

Public Law 121

CHAPTER 253

AN ACT

June 30, 1955
[H. R. 6367]

Making appropriations for the Department of Commerce and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

Department of
Commerce and Re-
lated Agencies
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 the Department of Commerce and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Commerce (hereafter in this title referred to as the Secretary), including teletype news service (not exceeding \$1,000); \$2,172,000.

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for collecting, compiling, and publishing current census statistics provided for by law; and for general administration, including enumerators at rates to be fixed without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended; \$6,900,000.

Census of agriculture: For expenses necessary for taking, compiling, and publishing the 1954 Census of Agriculture, as authorized by law, including personal services by contract or otherwise at rates to be fixed by the Secretary of Commerce without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended; and additional compensation of Federal employees temporarily detailed for field work under this appropriation; \$5,500,000, to remain available until December 31, 1956.

Censuses of business, manufactures, and mineral industries: For expenses necessary for taking, compiling, and publishing the censuses of business, manufactures, and mineral industries as authorized by law, including personal services by contract or otherwise at rates to be fixed by the Secretary of Commerce without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended; and additional compensation of Federal employees temporarily detailed for field work under this appropriation; \$4,000,000, to remain available until December 31, 1957.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

52 Stat. 973.

60 Stat. 170.
49 USC 1101
note.

Operation and regulation: For necessary expenses of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in carrying out the provisions of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended (49 U. S. C. 401), and other Acts incident to the enforcement of safety regulations, maintenance and operation of air-navigation and air-traffic control facilities, and disposal of surplus airports and administering instruments of disposal; planning, research, and administrative expenses for carrying out the provisions of the Federal Airport Act of May 13, 1946, as amended, including furnishing advisory services to States and other public and private agencies in connection with the construction or improvement of airports and landing areas; developmental work and service-testing as tends to the creation of improved air-navigation facilities, including landing areas, aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, personnel, and operation methods, and acquisition of sites for such activities by lease, or grant; purchase of not to exceed sixty-five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; hire of aircraft (not

exceeding \$370,000); operation and maintenance of not to exceed eighty-five aircraft; fees and mileage of expert and other witnesses; and purchase and repair of skis and snowshoes; \$106,150,000: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, and other public authorities for expenses incurred in the maintenance and operation of air-navigation facilities.

Establishment of air-navigation facilities: For an additional amount for the acquisition, establishment, and improvement by contract or purchase and hire of air-navigation facilities, including the initial acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; the construction and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations for officers and employees of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the Weather Bureau stationed at remote localities not on foreign soil where such accommodations are not available; the initial flight checking of air-navigation facilities and the transportation by air to and from and within the Territories of the United States of materials and equipment secured under this appropriation; \$16,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Establishment of air-navigation facilities (liquidation of contract authorization): For liquidation of obligations incurred under authority heretofore granted under this head to enter into contracts, \$7,000,000.

Grants-in-aid for airports: For project grants authorized by the Federal Airport Act, as amended, to remain available until June 30, 1958, \$20,000,000, of which (1) \$19,650,000 shall be for projects in the States in accordance with section 6 of said Act, (2) \$100,000 for projects in Puerto Rico, (3) \$50,000 for projects in the Virgin Islands, (4) \$100,000 for projects in the Territory of Hawaii, and (5) \$100,000 for projects in the Territory of Alaska: *Provided*, That the unexpended balances of appropriations previously made under the head "Federal-aid airport program, Federal Airport Act," shall hereafter be merged with and accounted for under this head.

Federal-aid airport program, Federal Airport Act (liquidation of contract authorization): For liquidation of obligations incurred under authority heretofore granted under this head to enter into contracts, \$7,500,000.

Maintenance and operation, Washington National Airport: For expenses incident to the care, operation, maintenance and protection of the Washington National Airport, including purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; purchase, cleaning, and repair of uniforms; and arms and ammunition; \$1,350,000.

