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amended, and is specifically authorized by other law, or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated. If only one position in a grade.

SEC. 3. No part of any money appropriated by this Act shall be used for purchasing any motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle (except busses, station wagons, and ambulances) at a cost, completely equipped for operation, in excess of $750, except where, in the judgment of the heads of the sundry executive boards, commissions, and offices, provided for herein, special requirements can not thus be efficiently met, such exceptions, however, to be limited to not to exceed 10 per centum of the total expenditures for such motor vehicles purchased during the fiscal year, including the value of a vehicle exchanged where exchange is involved; nor shall any money appropriated herein be used for maintaining, driving, or operating any Government-owned motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle not used exclusively for official purposes; and "official purposes" shall not include the transportation of officers and employees between their domiciles and places of employment except in cases of officers and employees engaged in field work the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary and then only when the same is approved by the head of the department. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicles for official use of the Executive Office nor of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. Purchase, use, etc., of motor vehicles restricted. Exemptions.

SEC. 4. That, except as hereinbefore provided, in the expenditure of appropriations in this Act the head of every bureau, agency, or independent establishment shall, unless in his discretion the interest of the Government will not permit, purchase or contract for, within the limits of the United States, only articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the United States, notwithstanding that such articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the United States may cost more, if such excess of cost be not unreasonable. Purchase, etc., of foreign products forbidden.

SEC. 5. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1933." Title of Act.

Total appropriated by this Act, $982,446,041.

Approved, June 30, 1932.

[CHAPTER 331.]

June 30, 1932.
[H. R. 11944.]
[Public, No. 229.]

AN ACT

To facilitate execution of and economy in field season contracts of the Forest Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereafter authorized in connection with the administration of the national forests to enter into contracts for the procurement of services, materials, and supplies for the ensuing fiscal year, prior to the passage of an appropriation therefor: *Provided*, That such contracts shall aliquot the cost for such service by fiscal years and shall not be binding on the United States as to that part for the ensuing year unless and until an appropriation applicable to the payment thereof is made: *And provided further*, That all such contracts shall by their terms provide that the obligation of the United States is contingent upon the passage of an applicable appropriation and that no payment thereunder will be made until such appropriation becomes available for expenditure. Forest Service. Contracts for services, supplies, etc., for ensuing year may be entered before appropriation therefor. *Provisos.* Terms of contract. Government obligation contingent upon passage thereof. No prior payments.

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