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to be held on January 20, 1949, but such use shall not continue after January 22, 1949. Authority granted by this joint resolution may be exercised notwithstanding the provisions of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, approved April 28, 1902, prohibiting the use of public buildings in connection with inaugural ceremonies.

32 Stat. 152.
40 U. S. C. § 31.

Approved June 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 373]

AN ACT

June 2, 1948
[H. R. 4426]
[Public Law 573]

To provide basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau, and for other purposes.

Weather Bureau.
Availability of appropriations.
Post, pp. 327, 1040.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That appropriations now or hereafter provided for the Weather Bureau shall be available for (a) furnishing food and shelter, without repayment therefor, to employees of the Government assigned to Arctic stations; (b) equipment and maintenance of meteorological offices and stations, and maintenance and operation of meteorological facilities outside the United States by contract or otherwise; (c) repairing, altering, and improving of buildings occupied by the Bureau, and care and preservation of grounds, including the construction of necessary outbuildings and sidewalks on public streets abutting Weather Bureau grounds; (d) arranging for communication services at rates to be fixed by the Secretary of Commerce by agreement with the companies performing the services when determined to be advantageous to the Government; and (e) purchasing tabulating cards and continuous form tabulating paper.

Printing office.

SEC. 2. When so specified in appropriation Acts, the Weather Bureau is authorized to maintain a printing office in the city of Washington for the printing of weather maps, bulletins, circulars, forms, and other publications: *Provided*, That no printing shall be done by the Weather Bureau which could be done at the Government Printing Office without impairing the service of said Bureau.

Employees of other agencies.

Investigations in Arctic region.

59 Stat. 296.
5 U. S. C. §§ 911-913, 921, 922; Supp. I, § 922 note.

SEC. 3. The Weather Bureau is hereby authorized to (a) grant extra compensation to employees of other Government agencies for taking and transmitting meteorological observations, and (b) appoint employees for the conduct of meteorological investigations in the Arctic region without regard to the civil-service and classification laws and titles II and III of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, both at base rates which shall not exceed such maximum rates as may be specified from time to time in the appropriation concerned.

Transfer of equipment and supplies.

SEC. 4. Subject to approval of the Bureau of the Budget, and without charge to the Weather Bureau, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Secretary of the Navy are authorized to transfer to the Weather Bureau equipment and supplies which are surplus to the needs of their respective Departments and necessary for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of Arctic weather stations.

Approved June 2, 1948.

[CHAPTER 374]

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 3, 1948
[H. J. Res. 379]
[Public Law 574]

To provide for the maintenance of public order and the protection of life and property in connection with the Presidential inaugural ceremonies of 1949.

Inaugural ceremonies, 1949.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That $37,100, or so much