AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

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 Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Office of the Secretary of Labor (hereafter in this title referred to as the Secretary), including the conduct of a program of promoting employment of the older worker, and including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); teletype news service; and payment in advance when authorized by the Secretary for dues or fees for library membership in organizations whose publications are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public; $1,587,000, of which not more than $145,000 shall be for international labor affairs.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Office of the Solicitor, $1,482,000.

BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the promotion of industrial safety, employment stabilization, and amicable industrial relations for labor and industry; performance of safety functions of the Secretary under the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act, as amended (5 U. S. C. 784 (c)); performance of the functions vested in the Secretary by title I of the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U. S. C. 159 (f) and (g)); not to exceed $50,000 for improving the conditions of migratory labor; and not less than $130,000 for the work of the President’s Committee on National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, as authorized by the Act of July 11, 1949 (63 Stat. 409), and provided further that no part of the appropriation for the President’s Committee shall be subject to reduction or transfer to any other department or agency under the provisions of any existing law; including purchase of reports and of material for informational exhibits and expenses of attendance of cooperating officials and consultants at conferences concerned with the work of the Bureau of Labor Standards; $817,500.

BUREAU OF VETERANS’ REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary to render assistance in connection with the exercise of reemployment rights under section 8 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 308), the Service Extension Act of 1941, as amended, the Army Reserve and Retired Personnel Service Law of 1940, as
amended, and section 9 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, and, under the Act of June 23, 1943, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 1472), of persons who have performed service in the Merchant Marine, $360,500.

BUREAU OF APPRENTICESHIP

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary to enable the Secretary to conduct a program of encouraging apprentice training as authorized by the Act of August 16, 1937 (29 U. S. C. 50), $3,150,000.

BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the general administration of the employment service and unemployment compensation programs, including temporary employment of persons, without regard to the civil-service laws, for the farm placement migratory labor program; and not to exceed $10,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); $5,021,250, of which $900,000 shall be for carrying into effect the provisions of title IV (except section 602) of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944.

Grants to States for unemployment compensation and employment service administration: For grants in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 6, 1933, as amended (29 U. S. C. 49-49n), for carrying into effect section 602 of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, for grants to the States as authorized in title III of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U. S. C. 501-503), including, upon the request of any State, the purchase of equipment, and the payment of rental for space made available to such State in lieu of grants; for such purpose, for necessary expenses in connection with the operation of employment office facilities and services in the District of Columbia, and for expenses not otherwise provided for, necessary for carrying out title IV of the Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 684) and title XV of the Social Security Act, as amended (68 Stat. 1130), $250,000,000, of which $20,000,000 shall be available only to the extent that the Secretary finds necessary to meet increased costs of administration resulting from changes in a State law or increases in the numbers of claims filed and claims paid or increased salary costs resulting from changes in State salary compensation plans embracing employees of the State generally over those upon which the State’s basic grant (or the allocation for the District of Columbia) was based, which increased costs of administration cannot be provided for by normal budgetary adjustments: Provided, That notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in section 302 (a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, the Secretary of Labor shall from time to time certify to the Secretary to the Treasury for payment to each State found to be in compliance with the requirements of the Act of June 6, 1933, and, except in the case of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, with the provisions of section 303 of the Social Security Act, as amended, such amounts as he determines to be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of its unemployment compensation law and of its public employment offices: Provided further, That such amounts as may be agreed upon by the Department of Labor and the Post Office Department shall be used for the payment, in such manner as said parties may jointly determine, of postage for the transmission of official mail matter in connection with the administration of unemployment compensation systems and employment services by States receiving grants herefrom.
In carrying out the provisions of said Act of June 6, 1933, the provisions of section 303 (a) (1) of the Social Security Act, as amended, relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis, shall apply.

None of the funds appropriated by this title to the Bureau of Employment Security for grants-in-aid of State agencies to cover, in whole or in part, the cost of operation of said agencies including the salaries and expenses of officers and employees of said agencies, shall be withheld from the said agencies of any States which have established by legislative enactment and have in operation a merit system and classification and compensation plan covering the selection, tenure in office, and compensation of their employees, because of any disapproval of their personnel or the manner of their selection by the agencies of the said States, or the rates of pay of said officers or employees.