Construction, Washington National Airport: For an additional amount for "Construction, Washington National Airport", including construction, alterations, and repairs, \$525,000, to remain available until expended.

Maintenance and operation of public airports, Territory of Alaska: For expenses necessary for the maintenance, improvement, and operation of public airports in the Territory of Alaska, as authorized by law (48 U. S. C. 485 c-h); including arms and ammunition; and purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms; \$600,000.

Air navigation development: For expenses necessary for planning and developing a national system of aids to air navigation and air traffic control common to military and civil air navigation, including research, experimental investigations, purchase and development, by contract or otherwise, of new types of air navigation aids (including plans, specifications, and drawings); hire of aircraft; acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; payments in advance under contracts for research or development work; and not to exceed \$175,000 for administrative expenses; \$1,050,000.

60 Stat. 170.
49 USC 1101
note.
49 USC 1105.

62 Stat. 278.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Civil Aeronautics Board, including contract stenographic reporting services; employment of temporary guards on a contract or fee basis; salaries and traveling expenses of employees detailed to attend courses of training conducted by the Government or industries serving aviation; purchase (not to exceed two for replacement only) of passenger motor vehicles; and hire, operation, maintenance, and repair of aircraft; \$4,125,000.

52 Stat. 998.
67 Stat. 644.

49 USC 486 note.

Payments to air carriers: For payments to air carriers of so much of the compensation fixed and determined by the Civil Aeronautics Board under section 406 of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended (49 U. S. C. 486), as is payable by the Civil Aeronautics Board pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 10 of 1953; \$52,500,000, to remain available until expended.

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

61 Stat. 787.

5 USC 2131 note.

67 Stat. 501.
37 USC 371 note.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act of August 6, 1947 (33 U. S. C. 883a-883i), including purchase of not to exceed three passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); lease of sites and the erection of temporary buildings for tide, magnetic or seismological observations; hire of aircraft; operation, maintenance, and repair of an airplane; extra compensation at not to exceed \$15 per month to each member of the crew of a vessel when assigned duties as recorder or instrument observer, and at not to exceed \$1 per day for each station to employees of other Federal agencies while making oceanographic observations or tending seismographs; pay, allowances, gratuities, transportation of dependents and household effects, and payment of funeral expenses, as authorized by law, for not to exceed 185 commissioned officers on the active list; payments under the Uniform Services Contingency Option Act of 1953; and pay of commissioned officers retired in accordance with law; \$10,225,000: *Provided*, That during the current fiscal year, this appropriation shall be reimbursed for press costs and costs of paper for charts published by the Coast and Geodetic Survey and furnished for the official use of the military departments of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS AND DEFENSE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Business and Defense Services Administration, including transportation and not to exceed \$15 per diem in lieu of subsistence for persons serving without compensation while away from their homes or regular places of business, \$6,198,000.

BUREAU OF FOREIGN COMMERCE

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, including the purchase of commercial and trade reports; \$2,000,000.

63 Stat. 7.
50 USC app.
2021 note.

67 Stat. 577.

Export control: For expenses necessary for carrying out the provisions of the Export Control Act of 1949, as amended, relating to export controls, including awards of compensation to informers under said Act and as authorized by the Act of August 13, 1953 (22 U. S. C. 401), \$2,650,000, of which not to exceed \$800,000 may be advanced to the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, for enforcement of the

export control program, and of which not to exceed \$82,500 may be advanced to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses" under the Office of the Secretary.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Office of Business Economics, \$900,000.

