requests by either House of Congress.

Printing and binding.

### GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries: Comptroller General, \$10,000; Assistant Comptroller General, \$7,500; and for other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$3,376,350; in all, \$3,393,850.

Contingent expenses: For traveling expenses, materials, supplies, equipment, and services; rent of buildings and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, tabulating cards, typewriters, calculating machines, and other office appliances, including their development, repairs and maintenance, including motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; and miscellaneous items, \$284,550.

For all printing and binding for the General Accounting Office, including monthly and annual editions of selected decisions of the Comptroller General, \$36,000.

General Accounting Office.

Comptroller General, Assistant, and office personnel.

Contingent expenses.

Printing and binding.

### HOUSING CORPORATION

Salaries: For officers, clerks, and other employees in the District of Columbia necessary to collect and account for the receipts from the sale of properties and the receipts from the operation of unsold properties of the United States Housing Corporation, the Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, property commandeered by the United States through the Secretary of Labor, and to collect the amounts advanced to transportation facilities and others, \$47,700: *Provided*, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding \$5,000 per annum, and only one person may be employed at that rate.

Contingent expenses: For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the offices at Washington, District of Columbia, including purchase of blank books, maps, stationery, file cases, towels, ice, brooms, soap, freight and express charges; telegraph and telephone service; and all other miscellaneous items and necessary expenses not included in the foregoing, and necessary to collect moneys and loans due the corporation, \$5,500.

For all printing and binding for the United States Housing Corporation, including all its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$1,000.

Collections: For the collection of money due from the sale of real and other property under the provision of the Act approved July 19, 1919, the collection of rentals from unsold properties, including necessary office and travel expenses outside of the District of Columbia, \$32,000.

Housing Corporation.

Salaries, etc., in the District of Columbia for specified duties.

*Proviso.*  
Pay restriction.

Contingent expenses.

Printing and binding.

Collections from sales, rents, etc.

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Government hotel,  
D. C.  
Maintenance, etc.

Washington, District of Columbia, Government hotel for Government workers: For maintenance, operation, and management of the hotel and restaurants therein, including purchase and replacement of equipment, and personal services, \$505,483, of which amount not to exceed \$291,693 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia in addition to any meals and lodging allowed employees: *Provided*, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding \$5,000 per annum, and only one person may be employed at that rate.

Personal services in  
the District.

*Proviso.*  
Pay restriction.

Ground rent.

For ground rent for squares 632, 681, and part of 680, in the District of Columbia, occupied by the Government hotels, \$74,315.

Maintenance, unsold  
property.

Maintenance of unsold property: To maintain and repair houses, buildings, and improvements, which are unsold, \$1,400.

Miscellaneous ex-  
penses of sold property.

Miscellaneous expenses account of property sold: To pay taxes, special assessments, and other utility, municipal, State, and county charges or assessments unpaid by purchasers and which have been assessed against property in which the United States Housing Corporation has an interest, and to defray expenses incident to foreclosing mortgages, conducting sales under deeds of trust, or reacquiring title or possession of real property under default proceeding, including attorney fees, witness fees, court costs, charges, and other miscellaneous expenses, \$6,000: *Provided*, That the United States Housing Corporation is hereby authorized to allow as an offset any equitable claim in any collection made against any State or any political subdivision thereof.

*Proviso.*  
Allowance of equi-  
table claims.

Use of former appro-  
priations restricted.

No part of the appropriations heretofore made and available for expenditure by the United States Housing Corporation shall be expended for the purposes for which appropriations are made herein.

Interstate Com-  
merce Commission.

## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Commissioners and  
secretary.

For eleven commissioners, at \$12,000 each; secretary, \$7,500; in all, \$139,500.

Personnel and ex-  
penses.

For all other authorized expenditures necessary in the execution of laws to regulate commerce, including one chief counsel, one director of finance, and one director of traffic at \$10,000 each per annum, per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, and contract stenographic reporting services, \$2,318,660, of which amount not to exceed \$1,957,890 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia, exclusive of special counsel, for which the expenditure shall not exceed \$50,000; not exceeding \$3,000 for necessary books, reports, and periodicals; not exceeding \$100 in the open market for the purchase of office furniture similar in class or kind to that listed in the general supply schedule; and not exceeding \$75,000 for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

Per diem subsistence.  
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Services in the Dis-  
trict.  
Counsel, etc.

Rent, D. C.  
*Proviso.*  
Rental condition.

Enforcing account-  
ing by railroads.  
Vol. 34, p. 593; Vol.  
36, p. 556; Vol. 41, p.  
493.

