Public Law 112 CHAPTER 244

AN ACT

June 30, 1955
[H. R. 5240]

Making appropriations for sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1956.

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 sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, namely:

TITLE I—INDEPENDENT OFFICES

ALEXANDER HAMILTON BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

For an additional amount for "Alexander Hamilton Bicentennial Commission", $15,000: *Provided*, That said appropriation shall be immediately available and remain available until expended.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including not to exceed $29,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); not to exceed $10,000 for medical examinations performed for veterans by private physicians on a fee basis; travel expenses of examiners acting under the direction of the Commission, and expenses of examinations and investigations held in Washington and elsewhere; not to exceed $100 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals (excluding scientific, technical, trade or traffic periodicals, for official use); payment in advance for library membership in societies whose publications are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public; not to exceed $65,000 for performing the duties imposed upon the Commission by the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767); reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services for protection of confidential files; not to exceed $443,000 for expenses of travel; and not to exceed $5,000 for actuarial services by contract, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, as amended; $16,217,500: *Provided*, That no details from any executive department or independent establishment in the District of Columbia or elsewhere to the Commission's central office in Washington or to any of its regional offices shall be made during the current fiscal year, but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of the boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the Commission in Washington or of the regional directors, nor shall it affect the making of details of persons qualified to serve as expert examiners on special subjects: *Provided further*, That the Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees to or from its office or field force.

60 Stat. 810.

5 USC 118i, 118k-118n.

41 USC 5.

Details.

Emergency transfer.

No part of the appropriations herein made to the Civil Service Commission shall be available for the salaries and expenses of the Legal Examining Unit in the Examining and Personnel Utilization Division of the Commission, established pursuant to Executive Order 9358 of July 1, 1943, or for the compensation or expenses of any member of a board of examiners (1) who has not made affidavit that he has not appeared in any agency proceeding within the preceding two years, and will not thereafter while a board member appear in

Legal Examining Unit.

3 CFR, 1943 Supp., p. 30.

any agency proceeding, as a party, or in behalf of a party to the proceeding, before an agency in which an applicant is employed who has been rated or will be rated by such member; or (2) who, after making such affidavit, has rated an applicant who at the time of the rating is employed by an agency before which the board member has appeared as a party, or in behalf of a party, within the preceding two years: *Provided*, That the definitions of "agency", "agency proceeding", and "party" in section 2 of the Administrative Procedure Act shall apply to these terms as used herein.

60 Stat. 237.
5 USC 1001.

Officers allocating supervisory positions.

No part of appropriations herein shall be used to pay the compensation of officers and employees of the Civil Service Commission who allocate or reallocate supervisory positions in the classified civil service solely on the size of the group, section, bureau, or other organization unit, or on the number of subordinates supervised. References to size of the group, section, bureau, or other organization unit or the number of subordinates supervised may be given effect only to the extent warranted by the workload of such organization unit and then only in combination with other factors, such as the kind, difficulty, and complexity of work supervised, the degree and scope of responsibility delegated to the supervisor, and the kind, degree, and value of the supervision actually exercised.

International organizations, employees.
22 USC 287 note.

Investigations of United States citizens for employment by international organizations: For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of Executive Order No. 10422 of January 9, 1953, as amended, prescribing procedures for making available to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and the executive heads of other international organizations, certain information concerning United States citizens employed, or being considered for employment by such organizations, the unobligated balance of the appropriation granted under this head in the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1955", shall remain available until June 30, 1956: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for advances or reimbursements to the applicable appropriations or funds of the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for expenses incurred by such agencies under said Executive order: *Provided further*, That members of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board may be paid actual transportation expenses, and per diem in lieu of subsistence authorized by the Travel Expense Act of 1949 while traveling on official business away from their homes or regular places of business, including periods while en route to and from and at the place where their services are to be performed: *Provided further*, That nothing in sections 281 or 283 of title 18, United States Code, or in section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99) shall be deemed to apply to any person because of appointment for part-time or intermittent service as a member of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board in the Civil Service Commission as established by Executive Order 10422, dated January 9, 1953, as amended.

68 Stat. 278.

63 Stat. 166.
5 USC 835 note.

62 Stat. 697.

Annuities.

Annuities, Panama Canal construction employees and Lighthouse Service widows: For payment of annuities authorized by the Act of May 29, 1944, as amended (48 U. S. C. 1373a), and the Act of August 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 465), $2,170,000.

58 Stat. 258.
33 USC 771-775.

Payment to civil-service retirement and disability fund: For financing the liability of the United States, created by the Act approved May 22, 1920, and Acts amendatory thereof (5 U. S. C., ch. 14), $233,000,000, which amount shall be placed to the credit of the "civil-service retirement and disability fund".

41 Stat. 614.

Not to exceed $80,000 of the funds in the "Employees' Life Insurance Fund" shall be available for reimbursement to the Civil Service Commission for administrative expenses incurred by the Commission during the current fiscal year in the administration of the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act.

68 Stat. 736.
5 USC 2091 note.

FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

Operations: For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in carrying out the provisions of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U. S. C., App. 2251–2297), including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); reimbursement of the Civil Service Commission for full field investigations of employees occupying positions of critical importance from the standpoint of national security; expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with civil defense functions; reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; not to exceed $5,000 for the purchase of newspapers, periodicals, and teletype news services; and not to exceed $6,000 for emergency and extraordinary expenses to be expended under the direction of the Administrator for such purposes as he deems proper, and his determination thereon shall be final and conclusive; $11,300,000.