MARITIME ACTIVITIES

Ship construction: For construction as authorized by sections 701 and 702 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U. S. C. 1191, 1192), of one prototype tanker; for payment of construction-differential subsidy and cost of national-defense features incident to construction of two passenger-cargo ships and not to exceed five cargo ships for replacement, and for payment of construction-differential subsidy and cost of national-defense features incident to the reconstruction and reconditioning of ships under title V of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U. S. C. 1154); for reconditioning and betterment of one ship in the national-defense reserve fleet; for necessary expenses for the acquisition of used cargo ships and tankers pursuant to section 510 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U. S. C. 1160), and the payment of cost of national-defense features incorporated in new tankers constructed to replace such used tankers; and for research, development, and design expenses incident to new and advanced ship design, machinery, and equipment; \$86,450,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That transfers may be made to the appropriation for the current fiscal year for "Salaries and expenses" for administrative and warehouse expenses (not to exceed \$1,000,000) and for reserve fleet expenses in such amounts as may be required, and any such transfers shall be without regard to the limitations under that appropriation on the amounts available for such expenses: *Provided further*, That appropriations granted herein shall be available to pay construction-differential subsidy granted by the Federal Maritime Board, pursuant to section 501 (c) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to aid in the reconstruction of any Mariner-class ships sold under the provisions of title VII of the 1936 Act: *Provided further*, That all ship construction, reconditioning and betterment of vessels appropriated for herein, shall be performed in shipyards in the continental United States: *Provided further*, That no funds contained in this Act may be used to commence construction, reconstruction, conversion, reconditioning or betterment of any vessel until the total Federal funds required to complete such work have been appropriated.

Operating-differential subsidies: For the payment of obligations incurred for operating-differential subsidies granted on or after January 1, 1947, as authorized by the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, and in appropriations heretofore made to the United States Maritime Commission, \$110,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That to the extent that the operating-differential subsidy accrual (computed on the basis of parity) is represented on the operator's books by a contingent accounts receivable item against the United States as a partial or complete offset to the recapture accrual, the operator (1) shall be excused from making deposits in the special reserve fund, and (2) as to the amount of such earnings the deposit of which is so excused shall be entitled to the same tax treatment as though it had been deposited in said special reserve fund. To the extent that any amount paid to the operator by the United States reduces the balance in the operator's contingent receivable

49 Stat. 2008.

49 Stat. 1998.

53 Stat. 1183.

49 Stat. 1995.
46 USC 1151 (c).

49 Stat. 2008.
46 USC 1191-1204.

49 Stat. 1985.
46 USC ch. 27.

account against the United States, such amount shall forthwith be deposited in the special reserve fund of the operator: *Provided further*, That no contracts shall be executed during the current fiscal year by the Federal Maritime Board which will obligate the Government to pay operating differential subsidy on more than one thousand nine hundred and fifty voyages in any one calendar year, including voyages covered by contracts in effect at the beginning of the current fiscal year, of which not less than one hundred and twelve shall be for operators who have not held contracts prior to July 1, 1955.

49 Stat. 1985.
46 USC ch. 27.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for carrying into effect the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, and other laws administered by the Federal Maritime Board and the Maritime Administration, \$14,350,000, within limitations as follows:

Administrative expenses, including not to exceed \$1,125 for entertainment of officials of other countries when specifically authorized by the Maritime Administrator; and ship structure research, testing and models; \$5,955,000;

Maintenance of shipyard facilities and operation of warehouses, \$1,215,000;

Reserve fleet expenses, \$7,180,000.

53 Stat. 1182.
37 USC 231 note.

Maritime training: For training cadets as officers of the merchant marine at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, including pay and allowances for personnel of the United States Maritime Service as authorized by law (46 U. S. C. 1126, 63 Stat. 802, 64 Stat. 794, and 66 Stat. 79); not to exceed \$2,500 for contingencies for the Superintendent, United States Merchant Marine Academy, to be expended in his discretion; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; and not to exceed \$30,000 for transfer to applicable appropriations of the Public Health Service for services rendered the Maritime Administration; \$2,085,000, including uniform and textbook allowances for cadet midshipmen, at an average yearly cost of not to exceed \$200 per cadet: *Provided*, That except as herein provided for uniform and textbook allowances this appropriation shall not be used for compensation or allowances for cadets.