Per diem subsistence.  
Vol. 38, p. 680.

To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce compliance with section 20 and other sections of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Act approved June 29, 1906, and as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920, including the employment of necessary special accounting agents or examiners, and including per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, \$1,035,269, together with any unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1926, of which

amount not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia. Services in the District

To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep informed regarding and to enforce compliance with Acts to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads; the Act requiring common carriers to make reports of accidents and authorizing investigations thereof; and to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and test appliances intended to promote the safety of railway operation, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and the provision of the Sundry Civil Act approved May 27, 1908, to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, including the employment of a chief inspector at \$6,000 per annum, and two assistant chief inspectors at \$5,000 each per annum, and such other inspectors as may be necessary, and for per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, \$475,000, of which amount not to exceed \$80,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia. Railway safety appliances. Vol. 27, p. 531; Vol. 29, p. 85; Vol. 32, p. 943; Vol. 36, p. 298. Accidents. Vol. 36, p. 350. Block signals, etc. Vol. 34, p. 838; Vol. 35, p. 324; Vol. 38, p. 212. Inspectors. Per diem subsistence. Vol. 38, p. 680. Services in the District.

For all authorized expenditures under section 26 of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920, with respect to the provision thereof under which carriers by railroad subject to the Act may be required to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices which comply with specifications and requirements prescribed by the commission; including investigations and tests pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and including the employment of the necessary engineers, and for per diem, in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, \$138,320, of which amount not exceeding \$100,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia. Automatic train-control devices, etc. Expenses of. Vol. 41, p. 498. Vol. 34, p. 212. Per diem subsistence. Vol. 38, p. 680. Services in the District.

For all authorized expenditures under the provisions of the Act February 17, 1911, "To promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto," as amended by the Act of March 4, 1915, extending "the same powers and duties with respect to all parts and appurtenances of the locomotive and tender," and amendment of June 7, 1924, providing for the appointment from time to time by the Interstate Commerce Commission of not more than fifteen inspectors in addition to the number authorized in the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act of 1911, including such legal, technical, stenographic, and clerical help as the business of the offices of the chief inspector and his two assistants may require, and for per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, \$458,448, of which amount not to exceed \$65,740 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia. Safe locomotive boilers, etc. Vol. 36, p. 913; Vol. 40, p. 616; Vol. 38, p. 1192. Additional inspectors. Vol. 48, p. 659. Per diem subsistence. Vol. 38, p. 680. Services in the District.

Valuation of property of carriers: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to carry out the objects of the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce,' approved February 4, 1887, and all Acts amendatory thereof," by providing for a valuation of the several classes of property of carriers subject thereto and securing information concerning their stocks, bonds, and other securities, approved March 1, 1913, including one director of valuation, one supervisor of land appraisals, one supervising engineer, and one supervisor of accounts, at \$9,000 each Physical valuation of railroads. Vol. 37, p. 701; Vol. 40, p. 271; Vol. 42, p. 624. Issues of stock, etc. Officials.

Per diem subsistence.  
Vol. 38, p. 680.

per annum, and one principal valuation examiner at \$7,500 per annum, and per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, \$1,427,960, together with any unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1926: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

*Proviso.*  
Rent restriction.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Interstate Commerce Commission, including not to exceed \$10,000 to print and furnish to the States at cost report-form blanks, and the receipts therefrom shall be credited to this appropriation, \$160,000: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be expended for printing the Schedule of Sailings required by section 25 of the Interstate Commerce Act.

*Proviso.*  
Schedule of Sailings  
excepted.  
Vol. 41, p. 498.

National Advisory  
Committee for Aero-  
nautics.

### NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

All expenses.

For scientific research, technical investigations, and special reports in the field of aeronautics, including the necessary laboratory and technical assistants; traveling expenses of members and employees; office supplies and other miscellaneous expenses, including technical periodicals and books of reference; equipment, maintenance, and operation of a research laboratory, hereafter to be known as the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory; purchase, maintenance, operation, and exchange of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; personal services in the field and in the District of Columbia; in all, \$500,000, of which amount not to exceed \$56,940 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of \$50.

Langley Library.

Services in the Dis-  
trict.

*Proviso.*  
Minor purchases.  
R. S., sec. 3709, p. 733.

Printing and bind-  
ing.

For all printing and binding for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, including all of its offices, laboratories, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$13,000.

Public Buildings  
Commission.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses.  
Vol. 40, p. 1260.