Grants to States, next succeeding fiscal year: For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States under title III of the Social Security Act, as amended, and under the Act of June 6, 1933, as amended, for the first quarter of the next succeeding fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary, the obligations incurred and the expenditures made thereunder for payments under such title and under such Act of June 6, 1933, to be charged to the appropriation therefor for that fiscal year.

Unemployment compensation for veterans: For payments to unemployed veterans as authorized by title IV of the Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, $120,000,000.

Unemployment compensation for veterans, next succeeding fiscal year: For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States, as authorized by title IV of the Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, such sums as may be necessary to pay benefits for the first quarter of the next succeeding fiscal year, and the obligations and expenditures thereunder shall be charged to the appropriation therefor for that fiscal year.

Unemployment compensation for Federal employees: For payments to unemployed Federal employees, either directly or through payments to States, as authorized by title XV of the Social Security Act, as amended, $20,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Unemployment compensation for Federal employees, next succeeding fiscal year: For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States, as authorized by title XV of the Social Security Act, as amended, such amounts as may be required for payment to unemployed Federal employees for the first quarter of the next succeeding fiscal year, and the obligations and expenditures thereunder shall be charged to the appropriation therefor for that fiscal year.

Salaries and expenses, Mexican farm labor program: For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary to carry out the functions of the Department of Labor under the Act of July 12, 1951 (Public Law 78), as amended, including temporary employment of persons without regard to the civil service laws, $1,135,000.

BUREAU OF EMPLOYEES’ COMPENSATION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary administrative expenses and not to exceed $112,000,000 for the Employees’ Compensation Appeals Board, $2,174,500, together with not to exceed $100,000 to be derived from the War Claims Fund created by section 13 (a) of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 U. S. C. 2012).

Employees’ compensation fund: For the payment of compensation and other benefits and expenses (except administrative expenses)
authorized by law and accruing during the current or any prior fiscal
year, including payments to other Federal agencies for medical and
hospital services pursuant to agreement approved by the Bureau of
Employees' Compensation; continuation of payment of benefits as
provided for under the head "Civilian War Benefits" in the Federal
Security Agency Appropriation Act, 1947; the advancement of costs
for enforcement of recoveries in third-party cases; the furnishing of
medical and hospital services and supplies, treatment, and funeral
and burial expenses, including transportation and other expenses incidental
to such services, treatment, and burial, for such enrollees of the Civilian
Conservation Corps as were certified by the Director of such Corps
as receiving hospital services and treatment at Government expense
on June 30, 1943, and who are not otherwise entitled thereto as civilian
employees of the United States, and the limitations and authority of
the Act of September 7, 1916, as amended (5 U. S. C. 796), shall apply
in providing such services, treatment, and expenses in such cases; such
amount as may be required during the current fiscal year: Provided,
That this appropriation shall be available for payments pursuant to
sections 4 (c) and 5 (f) of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 U. S. C.
2012) and shall be credited with advances or reimbursements there­
for from the War Claims Fund created by section 13 (a) of said War
Claims Act of 1948.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the work of the
Bureau, including advances or reimbursement to State, Federal, and
local agencies and their employees for services rendered, and not to
exceed $15,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act
of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $6,065,000.

WOMEN'S BUREAU

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the work of the
Women's Bureau, as authorized by the Act of June 5, 1920 (29 U. S. C.
11-16), including purchase of reports and material for informational
exhibits, $348,000.

WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for performing the
duties imposed by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended,
and the Act to provide conditions for the purchase of supplies and the
making of contracts by the United States, approved June 30, 1936, as
amended (41 U. S. C. 35-45), including reimbursement to State,
Federal, and local agencies and their employees for inspection services
rendered, and not to exceed $3,000 for expenses of attendance of
cooperating officials and consultants at conferences concerned with the
work of the Division, $6,162,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 102. Appropriations under this title available for salaries and
expenses shall be available for stenographic reporting services as
authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a),
and for expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the func­
tion or activity for which any such appropriation is made.
This title may be cited as the "Department of Labor Appropriation
Act, 1956".
AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

Education of the blind: For carrying out the Act of August 4, 1919, as amended (20 U. S. C. 101), $224,000.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses for carrying out the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended (21 U. S. C. 301-392); the Tea Importation Act, as amended (21 U. S. C. 41-50); the Import Milk Act (21 U. S. C. 141-149); the Federal Caustic Poison Act (15 U. S. C. 401-411); and the Filled Milk Act, as amended (21 U. S. C. 61-64); including purchase of not to exceed forty-three passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; reporting and illustrating the results of investigations; purchase of chemicals, apparatus, and scientific equipment; not to exceed $2,000 for payment in advance for special tests and analyses by contract; and payment of fees, travel, and per diem in connection with studies of new developments pertinent to food and drug enforcement operations; $5,484,000.