36 Stat. 1353.

State marine schools: To reimburse the State of California, \$47,500; the State of Maine, \$47,500; the State of Massachusetts, \$47,500; and the State of New York, \$47,500; for expenses incurred in the maintenance and support of marine schools in such States as provided in the Act authorizing the establishment of marine schools, and so forth, approved March 4, 1911, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1121–1123); \$149,800 for the maintenance and repair of vessels loaned by the United States to the said States for use in connection with such State marine schools; and \$320,200 for allowances for uniforms, textbooks, and subsistence of cadets at State marine schools, to be paid in accordance with regulations established pursuant to law (46 U. S. C. 1126 (b)); \$660,000.

53 Stat. 1183.

68 Stat. 754.
50 USC app.
2391 note.

Repair of reserve fleet vessels (liquidation of contract authorization): For the payment of obligations incurred pursuant to authority granted under the "Emergency Ship Repair Act of 1954", \$6,000,000: *Provided*, That advances may be made from this appropriation to "Salaries and expenses, maritime activities", for administrative expenses (not to exceed \$150,000), and for reserve fleet expenses (in such amounts as may be required), and such advances shall be in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such expenses.

61 Stat. 697.

War Shipping Administration liquidation: Not to exceed \$5,900,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation to the Secretary of the Treasury in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1948, for liquidation of obligations approved by the General Accounting Office as properly incurred against funds of the War Shipping Administration prior to January 1, 1947, is hereby continued available

during the current fiscal year, and shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred against the working fund titled: "Working fund, Commerce, War Shipping Administration functions, December 31, 1946".

No additional vessels shall be allocated under charter, nor shall any vessel be continued under charter by reason of any extension of chartering authority beyond June 30, 1949, unless the charterer shall agree that the Maritime Administration shall have no obligation upon redelivery to accept or pay for consumable stores, bunkers and slop-chest items, except with respect to such minimum amounts of bunkers as the Maritime Administration considers advisable to be retained on the vessel and that prior to such redelivery all consumable stores, slop-chest items and bunkers over and above such minimums shall be removed from the vessel by the charterer at his own expense.

No money made available to the Department of Commerce, for maritime activities, by this or any other Act shall be used in payment for a vessel the title to which is acquired by the Government either by requisition or purchase, or the use of which is taken either by requisition or agreement, or which is insured by the Government and lost while so insured, unless the price or hire to be paid therefor (except in cases where section 802 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is applicable) is computed in accordance with subsection 902 (a) of said Act, as that subsection is interpreted by the General Accounting Office.

53 Stat. 1254.
46 USC 1212.

53 Stat. 1255.
46 USC 1242 (a).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Maritime Administration is authorized to furnish utilities and services and make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving Government property under control of the Maritime Administration, and payments received by the Maritime Administration for utilities, services, and repairs so furnished or made shall be credited to the appropriation charged with the cost thereof: *Provided*, That rental payments under any such lease, contract, or occupancy on account of items other than such utilities, services, or repairs shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

No obligations shall be incurred during the current fiscal year from the construction fund established by the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, or otherwise, in excess of the appropriations and limitations contained in this Act, or in any prior appropriation Act, and all receipts which otherwise would be deposited to the credit of said fund shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

49 Stat. 1985.
46 USC ch. 27.

Vessel operations revolving fund: Hereafter the vessel operations revolving fund, created by the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1951, shall be available for necessary expenses incurred, in connection with protection, preservation, maintenance, acquisition, or use of vessels involved in mortgage-foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings instituted by the United States, including payment of prior claims and liens, expenses of sale, or other charges incident thereto; for necessary expenses incident to the redelivery and lay-up, in the United States, of ships now chartered under agreements which do not call for their return to the United States; and for payment of expenses of custody and husbanding of Government-owned ships other than those within reserve fleets: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1,500,000 of the funds of the vessel operations revolving fund may be used during the fiscal year 1956 for the purposes set forth in this paragraph.