For salaries and expenses of the Public Buildings Commission, authorized in the Act approved March 1, 1919, and for other purposes, including the purchase, maintenance, repair, exchange, and operation of one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle to be used for official purposes only, to be immediately available, and to remain available until expended, to be paid out on vouchers signed by the chairman of the commission, \$10,000.

Expenses of transfers,  
relocation of offices, etc.

For all necessary expenses incident to moving various Government departments, bureaus, divisions, and independent establishments and parts thereof from one building to another or moves within a building in the District of Columbia in connection with the assignment, allocation, transfer, and survey of space, including the removal and erection of building partitions, including personal services, without reference to civil-service rules, at rates of pay fixed and determined by the commission and without reference to the Classification Act of 1923: *Provided*, That the money herein appropriated may be used for reimbursing the Government departments, bureaus, divisions, independent establishments, and offices for actual expenses incurred by them in complying with the orders of the commission; to be expended on vouchers signed by the chairman of the commission, to be available immediately, and to remain available until expended, \$250,000.

*Proviso.*  
Reimbursing depart-  
ments for expenses in-  
curred.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC PARKS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL**

Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital.

For personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, \$1,670,500.

Personal services. Vol. 43, p. 983.

For general expenses in connection with the maintenance, care, improvement, protection, operation, repair, cleaning, heating, and lighting of the Washington Monument and Grounds; the Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool, including not to exceed \$8,000 for installation and operation of a lighting system for the Lincoln Memorial; the house where Abraham Lincoln died; grounds surrounding executive departments; and public buildings in the District of Columbia under the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital; including city directories; contingent expenses; traveling expenses and car fare not exceeding \$300; communication service; professional, scientific, technical, and law books; periodicals and reference books; blank books and forms; photographs; maps; leather and rubber articles for the protection of public property and employees; the maintenance, repair, exchange, storage, and operation of not to exceed one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle; the purchase, maintenance, and repair of equipment and fixtures; and not exceeding \$7,000 for uniforms for employees; \$607,850.

Maintenance, care, etc., public buildings, etc.

Uniforms for employees.

For all printing and binding for the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, \$3,500.

Printing and binding.

For installation of a public comfort station in the Lincoln Memorial, \$20,000.

Lincoln Memorial comfort station.

**RAILROAD LABOR BOARD**

For nine members of the board, at \$10,000 each; secretary, \$5,000; in all, \$95,000.

Railroad Labor Board.

Salaries of members and secretary.

For all other authorized expenditures of the Railroad Labor Board in performing the duties imposed by law, including personal and other services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, contract stenographic reporting services, supplies and equipment, law books and books of reference, periodicals, travel expenses, per diem in lieu of subsistence, rent of quarters in the District of Columbia, if space is not provided by the Public Buildings Commission, rent of quarters outside of the District of Columbia, witness fees, and mileage, \$180,220, of which amount not to exceed \$129,520 may be expended for personal services.

All other expenses. Post, p. 587. Vol. 41, p. 470. Post, p. 844.

Rent, D. C., etc.

Personal services.

For all printing and binding for the Railroad Labor Board, including all its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$10,000.

Printing and binding.

**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION**

Smithsonian Institution.

International exchanges: For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, purchase of books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$46,260, of which amount not to exceed \$23,833 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

International exchanges.

American ethnology: For continuing ethnological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii, the excavation and preservation of archaeological remains under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees, the preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations, the purchase of books and periodicals, and traveling expenses, \$57,160,

American ethnology

of which amount not to exceed \$46,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature: For the cooperation of the United States in the work of the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature, including the preparation of a classified index catalogue of American scientific publications for incorporation in the International Catalogue, clerk hire, purchase of books and periodicals, traveling expenses, and other necessary incidental expenses, \$7,500, of which amount not to exceed \$7,275, may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Astrophysical Observatory.

Astrophysical Observatory: For maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including assistants, purchase of books, periodicals, and apparatus, making necessary observations in high altitudes, repairs and alterations of buildings, preparation of manuscripts, drawings and illustrations, traveling expenses, and miscellaneous expenses, \$31,180, of which amount not to exceed \$27,840 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Additional Assistant Secretary.

For an additional Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, \$6,000.

National Museum.

#### NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Furniture, etc.

For cases, furniture, fixtures, and appliances required for the exhibition and safe-keeping of collections, including necessary employees, \$23,730, of which amount not to exceed \$12,940 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Services in the District.

Heating, lighting, etc.