Salaries and expenses, certification, inspection, and other services: For expenses necessary for the certification or inspection of certain products, and for the establishment of tolerances for pesticides, in accordance with sections 406, 408, 504, 506, 507, 604, 702A, and 706 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended (21 U. S. C. 346, 348, 354, 356, 357, 364, 372a, and 376), the aggregate of the advance deposits during the current fiscal year to cover payments of fees for services in connection with such certifications, inspections, or establishment of tolerances, to remain available until expended. The total amount herein appropriated shall be available for personal services; purchase of chemicals, apparatus, and scientific equipment; purchase of not to exceed four passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; expenses of advisory committees; and the refund of advance deposits for which no service has been rendered.

FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for operation and maintenance, including repairs; furnishing, repairing, and cleaning of wearing apparel used by employees in the performance of their official duties; transfer of funds to the appropriation “Salaries and expenses, Howard University” for salaries of technical and professional personnel detailed to the hospital; payments to the appropriation of Howard University for actual cost of heat, light, and power furnished by such university; $2,880,000: Provided, That no intern or resident physician receiving compensation from this appropriation on a full-time basis shall receive compensation in the form of wages or salary from any other appropriation in this title: Provided further, That the District of Columbia shall pay by check to Freedmen’s Hospital, upon the Surgeon General’s request, in advance at the beginning of each quarter, such amount as the Surgeon General calculates will be earned on the basis of rates approved by the Bureau of the Budget for the care of patients certified by the District of Columbia. Bills rendered by the Surgeon General on the basis of such calculations shall not be subject to audit or certification in advance of payment; but proper adjustment of amounts which have been paid in advance on the basis of such calculations shall be made at the end of each quarter: Provided
further, That the Surgeon General may delegate the responsibilities imposed upon him by the foregoing proviso.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE

Salaries and expenses: For the partial support of Gallaudet College, including personal services and miscellaneous expenses, and repairs and improvements, as authorized by the Act of June 18, 1954 (Public Law 420), $530,000: Provided, That Gallaudet College shall be paid by the District of Columbia, in advance at the beginning of each quarter, at the rate of $1,295 per school year for each student attending and receiving instruction in elementary or secondary education pursuant to the Act of March 1, 1901 (31 D. C. Code 1008).

Construction: For the construction and equipment of buildings and facilities on the grounds of Gallaudet College, as authorized by the Act of June 18, 1954 (Public Law 420), under the supervision of the General Services Administration, including planning, architectural, and engineering services, $2,225,000, to remain available until expended, as follows: For a physical education and activities building, heating plant, laundry, and shop, together with alterations and installations in connection with such construction. For a girls' dormitory, together with alterations and installations in connection with such construction.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Salaries and expenses: For the partial support of Howard University, including personal services and miscellaneous expenses and repairs to buildings and grounds, $2,875,400.

Construction of buildings: For alterations, revision, extension, and installation of underground telephone conduit for telephone distribution system, under the supervision of General Services Administration, on the grounds of Howard University, including engineering services, $122,000, to remain available until expended.

Construction of law building (liquidation of contract authorization): For payment of obligations incurred under authority previously provided, to enter into contracts for the construction of the law building, $457,100.

Construction of administration building (liquidation of contract authorization): For payment of obligations incurred under authority previously provided, to enter into contracts for the construction of the administration building, $405,500.

