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[CHAPTER 738]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Airport Act.

June 29, 1948
[H. R. 6860]
[Public Law 840]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 17 of the Federal Airport Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Federal Airport Act, amendment.
60 Stat. 179.
49 U. S. C. § 1116.

"SEC. 17. (a) Reimbursement shall be made to public agencies, as provided in this section, for the necessary rehabilitation or repair of public airports heretofore or hereafter substantially damaged by any Federal agency. The Administrator is authorized to render such assistance as he deems necessary to public agencies in the preparation of requests for reimbursement for the cost of rehabilitation or repair of public airports, under the control or management of such public agencies, which have been substantially damaged by any Federal agency and, upon receipt of such a request from a public agency, the Administrator is further authorized, on behalf of the United States, to consider, ascertain, and determine, in accordance with regulations he shall prescribe pursuant to this section, the actual or estimated cost of such necessary rehabilitation or repair for which such public agency is entitled to reimbursement from the United States.

Reimbursement for repair, etc., of public airports.

"(b) Such amount as may be found by the Administrator to be the actual or estimated cost of such rehabilitation or repair shall be certified by the Administrator to Congress, which certification shall include a brief statement of the character of the damage upon which the request for reimbursement is based and of the work performed or to be performed to accomplish such rehabilitation or repair. In the event that, upon completion of such rehabilitation or repair, it is determined that the actual cost thereof, as approved by the Administrator, exceeds the amount of the estimate certified to Congress by him, the Administrator shall certify to Congress the amount by which such actual cost exceeds such estimate including in such certification a brief statement of the cause of the variation between the estimated and the actual cost of such rehabilitation and repair. Certifications made hereunder by the Administrator shall be deemed contractual obligations of the United States, payable as hereinafter provided.

Certification of cost to Congress.

Actual cost exceeding estimate.

"(c) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to enable the Administrator to make payments as provided for in this section to public agencies, either upon completion of the rehabilitation or repair involved, or as such rehabilitation or repair progresses, it being the purpose of this subsection to authorize the Administrator to make payments to public agencies, out of funds appropriated pursuant to this section, as reimbursement for the cost of such public agencies of work performed in accomplishing rehabilitation or repair prior to final completion of such work and at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrator, after consultation with the public agency involved: *Provided*, That no such payment made by the Administrator shall be in an amount which, together with all previous payments made to reimburse such public agency for the cost of such rehabilitation or repair, shall exceed the estimated cost of the work then performed. If the Administrator shall determine at any time that the aggregate of such payments exceeds the actual cost of the work then performed the United States shall be entitled to recover such excess. In the event the estimate of the cost of rehabilitation or repair of an airport as certified to Congress

Appropriation authorized.

Limitation on payments.

by the Administrator exceeds the actual cost of such rehabilitation or repair, the amount of such excess shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts. Appropriations made pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until June 30, 1953, unless sooner expended.

Limitation on submission of claims.

"(d) No request for reimbursement of the cost of rehabilitation or repair to a public airport submitted pursuant to this section shall be considered by the Administrator unless such request has been submitted to him within six months after the occurrence of the damage upon which the request is based, except that in case of a request relating to damage caused by operations of a military nature during time of war, such request may be submitted within six months after the date of termination of such war unless the airport is under the control and management of the United States at the time of termination of such war, in which event the request may be submitted to the Administrator within six months after the transfer of such control or management of the airport to the public agency involved."

Approved June 29, 1948.

[CHAPTER 754]

June 29, 1948
[H. R. 6705]
[Public Law 841]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and for other purposes.

Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1949.
Ante, p. 1040.

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 Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries, Office of the Secretary: For the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the Secretary), and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $1,115,842: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the broadcast of radio programs designed or calculated to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation pending before the Congress: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $50,000 of this appropriation may be used for the Division of Power under the Office of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $42,750 of this appropriation may be used for the Division of Information or for publicity and public relations activities.

60 Stat. 810.

Radio broadcasts respecting legislation.

Division of Power.

Division of Information.

Salaries, Office of Solicitor: For personal services in the District of Columbia and in the field, $250,000.

Salaries and expenses, Division of Territories and Island Possessions: For expenses necessary for the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, including personal services in the District of Columbia; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); printing and binding; and items otherwise properly chargeable to the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Department of the Interior"; $160,000.

60 Stat. 810.

Salaries and expenses, Oil and Gas Division: For expenses necessary for coordinating and unifying policies and administration of Federal activities relative to oil, gas, and synthetic fuels, including cooperation with the petroleum industry and State authorities in the production, processing, and utilization of petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, and synthetic fuels and the compilation of technical