For heating, lighting, electrical, telegraphic, and telephonic service, and traveling expenses, \$78,140, of which amount not to exceed \$43,880 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Services in the District.

Preserving collections, etc.

For continuing preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government, and from other sources, including necessary employees, travel, and all other necessary expenses, and not exceeding \$5,500 for preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications, \$450,000, of which amount not to exceed \$435,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Services in the District.

Repairs, etc.

For repairs of buildings, shops, and sheds, including all necessary labor and material, \$12,000, of which amount not to exceed \$8,620 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Books, etc.

For purchase of books, pamphlets, and periodicals for reference, \$1,500.

Postage.

For postage stamps and foreign postal cards, \$450.

National Gallery of Art.

#### NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART.

Administration expenses.

For the administration of the National Gallery of Art by the Smithsonian Institution, including compensation of necessary employees, purchase of books of reference and periodicals, traveling expenses, and necessary incidental expenses, \$29,381, of which amount not to exceed \$25,700 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Services in the District.

#### PRINTING AND BINDING.

Printing and binding.

For all printing and binding for the Smithsonian Institution, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$90,000, of which not to exceed \$7,000 shall be available for printing the report

American Historical Association.

of the American Historical Association: *Provided*, That the expenditure of this sum shall not be restricted to a pro rata amount in any period of the fiscal year. *Proviso.*  
No pro rata restriction.

### TARIFF COMMISSION

For salaries and expenses of the United States Tariff Commission, including purchase and exchange of labor-saving devices, the purchase of professional and scientific books, law books, books of reference, gloves and other protective equipment for photostat and other machine operators, payment in advance for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and contract stenographic reporting services, as may be necessary, as authorized under Title VII of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the revenue, and for other purposes," approved September 8, 1916, and under sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide revenue, to regulate commerce with foreign countries, to encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved September 21, 1922, \$690,500, of which amount not to exceed \$551,780 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the United States Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any proceedings under said sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of said Act, approved September 21, 1922, wherein he or any member of his family has any special, direct, and pecuniary interest, or in which he has acted as attorney or special representative.

For all printing and binding for the Tariff Commission, \$8,500.

Tariff Commission.

Salaries and expenses.

Vol. 39, p. 796.

Vol. 42, pp. 941-947.

*Proviso.*  
Salary restriction.

Printing and binding.

### UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

For stationery and printing and binding, \$345.

Geographic Board.

Stationery and printing and binding.

### UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

For seven commissioners at \$12,000 each per annum, \$84,000.

For all other expenditures authorized by the Act approved September 7, 1916, as amended, and by the Act approved June 5, 1920, including the compensation of a secretary to the board, attorneys, officers, naval architects, special experts, examiners, and clerks, including one admiralty counsel at \$10,000 per annum, and other employees in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and for all other expenses of the board, including the rental of quarters outside the District of Columbia, law books, books of reference, periodicals, and actual and necessary expenses of members of the board, its special experts, and other employees, or per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, while upon official business away from their designated posts of duty, and for the employment by contract or otherwise of expert stenographic reporters for its official reporting work, and including the investigation of foreign discrimination against vessels and shippers of the United States and for the investigation of transportation of immigrants in vessels of the United States Shipping Board, \$208,574, of which amount not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

For all printing and binding for the United States Shipping Board, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$6,000.

Shipping Board.

Commissioners.

All other expenses.  
Vol. 39, p. 728; Vol. 41, p. 988.

Personnel included.

Per diem subsistence.  
Vol. 38, p. 680.

Investigating discriminations against American vessels, etc.  
Transportation of immigrants.  
Services in the District.

Printing and binding.

## Emergency shipping fund.

## EMERGENCY SHIPPING FUND

Emergency Fleet Corporation's expenditures payable from.  
Vol. 41, p. 968.

For expenses of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, for administrative purposes, miscellaneous adjustments, losses due to the maintenance and operation of ships, for the repair of ships, and for carrying out the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, (a) the amount on hand July 1, 1926, but not in excess of the sums sufficient to cover all obligations incurred prior to July 1, 1926, and then unpaid; (b) \$13,900,000; (c) the amount received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, from the operation of ships: *Provided*, That no part of these sums shall be used for the payment of claims other than those resulting from current operation and maintenance; (d) so much of the total proceeds of all sales pertaining to liquidation received during the fiscal year 1927, but not exceeding \$3,000,000, as is necessary to meet the expenses of liquidation, including also the cost of the tie-up and the salaries and expenses of the personnel directly engaged in liquidation: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be used for the payment of claims.