Construction of men’s dormitory (liquidation of contract authorization): For payment of obligations incurred under authority previously provided, to enter into contracts for the construction of the men’s dormitory, $1,146,000.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Promotion and further development of vocational education: For carrying out the provisions of section 3 of the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (20 U. S. C. 15h), section 4 of the Act of March 10, 1924 (20 U. S. C. 29), section 1 of the Act of March 3, 1931 (20 U. S. C. 30), and the Act of March 18, 1950 (20 U. S. C. 31), $26,500,000: Provided, That the apportionment to the States under the Vocational Education Act of 1946 shall be computed on the basis of not to exceed $26,325,000 for the current fiscal year: Provided further, That not more than $1,500,000 of this appropriation shall be available for vocational education in distributive occupations.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Office of Education, including surveys, studies, investigations, and reports regarding libraries; fostering coordination of public and school library service; coordination of library service on the national level with other forms of adult education; developing library participation in Federal projects; fostering Nation-wide coordination of research materials among libraries, interstate library coordination and the development of library service throughout the country; purchase, distribution, and exchange of educational documents, motion-picture films, and lantern slides; collection, exchange, and cataloging of educational apparatus and appliances, articles of school furniture and models of school buildings illustrative of foreign and domestic systems and methods of education, and repairing the same: $3,050,000, of which not less than $480,000 shall be available for the Division of Vocational Education as authorized: Provided, That all receipts from non-Federal agencies representing reimbursement for expenses of travel of employees of the Office of Education performing advisory functions to the said agencies shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of this appropriation.

Payments to school districts: For payments to local educational agencies for the maintenance and operation of schools as authorized by the Act of September 30, 1950, as amended (20 U. S. C. 236-244), $65,000,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall also be available for carrying out the provisions of section 6 of such Act.

Assistance for school construction: For an additional amount for providing school facilities and for grants to local educational agencies in federally affected areas, as authorized by title III of the Act of September 23, 1950, as amended by the Act of August 8, 1953, and the Act of August 31, 1954 (20 U. S. C. 291-301), including not to exceed $750,000 for necessary expenses of technical services rendered by other agencies, $24,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for salaries or other direct expenses of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.


Grants to States and other agencies: For grants to States and other agencies in accordance with the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended, $33,750,000, of which $30,000,000 is for vocational rehabilitation services under section 2 of said Act; $1,500,000 is for extension and improvement projects under section 3 of said Act; and $2,250,000 is for special projects under section 4 of said Act: Provided, That not more than $2 of the funds made available for special projects under section 4 (a) (2) of said Act shall be expended for any project for each $1 that the grantee, or the grantee and the State, expends for the same purpose: Provided further, That allotments under section 2 of said Act to the States for the current fiscal year shall be made on the basis of $36,000,000, and this amount shall be considered the sum available for allotments under such section for such fiscal year.

Grants to States, next succeeding fiscal year: For making, after May 31, of the current fiscal year, grants to States under sections 2 and 3 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended, for the first
quarter of the next succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary, the obligations incurred and the expenditures made thereunder to be charged to the appropriation therefor for that fiscal year: Provided, That the payments made pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed the amount paid to the States for the first quarter of the current fiscal year.

Training and traineeships: For training and traineeships pursuant to section 4 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended, and for carrying out the training functions provided for in section 7 of said Act, $2,075,000.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary in carrying out the provisions of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended, and of the Act approved June 20, 1936 (20 U. S. C., ch. 6A), as amended, including not to exceed $3,000 for production, purchase, and distribution of educational films; $1,000,000.

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

For necessary expenses in carrying out the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U. S. C., ch. 6A) (hereinafter referred to as the Act), and other Acts, including expenses for active commissioned officers in the Reserve Corps and for not to exceed one thousand five hundred commissioned officers in the Regular Corps, as follows:

Assistance to States, general: To carry out the purposes, not otherwise specifically provided for, of section 314 (c) of the Act; to provide consultative services to States pursuant to section 311 of the Act; to carry out the purposes of sections 314 (a) and 363 of the Act with respect to venereal diseases including the operation and maintenance of centers for the diagnosis and treatment of persons afflicted with venereal diseases; and for grants of money, services, supplies, equipment, and use of facilities to States, as defined in the Act, and with the approval of the respective State health authorities, to counties, health districts, and other political subdivisions of the States, for the foregoing purposes, in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the Surgeon General may determine; $3,500,000.

Venereal diseases: To carry out the purposes of sections 314 (b) of the Act, $6,000,000, of which not less than $4,500,000 shall be available only for grants to States, to be matched by an equal amount of State and local funds expended for the same purpose, for direct expenses of prevention and case-finding projects including salaries, fees, and travel of personnel directly engaged in prevention and case-finding and the necessary equipment and supplies used directly in prevention and case-finding operations, but excluding the purchase of care in hospitals and sanatoria.