65 Stat. 59.
46 USC 1241a.

Inland Waterways Corporation (administered under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of Commerce): Not to exceed \$14,000 shall be available for administrative expenses to be determined in the manner set forth under the title "General expenses" in the Uniform System of Accounts for Carriers by Water of the Interstate Commerce Commission (effective January 1, 1947).

PATENT OFFICE

60 Stat. 810.

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Patent Office, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates for individuals not to exceed \$75 per diem (not to exceed \$25,000); and defense of suits instituted against the Commissioner of Patents; \$14,000,000.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

42 Stat. 217.

General administrative expenses: Necessary expenses of administration, including advertising (including advertising in the city of Washington for work to be performed in areas adjacent thereto), purchase of seventy-five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and the maintenance and repairs of experimental highways, shall be paid, in accordance with law, from appropriations available to the Bureau of Public Roads.

Of the total amount available from appropriations of the Bureau of Public Roads for general administrative expenses, pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the Act of November 9, 1921, as amended (23 U. S. C. 21), \$100,000 shall be available for all necessary expenses to enable the President to utilize the services of the Bureau of Public Roads in fulfilling the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Pan-American Highway Between the United States and Other American Republics (51 Stat. 152), cooperation with several governments, members of the Pan American Union, in connection with the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway, and for performing engineering service in Pan-American countries for and upon the request of any agency or governmental corporation of the United States.

39 Stat. 355.
23 USC 9a note.

Federal-aid highways: For carrying out the provisions of the Act of July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented (23 U. S. C. 1-22, 24-105, 107-117), to remain available until expended, \$640,000,000, which sum is composed of \$343,500,000, the balance of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1954, \$288,500,000, a part of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1955, and \$163,336, \$75,915, \$1,695,797, and \$1,401,457, the latter sums being for reimbursement of the sums expended for the repair or reconstruction of highways and bridges which have been damaged or destroyed by floods, hurricanes, or landslides, as provided by section 4 of the Act approved June 8, 1938, section 7 of the Act approved July 13, 1943, and section 9 of the Act approved September 7, 1950, as amended (23 U. S. C. 13a and 13b) and section 7 of the Act approved June 25, 1952, and \$4,663,495 for reimbursement of the sums expended for the design and construction of highway bridges upon and across dams in accordance with the Act of July 29, 1946 (60 Stat. 709).

52 Stat. 634; 57
Stat. 561; 64 Stat.
789.

66 Stat. 161.

23 USC 64-69.

42 Stat. 218; 49
Stat. 1520.

Forest highways: For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for carrying out the provisions of section 23 of the Federal Highway Act of November 9, 1921, as amended (23 U. S. C. 23, 23a), to remain available until expended, \$21,750,000, which sum is composed of \$19,000,000, the remainder of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1955, and \$2,750,000, a part of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1956: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for the rental, purchase, construction, or alteration of buildings and sites necessary for the storage and repair of equipment and supplies used for road construction and maintenance, but the total cost of any such item under this authorization shall not exceed \$15,000.

Inter-American Highway: For necessary expenses of continuing the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of December 26, 1941 (55 Stat. 860), as amended by section 6 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 158), including purchase of five passenger motor vehicles, \$25,250,000; to remain available until expended.

66 Stat. 160.

Public lands highways (liquidation of contract authorization): For payment of obligations incurred pursuant to the contract authorization granted by section 6 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 73), to remain available until expended, \$2,000,000, which sum is composed of \$1,625,000, the remainder of the amount authorized for fiscal year 1955, and \$375,000, a part of the amount authorized for fiscal year 1956.

General provisions—Bureau of Public Roads: None of the money appropriated for the work of the Bureau of Public Roads during the current fiscal year shall be paid to any State on account of any project on which convict labor shall be employed, but this provision shall not apply to labor performed by convicts on parole or probation.

During the current fiscal year authorized engineering or other services in connection with the survey, construction, and maintenance, or improvement of roads may be performed for other Government agencies, cooperating foreign countries, and State cooperating agencies, and reimbursement for such services (which may include depreciation on engineering and road-building equipment used) shall be credited to the appropriation concerned.

