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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.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries.

If only one position in a grade.

Allowance in unusually meritorious cases.

Proviso.
Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.
No fixed salary reduction.
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Transfer to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

SEC. 3. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Independent Offices Act, 1929."

Title of Act.

Total appropriated by this Act, $527,593,111.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

CHAP. 581.—An Act Authorizing the paving of the Federal strip known as International Street, adjacent to Nogales, Arizona.

May 16, 1928.
[S. 2004.]
[Public, No. 401.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the grading and paving of the Federal strip of land known as International Street, belonging to the United States, along the international boundary line between Mexico and the United States and adjacent to the city of Nogales, Arizona, said paving to extend from the east side of Nelson Avenue to the top of the hill beyond West Street, with the necessary retaining walls, storm sewers, the installation of an ornamental lighting system, and other items necessary in connection therewith, at a limit of cost of $40,000.

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Paving, etc., of Federal strip of land between Mexico and United States at Nogales authorized.
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Limit of cost.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

CHAP. 582.—An Act To authorize an appropriation to pay half the cost of a bridge and road on the Hoopa Valley Reservation, California.

May 16, 1928.
[H. R. 441.]
[Public, No. 402.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an appropriation of not more than $35,000 is hereby authorized out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay not more than half the cost of the construction of a free bridge and approaches thereto across the Trinity River within the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, California, and of a road leading over said bridge from the Weitchpec Road on the north to the public highway at the south line of said reservation, including the cost of surveys, plans, estimates, and specifications, and other necessary expenses connected therewith, on condition that the State of California or the County of Humboldt furnish the balance; and under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, who

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California, etc., to furnish the balance.