Sources.  
Post, p. 1082.

Provisos.  
Payments limited.

Liquidation expenses, etc.

No payment of claims.

Operation of ships taken back from purchasers.

Provisos.  
Prior approval of President required.

Unexpended balance for claims continued.  
Vol. 42, p. 647.

Attorneys subject to approval of Attorney General.

Pay restriction.

Auditing by Efficiency Bureau.

Proviso.  
Outside auditors for claims in litigation.

Rent in the District restricted.

To enable the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation to operate ships or lines of ships which have been or may be taken back from the purchasers by reason of competition or other methods employed by foreign shipowners or operators, \$10,000,000: *Provided*, That no expenditures shall be made from this sum without the prior approval of the President of the United States.

That portion of the special claims appropriation, contained in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1923, committed prior to July 1, 1923, and remaining unexpended on June 30, 1926, shall continue available until June 30, 1927, for the same purposes and under the same conditions.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any attorney, regular or special, for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation unless the contract of employment has been approved by the Attorney General of the United States.

No officer or employee of the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be paid a salary or compensation at a rate per annum in excess of \$10,000 except the following: One at not to exceed \$18,000, three at not to exceed \$15,000 each, and one at not to exceed \$12,000.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be available for the payment of certified public accountants, their agents or employees, and all auditing of every nature requiring the services of outside auditors shall be furnished through the Bureau of Efficiency: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall limit the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation from employing outside auditors to audit claims in litigation for or against the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation.

No part of the funds of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be available for the rent of buildings in the District of Columbia during the fiscal year 1927 if suitable space is provided for said corporation by the Public Buildings Commission

## UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU

For carrying out the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Veterans' Bureau and to improve the facilities and service of such bureau and to further amend and modify the War Risk Insurance Act approved August 9, 1921," and to carry out the provisions of the Act entitled "World War Veterans' Act, 1924," approved June 7, 1924, as amended, and for administrative expenses in carrying out the provisions of the World War adjusted compensation Act of May 19, 1924, including salaries of personnel in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, and expenses of the central office at Washington, District of Columbia, and regional offices and suboffices, and including salaries, stationery and minor office supplies, furniture, equipment and supplies, rentals and alterations, heat, light, and water, miscellaneous expenses, including telephones, telegrams, freight, express, law books, books of reference, periodicals, ambulance service, towel service, laundry service, repairs to equipment, storage, ice, taxi service, car fare, stamps and box rent, traveling and subsistence, including the expenses, except membership fees, of employees detailed by the director to attend meetings of associations for the promotion of medical science, salaries and expenses of employees engaged in field investigation, passenger-carrying and other motor vehicles, including purchase, maintenance, repairs, and operation of same, salaries and operating expenses of the Arlington Building and annex, including repairs and mechanical equipment, fuel, electric current, ice, ash removal, and miscellaneous items; and including the salaries and allowances, where applicable, wages, travel and subsistence of civil employees at the United States veterans' hospitals, supply depots, dispensaries, and clinics, including the furnishing and laundering of white duck suits, and white canvas shoes to employees whose duties make necessary the wearing of same, \$44,000,000: *Provided*, That physicians, dentists, and nurses of the medical service of the United States Veterans' Bureau, in addition to their compensation, when transferred from one official station to another for permanent duty, may be allowed, within the discretion and under written order of the director, the expenses incurred for packing, crating, drayage, and transportation of their household effects and other personal property not exceeding in all 5,000 pounds: *Provided further*, That on the first day of each regular session of Congress the Director of the Veterans' Bureau shall transmit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a statement giving in detail (a) the total number of positions at a rate of \$2,000 or more per annum, (b) the rate of salary attached to each position, (c) the number of positions at each rate in the central office and in each regional office or suboffice and hospital, and (d) a brief statement of the duties of each position.

Such portion of this appropriation as may be necessary shall be allotted from time to time by the United States Veterans' Bureau to the Public Health Service and shall be available for expenditure by the Public Health Service for necessary personnel, the pay and allowances, and travel of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service detailed to the United States Veterans' Bureau for duty.

For printing and binding for the United States Veterans' Bureau, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, \$165,000.

Compensation: For the payment of military and naval compensation accruing during the fiscal year 1927 or in prior fiscal years

Veterans' Bureau.

Salaries and expenses.  
Vol. 42, p. 147.

Vol. 43, pp. 607, 1302.

Adjusted Compensation Act expenses.  
Vol. 43, p. 121.

Other expenses.

Arlington Building.

*Provisos.*  
Allowances for transferring household effects from one station to another.