During the current fiscal year appropriations for the work of the Bureau of Public Roads shall be available for expenses of warehouse maintenance and the procurement, care, and handling of supplies, materials, and equipment for distribution to projects under the supervision of the Bureau of Public Roads, or for sale or distribution to other Government activities, cooperating foreign countries, and State cooperating agencies, and the cost of such supplies and materials or the value of such equipment (including the cost of transportation and handling) may be reimbursed to current applicable appropriations.

Appropriations to the Bureau of Public Roads may be used in emergency for medical supplies and services and other assistance necessary for the immediate relief of employees engaged on hazardous work under that Bureau, and for temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates for individuals not in excess of \$100 per diem.

60 Stat. 810.

REDUCTIONS IN CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Bureau of Public Roads: The unobligated balances of contract authorizations provided in section 4 of the Act approved June 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 634), and section 9 of the Act approved September 7, 1950 (64 Stat. 789), as amended by the Act approved October 15, 1951 (65 Stat. 421), are hereby canceled.

23 USC 13a.

The authorization in section 3 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1952 for forest highways for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, is hereby reduced by the sum of \$15,900,000.

NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Expenses: For expenses necessary in performing the functions authorized by the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U. S. C. 271–278c), including general administration; operation, maintenance, alteration, and protection of grounds and facilities; and improvement and construction of temporary or special facilities as authorized by

31 Stat. 1449.

64 Stat. 371.

section 2 of the Act of July 21, 1950 (15 U. S. C. 286); \$7,000,000: *Provided*, That during the current fiscal year the maximum base rate of compensation for employees appointed pursuant to the Act of July 21, 1950 (15 U. S. C. 285), shall be equivalent to the entrance rate of GS-12.

64 Stat. 370.

31 Stat. 1449.

64 Stat. 371.

Plant and equipment: For construction of a pilot electronic data-processing device to be used in the performance of functions authorized by the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U. S. C. 271-278c); repair of mechanical facilities; and expenses incurred, as authorized by section 2 of the Act of July 21, 1950 (15 U. S. C. 286), in the construction or improvement of buildings, grounds, and other facilities; and construction of an electronic calibration center at a cost not to exceed \$765,000; \$995,000, to remain available until expended.

WEATHER BUREAU

60 Stat. 810.

62 Stat. 286.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Weather Bureau, including maintenance and operation of aircraft; purchase of five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; not to exceed \$25,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); and not to exceed \$10,000 for maintenance of a printing office in the city of Washington, as authorized by law; \$32,000,000 of which \$4,250,000 shall be available only for the improvement and operation of hurricane, severe storm, and tornado warning services in the United States, including research related thereto, and construction of necessary facilities: *Provided*, That during the current fiscal year, the maximum amount authorized under section 3 (a) of the Act of June 2, 1948 (15 U. S. C. 327), for extra compensation to employees of other Government agencies for taking and transmitting meteorological observations, shall be \$5 per day; and the maximum base rate of pay authorized under section 3 (b) of said Act, for employees conducting meteorological investigations in the Arctic region, shall be \$6,000 per annum, except that not more than five of such employees at any one time may receive a base rate of \$8,500 per annum, and such employees may be appointed without regard to the Classification Act of 1949.

Establishment of meteorological facilities: For the acquisition, establishment, and relocation of meteorological observing facilities and related equipment, including the alteration and modernization of existing facilities; \$7,500,000, to remain available until June 30, 1959.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

63 Stat. 907.

SEC. 102. During the current fiscal year applicable appropriations and funds available to the Department of Commerce shall be available for the activities specified in the Act of October 26, 1949 (5 U. S. C. 596a), to the extent and in the manner prescribed by said Act.

60 Stat. 810.

SEC. 103. Appropriations in this title available for salaries and expenses shall be available for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the activities for which the appropriations are made; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but, unless otherwise specified, at rates for individuals not to exceed \$50 per diem.

