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Availability of funds.

SEC. 404. The appropriations and authority with respect to appropriations contained in any regular annual appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1946, not a law on July 1, 1945, shall be available from and including July 1, 1945, for the purposes respectively provided in such appropriations and authority. All obligations incurred during the period between June 30, 1945, and the date of enactment of such appropriation Acts as may not have been enacted on or before July 1, 1945, in anticipation of such appropriations and authority are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the terms thereof.

Short title.

SEC. 405. This Act may be cited as the "Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1945".

Approved July 5, 1945.

[CHAPTER 273]

July 6, 1945
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[Public Law 133]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the disposal of certain records of the United States Government".

Disposal of certain Government records.

44 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 366-380.

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 disposal of certain records of the United States Government", approved July 7, 1943 (57 Stat. 380), is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By adding to section 4 the following paragraph:

Records lacking preservation value.
Schedules proposing disposal.

"The Archivist may also submit to Congress, together with recommendations of the National Archives Council with respect thereto, and at such times as he may deem expedient, schedules proposing the disposal, after the lapse of specified periods of time, of records of a specified form or character common to several or all agencies that either have accumulated or may accumulate in such agencies and that apparently will not, after the lapse of the periods specified, have sufficient administrative, legal, research, or other value to warrant their further preservation by the United States Government."

(b) By changing section 6 to read as follows:

Disposal by agency.

"SEC. 6. If the joint committee reports that any of the records listed in a list or schedule referred to it do not, or will not after the lapse of the period specified, have sufficient administrative, legal, research, or other value to warrant their continued preservation by the Government, the Archivist shall notify the agency or agencies having such records in their custody of the action of the joint committee and such agency or agencies shall cause such records to be disposed of in accordance with regulations promulgated as provided in section 2 of this Act: *Provided*, That authorizations granted pursuant to schedules submitted under the last paragraph of section 4 of this Act shall be permissive and not mandatory."

(c) By changing section 7 to read as follows:

Disposal upon failure of committee to report.

"SEC. 7. If the joint committee fails to make a report during any regular or special session of Congress on any list or schedule submitted to Congress by the Archivist not less than ten days prior to the adjournment of such session, the Archivist may empower the agency or agencies having in their custody records covered by such lists or schedules to cause such records to be disposed of in accordance with regulations promulgated as provided in section 2 of this Act."

Renumbering of sections.

(d) By deleting the numerals "9" and "10" in the last line of section 12 and by inserting in lieu thereof the numerals "10" and "11".

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