64 Stat. 1245.
60 Stat. 810.

Federal contributions: For financial contributions to the States, not otherwise provided for, pursuant to subsection (i) of section 201 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended, to be equally matched with State funds, $12,400,000, to remain available until June 30, 1957.

50 USC app. 2281.

Emergency supplies and equipment: For procurement of reserve stocks of emergency civil defense materials as authorized by subsection (h) of section 201 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended, and for procurement of radiological instruments and detection devices by the Federal Civil Defense Administrator and for distribution of such instruments and devices to the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories and possessions of the United States, by loan or grant, for training and educational purposes, under such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall prescribe, $32,650,000.

50 USC app. 2281.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

DISASTER RELIEF

For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 875), as amended, authorizing assistance to States and local governments in major disasters, $3,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not exceeding 2 per centum of the foregoing amount shall be available for administrative expenses.

64 Stat. 1109.
42 USC 1855-1855g.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses in performing the duties of the Commission as authorized by law, including newspapers (not to exceed $175), land and structures (not to exceed $11,500), special counsel fees, improvement and care of grounds and repairs to buildings (not to exceed $16,000), services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), purchase of not to exceed four passenger motor vehicles, for replacement only, in the event adequate vehicles cannot be obtained by transfer from other

60 Stat. 810.

departments or agencies, and not to exceed $65,000 for expenses of travel, $6,870,000, of which $80,000 shall be available for such expenses as are necessary to make a study of radio and television network broadcasting.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the work of the Commission, as authorized by law, including not to exceed $250,000 for expenses of travel; purchase (one for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and not to exceed $500 for newspapers; $4,650,000, of which not to exceed $10,000 shall be available for special counsel and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates not exceeding $50 per diem for individuals: *Provided*, That of this appropriation not to exceed $600,000 shall be available for surveys and studies (including publications and maps) relating to the electric power industry and for furnishing assistance and information relating to regulation and surveys thereof; not to exceed $100,000 shall be available for surveys and studies (including publications and maps) relating to the natural gas industry and for furnishing assistance and information relating to regulation and surveys thereof; and not to exceed $200,000 shall be available for investigations relating to Federal river development projects.

60 Stat. 810.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Federal Trade Commission, including not to exceed $500 for newspapers, services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), and not to exceed $160,000 for expenses of travel, $4,262,500: *Provided*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be expended upon any investigation hereafter provided by concurrent resolution of the Congress until funds are appropriated subsequently to the enactment of such resolution to finance the cost of such investigation: *Provided further*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be available for a statistical analysis of the consumer's dollar.

60 Stat. 810.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, including newspapers and periodicals (not exceeding $500), and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $31,981,000.

60 Stat. 810.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service.

Operating expenses, Public Buildings Service: For necessary expenses of real property management and related activities as provided by law; repair and improvement of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia and area adjacent thereto, under the control of the General Services Administration; repair and improvement of buildings operated by the Treasury and Post Office Departments in the District of Columbia; furnishings and equipment; rental of buildings in the District of Columbia; restoration of leased premises; moving Government agencies (including space adjustments) in connection with the assignment, allocation, and transfer of building space; demolition of buildings; acquisition by purchase or otherwise and disposal by sale or otherwise of real estate and interests therein; and not to exceed $163,500 for expenses of travel; $97,595,500:

Provided, That of the foregoing amount $7,000,000 shall be available for repair and improvement of buildings in the District of Columbia and area adjacent thereto: *Provided further*, That the foregoing appropriation shall not be available to effect the moving of Government agencies from the District of Columbia into buildings acquired to accomplish the dispersal of departmental functions of the executive establishment into areas outside of but accessible to the District of Columbia.

Dispersal of departmental functions.

Emergency operating expenses: For necessary emergency expenses of the General Services Administration not otherwise provided for, for operation, maintenance, protection, repair, alterations, and improvements of public buildings and grounds (including furnishings and equipment) to the extent that such buildings and grounds are under the control of the General Services Administration for such purposes as are provided for in Public Law 152, Eighty-first Congress, as amended; rental of buildings or parts thereof in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including repairs, alterations, and improvements necessary for proper use by the Government, without regard to section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932, as amended (40 U. S. C. 278a); restoration of leased premises; moving Government agencies in connection with the assignment, allocation, and transfer of building space; and not to exceed $13,400 for expenses of travel; $11,600,000: *Provided*, That of this amount, such sums as may be determined by the General Services Administrator to be necessary may be paid into other appropriations of the General Services Administration only for purposes of accounting: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available to effect the moving of Government agencies from the District of Columbia to accomplish the dispersal of departmental functions.

63 Stat. 377. 40 USC 471 note.

47 Stat. 412.

Dispersal of departmental functions.