SEC. 104. Hereafter the position of Budget Officer of the Department shall be in GS-17 of the General Schedule established by the Classification Act of 1949 so long as the position is held by the present incumbent.

TITLE II—THE PANAMA CANAL

CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT

Operating expenses: For operating expenses necessary for the Canal Zone Government, including operation of the Postal Service of the Canal Zone; hire of passenger motor vehicles; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); expenses incident to conducting hearings on the Isthmus; expenses of attendance at meetings, when authorized by the Governor of the Canal Zone, of organizations concerned with activities pertaining to the Canal Zone Government; expenses of special training of employees of the Canal Zone Government as authorized by law (63 Stat. 602); contingencies of the Governor; residence for the Governor; medical aid and support of the insane and of lepers and aid and support of indigent persons legally within the Canal Zone, including expenses of their deportation when practicable; and payments of not to exceed \$50 in any one case to persons within the Government service who shall furnish blood for transfusions; \$14,500,000.

5 USC 2131 note.

Capital outlay: For acquisition of land and land under water and acquisition, construction, and replacement of improvements, facilities, structures, and equipment, as authorized by law (63 Stat. 600 and 48 U. S. C. 1302), including the purchase of not to exceed eight passenger motor vehicles (for replacement only); and expenses incident to the retirement of such assets; \$1,800,000, to remain available until expended.

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY

The following corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to it 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 may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the Budget for the fiscal year 1956 for such corporation, except as hereinafter provided:

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.

Not to exceed \$3,740,000 of the funds available to the Panama Canal Company shall be available during the current fiscal year for general and administrative expenses of the Company, which shall be computed on an accrual basis: *Provided*, That as used herein, the term "general and administrative expenses" shall not be construed to include expenses otherwise classified in the preceding fiscal year: *Provided further*, That funds available for operating expenses shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed ten passenger motor vehicles (for replacement only), and for uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114).

5 USC 2131 note.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THE PANAMA CANAL

SEC. 202. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used directly or indirectly, except for temporary employment in case of emergency, for the payment of any civilian for services rendered by him on the Canal Zone while occupying a skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory position unless such person is a citizen of the United States of America or of the Republic of Panama: *Provided, however*, (1) That, notwithstanding the provision in the Act approved August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1409) limiting employment in the above-mentioned positions to citizens of the United States from and after the date of approval of said Act, citizens of Panama may be employed in such positions; (2) that at no time shall

Employment re-
quirements.

the number of Panamanian citizens employed in the above-mentioned positions exceed the number of citizens of the United States so employed, if United States citizens are available in continental United States or on the Canal Zone; (3) that nothing in this Act shall prohibit the continued employment of any person who shall have rendered fifteen or more years of faithful and honorable service on the Canal Zone; (4) that in the selection of personnel for skilled, technical, administrative, clerical, supervisory, or executive positions, the controlling factors in filling these positions shall be efficiency, experience, training, and education; (5) that all citizens of Panama and the United States rendering skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory service on the Canal Zone under the terms of this Act (a) shall normally be employed not more than forty hours per week, (b) may receive as compensation equal rates of pay based upon rates paid for similar employment in continental United States plus 25 per centum; (6) this entire section shall apply only to persons employed in skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory positions on the Canal Zone directly or indirectly by any branch of the United States Government or by any corporation or company whose stock is owned wholly or in part by the United States Government: *Provided further*, That the President may suspend from time to time in whole or in part compliance with this section if he should deem such course to be in the public interest.

SEC. 203. The Governor of the Canal Zone is authorized to employ services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), in an amount not exceeding \$15,000: *Provided*, That the rates for individuals shall not exceed \$100 per diem.

60 Stat. 810.

Transfers of facilities, etc.