Detailed statement to Congress of employees, etc., each year.

Allotment to Public Health Service details.

Printing and binding.

Military and naval compensation.

Vol. 41, p. 371.  
Vol. 43, pp. 615, 1304.

Medical, surgical  
hospital, etc., services  
to beneficiaries.

Library books, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Sale of subsistence  
supplies to employees.

Disbursement of al-  
lotted appropriations.

Use for new hos-  
pitals, sites, etc., for-  
bidden.

Amount for altera-  
tions, etc.

Expenditure author-  
ized from allotments to  
other agencies.

Adjusted service cer-  
tificate fund.  
Payment of.  
Vol. 43, p. 128.

Military and naval  
insurance.

Additional hospital  
facilities and services.  
Vol. 43, p. 1212.

for death or disability provided by the Act approved October 6, 1917, amended, and the World War Veterans' Act 1924, approved June 7, 1924, \$140,800,000.

Medical and hospital services: For medical, surgical, dental, dispensary, and hospital services and facilities, convalescent care, necessary and reasonable after care, welfare of, nursing, prosthetic appliances (including special clothing made necessary by the wearing of prosthetic appliances prescribed by the bureau), medical examinations, funeral, burial, and other incidental expenses (including preparation for shipment and transportation of remains accruing during the fiscal year 1927 or in prior fiscal years), traveling expenses, and supplies, and not exceeding \$100,000 for library books, magazines, and papers for beneficiaries of the United States Veterans' Bureau, including court costs and other expenses incident to proceedings heretofore or hereafter taken for commitment of mentally incompetent persons to hospitals for the care and treatment of the insane, \$35,000,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for the purchase of subsistence supplies for sale to employees, the appropriation being reimbursed by the proceeds of such sales.

This appropriation shall be disbursed by the United States Veterans' Bureau, and such portion thereof as may be necessary shall be allotted from time to time to the Public Health Service, and the War, Navy, and Interior Departments, and transferred to their credit for disbursement by them for the purposes set forth in the foregoing paragraph; and allotted and transferred to the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the purposes set forth in the foregoing paragraph, and such sums as are allotted to the Board of Managers shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury.

No part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of any site for a new hospital, for or toward the construction of any new hospital, or for the purchase of any hospital; and not more than \$3,596,400 of this appropriation may be used to alter, improve, or provide facilities in the several hospitals under the jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau so as to furnish adequate accommodations for its beneficiaries either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials.

The allotments made to the Public Health Service, War, Navy, and Interior Departments shall be available for expenditure for care and treatment of beneficiaries of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and for necessary minor repairs and improvements of existing facilities, under the various headings of appropriations made to said departments as may be necessary.

Adjusted service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under section 505 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of May 19, 1924, to provide for the payment of the face value of each adjusted service certificate in twenty years from its date or on the prior death of the veteran, \$116,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1927 or in prior fiscal years, \$123,000,000.

Hospital facilities and services: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the "World War Veterans' Act, 1924," approved March 3, 1925, \$4,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

For all necessary expenditures by the United States Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, created by Public Resolution Numbered 38, approved December 2, 1924, including compensation of employees and expert advisers and traveling and other expenses of the commission, \$10,000, to be expended in its discretion.

Expenses of celebration. Vol. 43, p. 671.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, and is specifically authorized by other law.

Personal services in District of Columbia.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries. Vol. 42, p. 1488.

If only one position in a grade.

Allowance in unusually meritorious cases.

*Proviso.* Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service. No fixed salary reduced.

Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

Approved, April 22, 1926.

CHAP. 173.—An Act To legalize a pier into the Atlantic Ocean at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

April 23, 1926. [H. R. 5012.] [Public, No. 142.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to Rehoboth Beach Anglers Club, a Delaware corporation at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to maintain a pier constructed by it without permit into the Atlantic Ocean at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue at that place: *Provided*, That any changes in the said structure which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by the owner thereof at its own expense.

Rehoboth Beach, Del. Pier into the Atlantic Ocean at, legalized.

*Proviso.* Changes when necessary.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, April 23, 1926.

CHAP. 174.—An Act Authorizing the designation of postmasters by the Postmaster General as disbursing officers for the payment of contractors, emergency carriers, and temporary carriers, for performance of authorized service on power boat and star routes in Alaska.

April 23, 1926. [H. R. 8192.] [Public, No. 143.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That postmasters may be designated by the Postmaster General as disbursing officers

Postal Service. Postmasters to pay star route, etc., service in Alaska.