Repair, improvement, and equipment of federally owned buildings outside the District of Columbia: For expenses necessary for the repair, alteration, preservation, renovation, improvement, equipment, and demolition of federally owned buildings outside the District of Columbia, not otherwise provided for, including grounds, approaches and appurtenances, wharves and piers, together with the necessary dredging adjacent thereto; acquisition of land as authorized by title III of the Act of June 16, 1949 (40 U. S. C. 297); not to exceed $145,000 for expenses of travel; and care and safeguarding of sites acquired for Federal buildings; $25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

63 Stat. 198. 40 USC 297, 297a.

Operating expenses, Federal Supply Service: For necessary expenses of personal property management and related activities as provided by law; including not to exceed $300 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed $58,750 for expenses of travel; $3,005,000: *Provided*, That no functions budgeted under this appropriation shall be transferred to or financed from any other appropriation or fund.

Federal Supply Service.

Expenses, general supply fund: For expenses necessary for operation of the general supply fund (except those authorized by law to be charged to said fund), including contractual services incident to receiving, handling, and shipping warehouse items; not to exceed $250 for purchase of newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed $85,400 for expenses of travel; $12,000,000: *Provided*, That funds available to the General Services Administration for the current fiscal year shall be available for the hire of passenger motor vehicles: *Provided further*, That no functions budgeted under this appropriation shall be transferred to or financed from any other appropriation or fund.

Leased warehouse space temporarily in excess of operating requirements may be subleased to commercial organizations and the proceeds credited to the fund from which rental payments are made during fiscal year 1956.

NARS.

Operating expenses, National Archives and Records Service: For necessary expenses in connection with Federal records management and related activities as provided by law; and not to exceed $30,750 for expenses of travel; $5,550,000.

Administrative operations: For necessary expenses of executive direction for activities under the control of the General Services Administration, of administrative operations for activities under regular appropriations for "Operating expenses", and of processing and determining renegotiation rebates; including not to exceed $63,600 for expenses of travel; and not to exceed $250 for purchase of newspapers and periodicals; $4,125,000: *Provided*, That no functions budgeted under this appropriation shall be transferred to or financed from any other appropriation or fund.

65 Stat. 23.
50 USC app. 1231.

Refunds under Renegotiation Act: For refunds under section 201 (f) of the Renegotiation Act of 1951, the unobligated balance of the appropriations granted under this head for the fiscal years 1952, 1953, and 1954, shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That to the extent refunds are made from this appropriation of excessive profits collected under the Renegotiation Act and retained by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or its successors, or any of its subsidiaries, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or its successors, or the appropriate subsidiary shall reimburse this appropriation.

58 Stat. 78.
50 USC app. 1191.

60 Stat. 596.
50 USC 98 note.

60 Stat. 810.

Strategic and critical materials: For necessary expenses in carrying out the provisions of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of July 23, 1946, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), not to exceed $4,000,000 for operating expenses, and not to exceed $137,000 of such funds for expenses of travel, $521,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That any funds received as proceeds from sale or other disposition of materials on account of the rotation of stocks under said Act shall be deposited to the credit, and be available for expenditure for the purposes, of this appropriation: *Provided further*, That during the current fiscal year, there shall be no limitation on the value of surplus strategic and critical materials which, in accordance with subsection 6 (a) of the Act of July 23, 1946 (50 U. S. C. 98e (a)), may be transferred to stockpiles established in accordance with said Act: *Provided further*, That no part of funds available shall be used for construction of warehouses or tank storage facilities.

60 Stat. 598.

Strategic and critical materials (liquidation of contract authorization): For liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority heretofore granted under this head, to enter into contracts for the purpose of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of July 23, 1946, $27,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this amount may be disbursed through the appropriation "Strategic and critical materials" but shall be accounted for separately therein.

60 Stat. 596.
50 USC 98 note.

Hospital facilities in the District of Columbia: For an additional amount for expenses necessary in carrying out the provisions of the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 896), as amended (65 Stat. 657), authorizing the establishment of a hospital center in the District of Columbia, including grants to private agencies for hospital facilities in said District, $1,610,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the limitation under this head in the Act of July 15, 1952 (66 Stat. 644), as amended, on the total amount to be provided for completion of grant projects, is increased from "$11,400,000" to "$13,010,000"

Hospital facilities in the District of Columbia (liquidation of contract authorization): For payment of obligations incurred pursuant to authority provided under the head "Hospital Center, District of Columbia", in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1949, to enter into contracts for construction, $9,700,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this amount may be disbursed through the appropriation "Hospital facilities in the District of Columbia", but shall be accounted for separately therein.

62 Stat. 184.

Nome, Alaska. Post Office and Courthouse.

United States Post Office and Courthouse, Nome, Alaska: For construction of a building in Nome, Alaska, for use as a United States Post Office and Courthouse, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Buildings Act of May 25, 1926, as amended (40 U. S. C. 341), $1,100,000, to remain available until expended.

44 Stat. 630.

The appropriate foregoing appropriation to the General Services Administration shall be credited with (1) cost of maintenance, upkeep, and repair included as part of rentals received from Government corporations pursuant to law (40 U. S. C. 129); (2) reimbursements for services performed in respect to bonds and other obligations under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration, issued by public authorities, States, or other public bodies, and such services in respect to such bonds or obligations as the Administrator deems necessary and in the public interest may, upon the request and at the expense of the issuing agencies, be provided from the appropriate foregoing appropriation; and (3) appropriations or funds available to other agencies, and transferred to the General Services Administration, in connection with property transferred to the General Services Administration pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1948 (50 U. S. C. 451 ff), and such appropriations or funds may, with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, be so transferred.