SEC. 204. There are hereafter authorized to be transferred between departments and agencies, with or without exchange of funds, all or so much of the facilities, buildings, structures, improvements, stock and equipment, of their activities located in the Canal Zone, as may be mutually agreed upon by the agencies involved and approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, in the interest of elimination of duplicate activities and related facilities: *Provided*, That with respect to such transfers without exchange of funds (1) transfers to or from the Panama Canal Company shall be subject to the provisions of section 246 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code, as added by the Act of June 29, 1948 (ch. 706, sec. 2, 62 Stat. 1076); and (2) transfers to or from the Canal Zone Government shall be at such appropriate amount as shall be agreed upon between the Canal Zone Government and the agencies concerned and approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and in the determination thereof due consideration shall be given to the cost of the transferred assets, or usable value to the transferee if clearly less than cost, and adequate provision made for depreciation of properties and equipment, obsolete or otherwise unusable inventories, and other reasonably determinable shrinkages in values; and such amount shall be added to or deducted from the investment of the United States in the Canal Zone Government as applicable.

Travel allowances.

SEC. 205. The Governor of the Canal Zone and the President of the Panama Canal Company, in computing allowances for the cost of travel on home leave for persons who elect at their expense to take other than the lowest first-class travel to the United States, shall take into account as the cost to the United States the actual cost, as computed by the General Accounting Office, of travel by United States owned and operated vessels rather than a reduced fare rate which is available for such employees when traveling on their own account.

Governor.
Grade upon retirement.

SEC. 206. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Officer of the Army now serving as Governor of the Canal Zone shall, effective upon the day preceding his retirement, be considered to hold

the grade of major general for all purposes, without regard to any limitations on the number of officers in that grade, and shall receive the pay and allowances of an officer of that grade and his length of service, and when retired under any provision of law shall be advanced on the retired list to such grade and shall receive the retired or retirement pay at the rate prescribed by law computed on the basis of the basic pay which he would receive if serving on active duty in such grade.

TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WEATHER CONTROL

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Advisory Committee on Weather Control, established by the Act of August 13, 1953 (67 Stat. 559), including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), \$275,000.

15 USC 311 note.
60 Stat. 810.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Not to exceed \$280,000 shall be available for administrative expenses which shall be computed on an accrual basis: *Provided*, That said funds shall be available for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates for individuals not to exceed \$100 per day.

60 Stat. 810.

TARIFF COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Tariff Commission, including subscriptions to newspapers (not to exceed \$200), not to exceed \$17,000 for expenses of travel, and contract stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), \$1,400,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any proceedings under sections 336, 337, and 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930, wherein he or any member of his family has any special, direct, and pecuniary interest, or in which he has acted as attorney or special representative: *Provided further*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be used for making any special study, investigation or report at the request of any other agency of the executive branch of the Government unless reimbursement is made for the cost thereof.

Post, p. 452.

60 Stat. 810.

46 Stat. 701,
19 USC 1336-
1338.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. 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 vio-

Strikes or overthrow of U. S. Government.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

lence: *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. 402. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes not heretofore authorized by the Congress.

International Materials Conference.

SEC. 403. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay any expenses incident to or in connection with participation in the International Materials Conference.

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1956".

Approved June 30, 1955.

Public Law 122

CHAPTER 254

AN ACT

June 30, 1955
[S. 2266]

To continue the effectiveness of the Missing Persons Act, as extended, until July 1, 1956.

68 Stat. 7.
50 U.S.C. app.
1015.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 15, Missing Persons Act (56 Stat. 147, 1093), as amended, is further amended by deleting "July 1, 1955" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1956".

Approved June 30, 1955.

Public Law 123

CHAPTER 255

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 30, 1955
[H. J. Res. 366]

Making temporary appropriations for the fiscal year 1956, providing for increased pay costs for the fiscal year 1955, and for other purposes.

Resolved 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, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units in each branch of the Government, namely:

TITLE I

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

(a) (1) Such amounts as may be necessary (plus increased pay costs pursuant to law) for continuing projects or activities which were conducted in the fiscal year 1955, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority would be made available in the following appropriation Acts for the fiscal year 1956: