

February 16, 1931.
[H. R. 16297.]
[Public, No. 671.]

CHAP. 203.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of certain public buildings, and for other purposes," approved May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 630), and Acts amendatory thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of certain public buildings, and for other purposes," approved May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 630), and Acts amendatory thereof, are hereby amended to provide that for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of said Acts and to permit of expediting the public-building program thereby authorized, the amounts heretofore authorized to be appropriated for public-building projects outside the District of Columbia are extended \$100,000,000: *Provided*, That under this authorization and from appropriations (exclusive of appropriations made for remodeling and enlarging public buildings) heretofore made or herein authorized for the acquisition of sites for, or the construction, enlarging, remodeling, or extension of public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, not more than \$65,000,000 in the aggregate, shall be expended annually, of which sum not more than \$15,000,000 may be expended on projects in the District of Columbia (except that any part of the balance of such sums remaining unexpended at the end of any fiscal year may be expended for the respective purposes herein authorized in any subsequent fiscal year without reference to this limitation, beginning with the fiscal year 1928).

SEC. 2. That the provisions contained in the Act of May 25, 1926, as amended by the Act of February 24, 1928, limiting the amount that may be expended annually in any one of the States, Territories, or possessions of the United States to \$10,000,000 be, and the same are hereby, further amended so as to increase the amount that may be expended in any one of the States, Territories, or possessions of the United States to an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 annually from the date of the passage of this Act until December 31, 1933, after which time the amount which shall be expended in any one of the States, Territories, or possessions of the United States shall not exceed the sum of \$15,000,000 annually.

SEC. 3. That in the case of any projects authorized under the provisions of the Public Building Act approved May 25, 1926, hereinbefore mentioned, and the several Acts amendatory thereof, when the bid of the lowest responsible bidder received in response to public advertisement exceeds the amount available under the estimated limit of cost fixed by Congress, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to enter into contracts for the construction of such buildings in an amount not exceeding 5 per centum in excess of such estimated limit of cost: *Provided*, That this provision shall not apply to any contract entered into prior to the approval of this Act, nor to any contract entered into after December 31, 1933: *Provided*, That in the exercise of this discretion the Secretary of the Treasury shall not incur obligations in excess of the amounts heretofore or herein authorized for appropriations.

Approved, February 16, 1931.

February 17, 1931.
[H. R. 6603.]
[Public, No. 672.]

CHAP. 206.—An Act To provide a shorter work week for postal employees, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when the needs of the service require supervisory employees, special clerks, clerks, and laborers in first and second class post offices, and

Public Buildings Act,
1926.
Vol. 44, p. 630; Vol.
45, p. 137, amended.
Ante, p. 136, amend-
ed.

Sums for projects un-
der, increased.

Proviso.
Aggregate annual
expenditure increased.

Within the District.

Balances available
subsequently.

State, etc., limita-
tion increased.
Vol. 44, p. 633; Vol.
45, p. 138, amended.

Annual expenditure
after 1933.

Contracts for con-
struction allowed if low-
est bid does not exceed
limit by 5 per cent, etc.

Proviso.
Not retroactive nor in
force after 1933.

Contracts exceeding
authorizations forbid-
den.

Postal employees.
Shorter work week
for, provided.
Vol. 43, p. 1059,
amended.