61 Stat. 584.

62 Stat. 1225. 50 USC 451 note.

Typewriting machines.

During the current fiscal year, no part of any money appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used during any quarter of such fiscal year to purchase within the continental limits of the United States typewriting machines (except bookkeeping and billing machines) at a price which exceeds 90 per centum of the lowest net cash price, plus applicable Federal excise taxes, accorded the most-favored customer (other than the Government, the American National Red Cross, and the purchasers of typewriting machines for educational purposes only) of the manufacturer of such machines during the six-month period immediately preceding such quarter: *Provided*, That the purchase, utilization, and disposal of typewriting machines shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

63 Stat. 377. 40 USC 471 note.

The aggregate of annual payments for amortization of principal and interest thereon required by all purchase contracts entered into during the fiscal year 1956 pursuant to the Public Buildings Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 176), as amended by the Public Buildings Purchase Contract Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 518), shall not exceed the unused portion of the $5,000,000 limitation applicable prior to July 1, 1955, under section 411 (a) of the said Public Buildings Act of 1949, as amended.

40 USC 352 note.
40 USC 356 note.
68 Stat. 518. 40 USC 356.

The unobligated balances of the funds made available by section 1 (a) of the Act of June 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 257), the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1950, and the General Appropriation Act, 1951, for the acquisition of sites and the preparation of drawings and specifications for Federal public building projects outside the District of Columbia, as authorized by title I of the Act of June 16, 1949 (63 Stat. 176), as amended, and by the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 630), as amended, shall be available also for expenses of preparation of

63 Stat. 973; 64 Stat. 704.
40 USC 352-354.
40 USC 341-347.

drawings and specifications, by contract or otherwise, acquisition of sites where not otherwise provided for, including soil investigations and tests, and administrative expenses, for carrying out the purposes of the Public Buildings Purchase Contract Act of 1954 (Public Law 519, Eighty-third Congress), approved July 22, 1954.

68 Stat. 518.
40 USC 356 note.

Abaca fiber program: Not to exceed $117,500 of funds available to the General Services Administration for the abaca fiber program shall be available for administrative expenses incident to the abaca fiber program, to be computed on an accrual basis, and to be exclusive of the interest paid, depreciation, capitalized expenditures, expenses in connection with the acquisition, protection, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of real or personal property relating to the abaca fiber program, and expenses of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with the performance of legal services.

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Office of the Administrator, including rent in the District of Columbia; purchase of not to exceed twenty-three passenger motor vehicles, of which twelve shall be for replacement only; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); not to exceed $263,700 for expenses of travel; expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the agency; and the salary of a general counsel, but not in addition to staff otherwise authorized, which shall hereafter be at the salary rate of grade GS–18 so long as such position is occupied by the present incumbent; $5,000,000: *Provided*, That necessary expenses of inspections and of providing representatives at the site of projects being planned or undertaken by local public agencies pursuant to title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, projects financed through loans to educational institutions authorized by title IV of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended, and projects and facilities financed by loans to public agencies pursuant to section 108 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Liquidation Act, as amended (40 U. S. C. 459), shall be compensated by such agencies or institutions by the payment of fixed fees which in the aggregate will cover the costs of rendering such services, and expenses for such purpose shall be considered nonadministrative; and for the purpose of providing such inspections, the Administrator may utilize any agency and such agency may accept reimbursement or payment for such services from such institutions or the Administrator, and shall credit such amounts to the appropriations or funds against which such charges have been made, but such nonadministrative expenses shall not exceed $700,000.

60 Stat. 810.

63 Stat. 414.
42 USC 1451-1460.
64 Stat. 77.
12 USC 1749-1749c.

67 Stat. 231.

Reserve of planned public works: For an additional amount for advances to public agencies and for surveys to carry out the purposes of section 702 of the Housing Act of 1954, $3,000,000.

68 Stat. 641.
40 USC 462.

Urban planning grants: For an additional amount for grants to State, regional, and metropolitan area planning bodies in accordance with the provisions of section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, $2,000,000.

68 Stat. 640.
40 USC 461.

Capital grants for slum clearance and urban renewal: For an additional amount for payment of capital grants as authorized by title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1453, 1456), $50,000,000.

63 Stat. 416.

PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Administrative expenses: For administrative expenses of the Public Housing Administration, $8,200,000, to be merged with and expended under the authorization for such expenses contained in title II of this Act.

Annual contributions: For the payment of annual contributions to public housing agencies in accordance with section 10 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1410), $81,750,000. 50 Stat. 891.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

General expenses: For necessary expenses of the Interstate Commerce Commission not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed $5,000 for employment of special counsel; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed $50 per diem for individuals; newspapers (not to exceed $200); purchase of not to exceed forty passenger motor vehicles, of which twenty shall be for replacement only; and not to exceed $330,000 for expenses of travel; $10,437,000, of which $125,000 shall be available for expenses necessary to carry out such defense mobilization functions as may be delegated pursuant to law: *Provided*, That Joint Board members and cooperating State commissioners may use Government transportation requests when traveling in connection with their duties as such. 60 Stat. 810.

Railroad safety: For expenses necessary in performing functions authorized by law (45 U. S. C. 1–15, 17–21, 34–46, 61–64; 49 U. S. C. 26) to insure a maximum of safety in the operation of railroads, including authority to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, including those pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and the Sundry Civil Act of May 27, 1908 (45 U. S. C. 35–37), and to require carriers by railroad subject to the Act to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices as prescribed by the Commission (49 U. S. C. 26), including the employment of inspectors and engineers, and including not to exceed $163,050 for expenses of travel, $974,500. 34 Stat. 838. 35 Stat. 325. 41 Stat. 498.

Locomotive inspection: For expenses necessary in the enforcement of the Act of February 17, 1911, entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto", as amended (45 U. S. C. 22–34), including not to exceed $112,620 for expenses of travel, $709,500. 36 Stat. 913.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Committee, including one Director at not to exceed $17,500 per annum so long as the position is held by the present incumbent; contracts for the making of special investigations and reports and for engineering, drafting and computing services; equipment; not to exceed $330,000 for expenses of travel; maintenance and operation of aircraft; purchase of ten passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; not to exceed $100 for newspapers and periodicals; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); $60,135,000. 5 USC 2131. 60 Stat. 810.

Construction and equipment: For construction and equipment at laboratories and research stations of the Committee, including the acquisition of not to exceed five hundred acres of land, $12,565,000, to remain available until expended.

NATIONAL CAPITAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Maintenance and operation of properties: For the maintenance and operation of properties under title I of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Authority Act, $37,000: *Provided*, That all receipts derived from sales, leases, or other sources shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States monthly: *Provided further*, That so long as funds are available from appropriations for the foregoing purposes, the provisions of section 507 of the Housing Act of 1950 (Public Law 475, Eighty-first Congress), shall not be effective.

52 Stat. 1186. D. C. Code 5-103 to 5-111.

64 Stat. 81.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1861–1875), including award of graduate fellowships; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed $50 per diem for individuals; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed $120,000 for expenses of travel; not to exceed $150 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; $16,000,000, to remain available until expended.

64 Stat. 149.

60 Stat. 810.

International Geophysical Year: For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1861–1875), as they pertain to the United States program for the International Geophysical Year, including expenses of travel notwithstanding any limitation contained in this Act, $10,000,000, to remain available until June 30, 1960.

64 Stat. 149.

RENEGOTIATION BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Renegotiation Board, including expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the purposes of this appropriation; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed $94,500 for expenses of travel; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed $50 per diem for individuals; $4,150,000.

60 Stat. 810.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including not to exceed $500 for the purchase of newspapers; not to exceed $132,000 for expenses of travel; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); $4,955,000.

60 Stat. 810.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Selective Service System, as authorized by title I of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (62 Stat. 604), as amended, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); purchase of thirty motor vehicles

65 Stat. 75. 50 USC app. 451-471.

60 Stat. 810.

for replacement only; not to exceed $250 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals; not to exceed $72,500 for expenses of travel, National Administration, Planning, Training, and Records Management; not to exceed $145,000 for expenses of travel, State Administration, Planning, Training, and Records Servicing; and $75,800 for the National Selective Service Appeal Board, of which not to exceed $3,875 shall be available for expenses of travel; $27,216,000, together with not to exceed $1,226,000 of the unobligated balance of funds appropriated for this purpose in the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1955": *Provided*, That of the foregoing amount $20,963,700 shall be available for registration, classification, and induction activities of local boards: *Provided further*, That during the current fiscal year, the President may exempt this appropriation from the provisions of subsection (c) of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, whenever he deems such action to be necessary in the interest of national defense.

68 Stat. 287.

31 USC 665.

Appropriations for the Selective Service System may be used for the destruction of records accumulated under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, by the Director of Selective Service after compliance with the procedures for the destruction of records prescribed pursuant to the Records Disposal Act of 1943, as amended (44 U. S. C. 366-380): *Provided*, That no records may be transferred to any other agency without the approval of the Director of Selective Service.

Destruction of records.

54 Stat. 885.
50 USC app. 318.

57 Stat. 380.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

General operating expenses: For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Administration, not otherwise provided for, including expenses incidental to securing employment for war veterans; purchase of thirty-one passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; not to exceed $3,300 for newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed $2,731,000 for expenses of travel of employees; $158,002,000, of which $15,150,000 shall be available for such expenses as are necessary for the loan guaranty program: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay in excess of twenty persons engaged in public relations work: *Provided further*, That no part of any appropriation shall be used to pay educational institutions for reports and certifications of attendance at such institutions an allowance at a rate in excess of $1 per month for each eligible veteran enrolled in and attending such institution.

Public relations work.

Educational attendance reports.

Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses: For expenses necessary for administration of the medical, hospital, domiciliary, special service, construction and supply, research, and employee education and training activities; expenses necessary for carrying out programs of medical research and of education and training of employees, as authorized by law; not to exceed $751,800 for expenses of travel of employees paid from this appropriation, and those engaged in training programs; not to exceed $2,700 for newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed $43,700 for preparation, shipment, installation, and display of exhibits, photographic displays, moving pictures, and other visual educational information and descriptive material, including purchase or rental of equipment; $15,294,000.

Inpatient care: For expenses necessary for the maintenance and operation of hospitals and domiciliary facilities and for the care and treatment of beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration as authorized by law, including the furnishing of recreational articles and facilities; maintenance and operation of farms; repairing, altering,

improving or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration, not otherwise provided for, either by contract, or by the hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; purchase of ninety-six passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; not to exceed $246,000 for expenses of travel of employees; uniforms or allowances therefor as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); and aid to State or Territorial homes in conformity with the Act approved August 27, 1888, as amended (24 U. S. C. 134) for the support of veterans eligible for admission to Veterans Administration facilities for hospital or domiciliary care; $626,229,600, including the sum of $7,229,600 for reimbursable services performed for other Government agencies and individuals: *Provided*, That allotments and transfers may be made from this appropriation to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (Public Health Service), the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Interior Departments, for disbursement by them under the various headings of their applicable appropriations, of such amounts as are necessary for the care and treatment of beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration: *Provided further*, That the foregoing appropriation is predicated on furnishing inpatient care and treatment to an average of 131,484 beneficiaries during the fiscal year 1956 excluding members in State or Territorial homes, and if a lesser number is experienced such appropriation shall be expended only in proportion to the average number of beneficiaries furnished such care and treatment.

5 USC 2131.

25 Stat. 450.

Transfer of funds.

Outpatient care: For expenses necessary for furnishing outpatient care to beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration, as authorized by law, including purchase of ten passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; uniforms or allowances therefor as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); and not to exceed $170,000 for expenses of travel of employees; $82,089,000, of which not exceeding $11,500,000 shall be available for outpatient fee basis dental care.

5 USC 2131.

Maintenance and operation of supply depots: For expenses necessary for maintenance and operation of supply depots, including not to exceed $2,500 for expenses of travel of employees, $1,578,000.

Compensation and pensions: For the payment of compensation, pensions, gratuities, and allowances (including burial awards authorized by Veterans Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended, and subsistence allowances authorized by part VII of Veterans Regulation 1 (a) as amended), authorized under any Act of Congress, or regulation of the President based thereon, including emergency officers' retirement pay and annuities, the administration of which is now or may hereafter be placed in the Veterans Administration, and for the payment of adjusted-service credits as provided in sections 401 and 601 of the Act of May 19, 1924, as amended (38 U. S. C. 631 and 661), $2,800,000,000, to remain available until expended.

38 USC ch. 12A.

43 Stat. 125.

Readjustment benefits: For the payment of benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by titles II, III, and V, of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and title II of the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, as amended, and for supplies, equipment, and tuition authorized by part VII and payments authorized by part IX of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, $627,097,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That hereafter no part of any appropriation to the Veterans Administration shall be available, in connection with any loan authorized by title III of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (38 U. S. C. 694–694n), for payment to the lender by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, or for credit on the loan, of an amount equivalent to 4 per centum of the amount originally loaned, guaranteed or insured by the Veterans Administration: *Provided further*, That no right to any

58 Stat. 287.
38 USC 701, 694-694n, ch. 12A.

66 Stat. 663.
38 USC 911-984.

38 USC ch. 12A.

59 Stat. 626.

Time limitation.

such payment shall accrue after September 1, 1953, but the foregoing proviso shall not apply with respect to payments based on guarantees made, or certificates of commitments issued, prior to said date or commitments for loans made by the Veterans Administration.

Military and naval insurance: For military and naval insurance, $4,868,000, to remain available until expended.

National service life insurance: For the payment of benefits and for transfer to the national service life insurance fund, in accordance with the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, $81,300,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That certain premiums shall be credited to this appropriation as provided by the Act.

54 Stat. 1008.
38 USC 818.

Servicemen's indemnities: For payment of liabilities under the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951, $40,500,000, to remain available until expended.

65 Stat. 33.
38 USC 851 note.

Grants to the Republic of the Philippines: For payment to the Republic of the Philippines of grants in accordance with the Act of July 1, 1948, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 1991–1996), for expenses incident to medical care and treatment of veterans, $2,500,000.

62 Stat. 1210.

Hospital and domiciliary facilities: For hospital and domiciliary facilities, for planning and for extending, with the approval of the President, any of the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 1 and 2 of the Act approved March 4, 1931 (38 U. S. C. 438j–k) or in section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (38 U. S. C. 693a), to remain available until expended, $30,000,000, of which $2,900,000 shall be available for technical services for rehabilitation of the neuropsychiatric hospital at Downey, Illinois.

46 Stat. 1550.
58 Stat. 284.

Major alterations, improvements, and repairs: For all necessary expenses of major alterations, improvements, and repairs to regional offices, supply depots, and hospital and domiciliary facilities, $3,900,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be used to commence any major alteration, improvement, or repair unless funds are available for the completion of such work; and no funds shall be used for such work at any facility if the Veterans Administration is reasonably certain that the installation will be abandoned in the near future.

Not to exceed 5 per centum of any appropriation for the current fiscal year for "Compensation and pensions", "Readjustment benefits", "Military and naval insurance", "National service life insurance", and "Servicemen's indemnities", may be transferred, to any other of the mentioned appropriations, but not to exceed 10 per centum of the appropriation so augmented.

Appropriations available to the Veterans Administration for the current fiscal year for salaries and expenses shall be available for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a).

60 Stat. 810.

Appropriations available to the Veterans Administration for the current fiscal year for "Inpatient care" and "Outpatient care" shall be available for funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental thereto (except burial awards authorized by Veterans Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended), for beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration receiving care under such appropriations.

38 USC ch. 12A.

No part of the appropriations in this Act for the Veterans Administration (except the appropriation for "Hospital and domiciliary facilities") shall be available for the purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any new hospital or home.

No part of the foregoing appropriations shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons except beneficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits to veterans, unless reimbursement of cost is made to the appropriation at such rates as may be fixed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Travel expenses.

SEC. 102. Where appropriations in this title are expendable for travel expenses of employees and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures for such travel expenses may not exceed the amount set forth therefor in the budget estimates submitted for the appropriations: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to travel performed by uncompensated officials of local boards and appeal boards of the Selective Service System.

Newspaper and periodical purchases.

SEC. 103. Where appropriations in this title are expendable for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures therefor under each such appropriation may not exceed the amount of $50: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to the purchase of scientific, technical, trade, or traffic periodicals necessary in connection with the performance of the authorized functions of the agencies for which funds are herein provided.

Positions formerly held by persons entering Armed Forces.

SEC. 104. No part of any appropriation contained in this title shall be available to pay the salary of any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily completed his period of active military or naval service and has within ninety days after his release from such service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of not more than one year made application for restoration to his former position and has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as still qualified to perform the duties of his former position and has not been restored thereto.

Attendance at meetings.

SEC. 105. Appropriations contained in this title, available for expenses of travel shall be available, when specifically authorized by the head of the activity or establishment concerned, for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation concerned is made.

Real estate sales, etc.

SEC. 106. No part of any appropriations made available by the provisions of this title shall be used for the purchase or sale of real estate or for the purpose of establishing new offices outside the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to programs which have been approved by the Congress and appropriations made therefor.

Personnel work.

SEC. 107. No part of any appropriation contained in this title shall be used to pay the compensation of any employee engaged in personnel work in excess of the number that would be provided by a ratio of one such employee to one hundred and thirty-five, or a part thereof, full-time, part-time, and intermittent employees of the agency concerned: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section employees shall be considered as engaged in personnel work if they spend half time or more in personnel administration consisting of direction and administration of the personnel program; employment, placement, and separation; job evaluation and classification; employee relations and services; training; wage administration; and processing, recording, and reporting.

Age requirement restriction.

SEC. 108. No part of any appropriation contained in this title shall be used to pay the compensation of any officers and employees who allocate positions in the classified civil service with a requirement of maximum age for such positions: *Provided*, That (1) ability and

(2) qualifications for employment to such positions shall be the governing considerations.

SEC. 109. None of the sections under the head "Independent Offices, General Provisions" in this title shall apply to the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Nonapplicability.

TITLE II—CORPORATIONS

The following corporations and agencies, respectively, are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the Budget for the fiscal year 1956 for each such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided:

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.

Office of the Administrator, housing loans to educational institutions: Not to exceed $500,000 shall be available for all administrative expenses, which shall be on an accrual basis, of carrying out the functions of the Office of the Administrator under the program of housing loans to educational institutions (title IV of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended, 12 U. S. C. 1749–1749d), but this amount shall be exclusive of payment for services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, the Federal home-loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Act creating the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Act of August 23, 1935, as amended, 12 U. S. C. 264) which has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a depository of public money of the United States: *Provided*, That not to exceed $19,000 shall be available for expenses of travel.

Housing and Home Finance Agency.

64 Stat. 77.

64 Stat. 873.
12 USC 1811 note.

Office of the Administrator, public facility loans: Not to exceed $40,000 of funds in the revolving fund established pursuant to section 108 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Liquidation Act, as amended (40 U. S. C. 459), shall be available for administrative expenses, but this amount shall be exclusive of payment for services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, the Federal home-loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Act creating the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Act of August 23, 1935, as amended, 12 U. S. C. 264) which has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a depository of public money of the United States.

67 Stat. 231.

64 Stat. 873.
12 USC 1811 note.

Office of the Administrator, revolving fund (liquidating programs): During the current fiscal year not to exceed $2,600,000 shall be available for administrative expenses (including not to exceed $183,200 for travel), but this amount shall be exclusive of costs of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with termination of contracts and legal services on a contract or fee basis and of payment for services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, any servicer approved by the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal home-loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Act of August 23, 1935, as amended, creating the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (12 U. S. C. 264) which has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a depository of public money of the United States: *Provided*, That all expenses, not otherwise specifically limited in connection with the programs provided for under this head shall not exceed $10,750,000, but this limitation shall not apply to expenses (other than for personal services) in connection with disposition of federally owned projects.

64 Stat. 873.
12 USC 1811 note.

Federal National Mortgage Association: Not to exceed $3,950,000 shall be available for administrative expenses, which shall be on an

accrual basis, and shall be exclusive of interest paid, expenses (including expenses for fiscal agency services performed on a contract or fee basis) in connection with the issuance and servicing of obligations, depreciation, properly capitalized expenditures, fees for servicing mortgages, expenses (including services performed on a force account, contract, or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, protection, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to said Association or in which it has an interest, cost of salaries, wages, travel, and other expenses of persons employed outside of the continental United States, expenses of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with the performance of legal services, and all administrative expenses reimbursable from other Government agencies; and said Association may utilize and may make payment for services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That the distribution of administrative expenses to the accounts of the Association shall be made in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and practices: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $90,000 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That administrative expenses not under limitation for the purposes set forth in the budget schedules for the fiscal year 1956 shall not exceed $150,000.

Home Loan Bank Board: Not to exceed a total of $920,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Home Loan Bank Board, and shall be derived from funds available to the Home Loan Bank Board, including those in the Home Loan Bank Board revolving fund and receipts of the Federal Home Loan Bank Administration, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, or the Home Loan Bank Board for the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years, and the Board may utilize and may make payment for services and facilities of the Federal home-loan banks, the Federal Reserve banks, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That all necessary expenses in connection with the conservatorship of institutions insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and all necessary expenses (including services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the handling, including the purchase, sale, and exchange, of securities on behalf of Federal home-loan banks, and the sale, issuance, and retirement of, or payment of interest on, debentures or bonds, under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, as amended, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $42,400 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That members of the Federal Savings and Loan Advisory Council shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Board for transportation expenses incurred in attendance at meetings of such Council and may be paid not to exceed $25 per diem in lieu of subsistence: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, except for the limitation in amount hereinbefore specified, the administrative expenses and other obligations of the Board shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act of July 22, 1932, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1421–1449): *Provided further*, That the nonadministrative expenses for the examination of Federal and State chartered institutions shall not exceed $2,995,000.

47 Stat. 725.
12 USC 1421.

Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation: Not to exceed $985,000 shall be available for administrative expenses, which shall be on an accrual basis and shall be exclusive of interest paid, depreciation, properly capitalized expenditures, expenses in connection with liquidation of insured institutions, liquidation or handling of

assets of or derived from insured institutions, payment of insurance, and action for or toward the avoidance, termination, or minimizing of losses in the case of insured institutions, legal fees and expenses, and payments for administrative expenses of the Home Loan Bank Board determined by said Board to be properly allocable to said Corporation, and said Corporation may utilize and may make payment for services and facilities of the Federal home-loan banks, the Federal Reserve banks, the Home Loan Bank Board, and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That not to exceed $90,000 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, except for the limitation in amount hereinbefore specified, the administrative expenses and other obligations of said Corporation shall be incurred, allowed and paid in accordance with title IV of the Act of June 27, 1934, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1724–1730).

48 Stat. 1255.

Federal Housing Administration: In addition to the amounts available by or pursuant to law (which shall be transferred to this authorization) for the administrative expenses in carrying out duties imposed by or pursuant to law, not to exceed $5,900,000 of the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration shall be available for expenditure, in accordance with the National Housing Act, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1701): *Provided*, That, except as herein otherwise provided, all expenses and obligations of said Administration shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of said Act: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $300,000 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That funds available for expenditure shall be available for contract actuarial services (not to exceed $1,500); and purchase of periodicals and newspapers (not to exceed $500): *Provided further*, That expenditures for nonadministrative expenses classified by section 2 of Public Law 387, approved October 25, 1949, shall not exceed $33,000,000.

48 Stat. 1246.

63 Stat. 905.
12 USC 1702.

Public Housing Administration: Of the amounts available by law for the administrative expenses of the Public Housing Administration in carrying out duties imposed by law including funds appropriated by title I of this Act not to exceed $8,200,000, shall be available for such expenses, including not to exceed $530,000 for expenses of travel, purchase of not to exceed four passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; and expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Administration: *Provided*, That necessary expenses of providing representatives of the Administration at the sites of non-Federal projects in connection with the construction of such non-Federal projects by public housing agencies with the aid of the Administration, shall be compensated by such agencies by the payment of fixed fees which in the aggregate in relation to the development costs of such projects will cover the costs of rendering such services, and expenditures by the Administration for such purpose shall be considered nonadministrative expenses, and funds received from such payments may be used only for the payment of necessary expenses of providing representatives of the Administration at the sites of non-Federal projects: *Provided further*, That all expenses of the Public Housing Administration not specifically limited in this Act, in carrying out its duties imposed by law, shall not exceed $1,820,000.

CORPORATIONS—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Personnel work.

SEC. 202. No part of the funds of, or available for expenditure by, any corporation or agency included in this title shall be used to pay the compensation of any employee engaged in personnel work in excess of the number that would be provided by a ratio of one such employee to one hundred and thirty-five, or a part thereof, full-

time, part-time, and intermittent employees of the agency concerned: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section employees shall be considered as engaged in personnel work if they spend half-time or more in personnel administration consisting of direction and administration of the personnel program; employment, placement, and separation; job evaluation and classification; employee relations and services; training; committees of expert examiners and boards of civil-service examiners; wage administration; and processing, recording, and reporting.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Strikes or overthrow of U. S. Government.

SEC. 301. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act, or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation included in this Act, shall be used to pay the salary or wages of 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 is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or 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.

Publicity or propaganda.

SEC. 302. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act, or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation or agency included in this Act, shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress.

Short title.

SEC. 303. This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1956".

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June 30, 1955 [S. 666]

AN ACT

To extend the period of authorization of appropriations for the hospital center and facilities in the District of Columbia.

D. C. hospital center. 66 Stat. 288.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of