

Penalty.

violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation or fund contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That in cases of emergency, caused by fire, flood, storm, act of God, or sabotage, persons may be employed for periods of not more than thirty days and be paid salaries and wages without the necessity of inquiring into their membership in any organization.

Exception.

TITLE V—REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS

Amounts available to the Department of the Interior from appropriations are hereby reduced in the sums hereinafter set forth, such sums to be carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury immediately upon the approval of this Act:

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Short title.

Construction and Rehabilitation: Missouri Basin Project, Missouri Diversion Unit, \$1,700,000.

This Act may be cited as the "Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1955".

Approved July 1, 1954.

Public Law 466

CHAPTER 447

July 1, 1954
[S. 2802]

AN ACT

To further encourage the distribution of fishery products, and for other purposes.

Fishery products.
Distribution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1411), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Transfer of funds.

"SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior each fiscal year, beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1954, and ending on June 30, 1957, from moneys made available to carry out the provisions of section 32 of such Act of August 24, 1935, an amount equal to 30 per centum of the gross receipts from duties collected under the customs laws on fishery products (including fish, shellfish, mollusks, crustacea, aquatic plants and animals, and any products thereof, including processed and manufactured products), which shall be maintained in a separate fund and used by the Secretary of the Interior (1) to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce by conducting a fishery educational service and fishery technological, biological and related research programs, the moneys so transferred to be also available for the purchase or other acquisition, construction, equipment, operation, and maintenance of vessels or other facilities necessary for conducting research as provided for in this section, and (2) to develop

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7 USC 612c.

Use.

and increase markets for fishery products of domestic origin and (3) to conduct any biological, technological, or other research pertaining to American fisheries.

“(b) For the purposes of this section, any agency of the United States, or any corporation wholly owned by the United States, is authorized to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, any vessels or equipment excess to its needs required by the Secretary of the Interior for the activities, studies, and research authorized herein.

Transfer of excess vessels, etc.

“(c) In carrying out the purposes and objectives of this section, the Secretary of the Interior is directed as far as practicable to cooperate with other appropriate agencies of the Federal Government, with State or local governmental agencies, private agencies, organizations, or individuals, having jurisdiction over or an interest in fish or fishery commodities and he is authorized to appoint an advisory committee of the American fisheries industry to advise him in the formulation of policy, rules and regulations pertaining to requests for assistance, and other matters.

Agency cooperation, etc.

Advisory committee.

“(d) The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to retransfer any of the funds not to exceed \$1,500,000 to be made available under this section to the Secretary of Agriculture to be used for the purposes specified in section 1 of this Act, and only such funds as are thus transferred shall be used for the purposes specified in section 1 of this Act with respect to domestically produced fishery products.

Retransfer of funds.

“(e) The separate fund created for the use of the Secretary of the Interior under section 2 (a) of this Act and the annual accruals thereto shall be available until expended, except (1) that not more than \$3,000,000 be spent in any fiscal year and (2) that the balance of the fund shall not exceed \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year, and the Secretary of the Interior shall retransfer the funds in excess of said \$5,000,000 balance to the Secretary of Agriculture to be used for the purposes specified in section 32 of the Act of 1935 (49 Stat. 774; 7 U. S. C. 612c), as amended.

Availability of funds.

“(f) The Secretary of the Interior shall make a report to the appropriate committees of Congress annually on the use of the separate fund created under section 2 of this Act.”

Report.

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CHAPTER 448

AN ACT

To restore eligibility of certain citizens or subjects of Germany or Japan to receive benefits under veterans' laws.

July 1, 1954
[H. R. 8488]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who, but for the last proviso of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the payment of pension or other benefits withheld from persons for the period they were residing in countries occupied by enemy forces in World War II”, approved August 7, 1946 (Public Law 622, Seventy-ninth Congress), would be entitled to compensation or pension benefits payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration shall be entitled to such benefits from the date of enactment of this Act, if claim therefor is filed within one year after such date, or from the date of claim, if claim therefor is filed more than one year after such date.

German and Japanese citizens.
VA benefits.

60 Stat. 874.
38 USC 729a.

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