Communicable diseases: To carry out, except as otherwise provided for, those provisions of sections 301, 311, and 361 of the Act relating to the prevention and suppression of communicable and preventable diseases, and the interstate transmission and spread thereof, including the purchase, erection, and maintenance of portable buildings; and hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; $5,250,000.

Sanitary engineering activities: For expenses, not otherwise provided, necessary to carry out those provisions of sections 301, 311, 314 (c), and 361 of the Act relating to sanitation and other aspects
of environmental health, including enforcement of applicable quarantine laws and interstate quarantine regulations, and for carrying out the purposes of the Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 466–466 (j)); $3,500,000.

Buildings and facilities, Cincinnati, Ohio: For purchase and installation of additional equipment and supplies for the building and facilities at the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, $415,000, to remain available until expended.

Disease and sanitation investigations and control, Territory of Alaska: To enable the Surgeon General to conduct, in the Service, and to cooperate with and assist the Territory of Alaska in the conduct of, activities necessary in the investigation, prevention, treatment, and control of diseases, and the establishment and maintenance of health and sanitation services pursuant to and for the purposes specified in sections 301, 311, 314 (without regard to the provisions of subsections (d), (f), (h), and (j) and the limitations set forth in such section), 361 and 363 of the Act, including the hire, operation, and maintenance of aircraft, and the purchase, erection, and maintenance of portable buildings, $1,125,000.

Surveys and planning for hospital construction: The funds appropriated under this head in The Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955, shall not remain available for expenditure after June 30, 1957.

Grants for hospital construction: For payments under parts C and G, title VI, of the Act, as amended, to remain available until expended, $111,000,000, of which $90,000,000 shall be for payments for hospitals and related facilities pursuant to part C, the remainder to be for payments for facilities pursuant to part G, as follows: $6,500,000 for diagnostic or treatment centers, $6,500,000 for hospitals for the chronically ill and impaired, $4,000,000 for rehabilitation facilities, and $4,000,000 for nursing homes: Provided, That allotments under such parts C and G to the several States for the current fiscal year shall be made on the basis of amounts equal to the limitations specified herein: Provided further, That the Surgeon General may allocate from the above sums not to exceed $1,200,000 for the purposes authorized in section 636 of the Act.

Salaries and expenses, hospital construction services: For salaries and expenses incident to carrying out title VI of the Act, as amended, $1,250,000.

Hospitals and medical care: For carrying out the functions of the Public Health Service under the Act of August 8, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 150), and under sections 321, 322, 324, 326, 331, 332, 341, 343, 344, 502, 504, and T10 of the Public Health Service Act, Private Law 419 of the Eighty-third Congress, as amended, and Executive Order 9079 of February 26, 1942, including purchase and exchange of farm products and livestock; conducting research on technical nursing standards and furnishing consultative nursing services; purchase of not to exceed one ambulance, for replacement only; and purchase of firearms and ammunition; $34,326,000, of which $1,000,000 shall be exclusively available for payments to the Territory of Hawaii for care and treatment of persons afflicted with leprosy: Provided, That when the Public Health Service establishes or operates a health service program for any department or agency, payment for the estimated cost shall be made in advance for deposit to the credit of this appropriation.

Foreign quarantine service: For carrying out the purposes of sections 361 to 369 of the Act, relating to preventing the introduction of communicable diseases from foreign countries, the medical examination of aliens in accordance with section 325 of the Act, and the care and treatment of quarantine detainees pursuant to section 322 (e) of the Act in private or other public hospitals when facilities of the
Public Health Service are not available, including insurance of official
motor vehicles in foreign countries when required by law of such
countries; purchase of not to exceed thirteen passenger motor vehicles
for replacement only; $3,000,000.

Indian health activities: For expenses necessary to enable the Sur­
geon General to carry out the purposes of the Act of August 5, 1954
(Public Law 568), including services as authorized by section 15 of the
Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a) (including not to exceed $10,000
for such services at rates not to exceed $100 per diem for individuals,
when authorized by the Surgeon General); purchase of not to exceed
seventy-two passenger motor vehicles, of which forty-seven shall be
for replacement only; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft;
purchase of reprints; payment for telephone service in private resi­
dences in the field, when authorized under regulations approved by the
Secretary; and the purposes set forth in sections 321 and 509 of the
Public Health Service Act; $33,840,000: Provided, That the Surgeon
General is authorized to transfer from this appropriation to other
 appropriations of the Public Health Service such amounts as he may
determine are required in such appropriations for Indian health
activities.

Construction of Indian health facilities: For construction, major
repair, improvement, and equipment of health and related auxiliary
facilities, including quarters for personnel; preparation of plans,
specifications, and drawings; acquisition of sites; purchase and erec­
tion of portable buildings; and purchase of trailers; $5,000,000, to
remain available until expended: Provided, That such expenditures
may be made through the Department of the Interior.

National Institutes of Health, operating expenses: For the activities
of the National Institutes of Health, not otherwise provided for, in­
cluding research fellowships and grants for research projects pursuant
to section 301 of the Act; not to exceed $1,000 for entertainment of vis­
iting scientists when specifically approved by the Surgeon General;
erection of temporary structures; and grants of therapeutic and
chemical substances for demonstrations and research; $5,899,000: Pro­
vided, That the Surgeon General is authorized to advance to this
appropriation from other appropriations to the Public Health Service
such amounts as are determined to be necessary for the foregoing
purposes and for activities performed on a centralized basis: Pro­
vided further, That the Surgeon General is authorized to operate
facilities at the National Institutes of Health for the sale of meals to
employees and others at rates determined by him to be sufficient to
recover the cost of such operation and the proceeds thereof shall be
credited to this appropriation: Provided further, That the Surgeon
General is authorized, upon recommendation of the National Advvi­
sory Health Council, to donate or release to a university, hospital, or
other nonprofit organization any right, title, claim, or interest of
the United States with respect to research and related equipment
and other tangible property under the jurisdiction of the Service and
acquired by such institutions prior to December 1946 pursuant to
its contract with the United States through the Office of Scientific
Research and Development.

National Cancer Institute: To enable the Surgeon General, upon
the recommendations of the National Advisory Cancer Council, to
make grants-in-aid for research and training projects relating to
cancer; to cooperate with State health agencies, and other public and
private nonprofit institutions, in the prevention, control, and eradica­
tion of cancer by providing consultative services, demonstrations, and
grants-in-aid; and to contract for supplies and services by negotiation,
without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, in connection
with the chemotherapy program; and to otherwise carry out the provisions of title IV, part A, of the Act; $24,828,000.

Mental health activities: For expenses necessary for carrying out the provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 311, 312, and 314 (c) of the Act with respect to mental diseases, and including erection of temporary structures, $17,751,000.

National Heart Institute: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the National Heart Act, $18,778,000.

Dental health activities: For expenses not otherwise provided for, necessary to enable the Surgeon General to carry out the purposes of the Act with respect to dental diseases and conditions, $2,136,000.

Arthritis and metabolic disease activities: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act relating to arthritis, rheumatism, and metabolic diseases, $10,740,000.

Microbiology activities: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act relating to microbiology, including the regulation and preparation of biologic products, $7,580,000.

Neurology and blindness activities: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act relating to neurology and blindness, $9,861,000.

Gorgas Memorial Laboratory: For payment to the Gorgas Memorial Institute for maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, $147,000.

Retired pay of commissioned officers: For retired pay of commissioned officers, as authorized by law, and payments under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953, $1,225,000.

Salaries and expenses: For the divisions and offices of the Office of the Surgeon General and for miscellaneous expenses of the Public Health Service not appropriated for elsewhere, including preparing information, articles, and publications related to public health; and conducting studies and demonstrations in public health methods; $2,762,000: Provided, That there may be transferred from any appropriation to the Public Health Service in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Act, 1955, to any other such appropriation such amounts as the Surgeon General may determine for the cost of activities relating to poliomyelitis during the fiscal year 1955: Provided further, That subsection (g) of section 208 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U. S. C. 241 (g)) is amended by striking out the word “thirty” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “sixty”.

SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the maintenance and operation of the hospital, including purchase of clothing for patients and cooperation with organizations or individuals in the scientific research into the nature, causes, prevention and treatment of mental illness, $2,527,000.

Major repairs and preservation of buildings and grounds: For miscellaneous construction, alterations, repairs, and equipment, on the grounds of the hospital, including preparation of plans and specifications, advertising, and supervision of construction, $600,000, to remain available until June 30, 1957: Provided, That any part of this amount may be transferred to the General Services Administration.

Construction, maximum security building: For expenses necessary for the preparation of plans and specifications for a maximum security building at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, $269,000.
Salaries and expenses, Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance: For necessary expenses, including furnishing, repairing, and cleaning of wearing apparel and equipment used by building guards; not more than $86,000,000 may be expended from the Federal old-age and survivors insurance trust fund: Provided, That such amounts as are required shall be available to pay the cost of necessary travel incident to medical examinations for verifying disabilities of individuals who file applications for disability determinations under title II of the Social Security Act, as amended.

Advances to States, next succeeding fiscal year: For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, advances to States under section 221 (e) of the Social Security Act, as amended, for the first quarter of the next succeeding fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary from the above authorization may be expended from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

Construction, Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance: For construction of an office building and appurtenant facilities for the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, including equipment, acquisition of land (including donations thereof), and preparation of plans and specifications, $3,870,000, to be derived from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund which, together with sums heretofore appropriated for these purposes, shall establish a limit of cost of $25,370,000, such sums to be consolidated and accounted for as one fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That any funds derived from the default of the bond for construction of access roads in connection with the acquisition of such land shall be available for expenditure to construct such access roads.

Grants to States for public assistance: For grants to States for old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, and aid to the permanently and totally disabled, as authorized in titles I, IV, X, and XIV of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U. S. C., chs. 1, 4, 7, subchs. I, IV, X, and XIV), $1,400,000,000, of which such amount as may be necessary shall be available for grants for any period in the prior fiscal year subsequent to March 31 of that year.

Salaries and expenses, Bureau of Public Assistance: For expenses necessary for the Bureau of Public Assistance, $1,541,250.

Salaries and expenses, Children's Bureau: For necessary expenses in carrying out the Act of April 9, 1912, as amended (42 U. S. C., ch. 6), and title V of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U. S. C., ch. 7, subch. V), including purchase of reports and material for the publications of the Children's Bureau and of reprints for distribution, $1,640,000: Provided, That no part of any appropriation contained in this title shall be used to promulgate or carry out any instructions, order, or regulation relating to the care of obstetrical cases which discriminate between persons licensed under State law to practice obstetrics: Provided further, That the foregoing proviso shall not be so construed as to prevent any patient from having the services of any practitioner of her own choice, paid for out of this fund, so long as State laws are complied with: Provided further, That any State plan which provides standards for professional obstetrical services in accordance with the laws of the State shall be approved.

Grants to States for maternal and child welfare: For grants to States for maternal and child-health services, services for crippled children, and child-welfare services as authorized in title V, parts 1, 2, and 3, of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U. S. C., ch. 7, subch. V), $34,196,600, of which $15,000,000 shall be available
only for grants to States for services for crippled children: Provided, That any allotment to a State pursuant to section 502 (b) or 512 (b) of such Act shall not be included in computing for the purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of sections 504 and 514 of such Act an amount expended or estimated to be expended by the State.

Salaries and expenses, Office of the Commissioner: For expenses necessary for the Office of the Commissioner of Social Security, $173,000, together with not to exceed $130,000 to be transferred from the Federal old-age and survivors insurance trust fund.

Grants to States, next succeeding fiscal year: For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States under titles I, IV, V, X, and XIV, respectively, of the Social Security Act, as amended, for the first quarter of the next succeeding fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary, the obligations incurred and the expenditures made thereunder for payments under each of such titles to be charged to the appropriation therefor for that fiscal year.

In the administration of titles I, IV, V, X, and XIV, respectively, of the Social Security Act, as amended, payments to a State under any of such titles for any quarter in the period beginning April 1 of the prior year, and ending June 30 of the current year, may be made with respect to a State plan approved under such title prior to or during such period, but no such payment shall be made with respect to any plan for any quarter prior to the quarter in which such plan was submitted for approval.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries and expenses, Office of the Secretary: For expenses necessary for the Office of the Secretary, $1,400,000, together with not to exceed $200,000 to be transferred from the Federal old-age and survivors insurance trust fund.

Salaries and expenses, Office of Field Administration: For expenses necessary for the Office of Field Administration, $1,800,000, together with not to exceed $400,000 to be transferred from the Federal old-age and survivors insurance trust fund.

Salaries and expenses, Office of the General Counsel: For expenses necessary for the Office of the General Counsel, $372,500, together with not to exceed $22,500 to be transferred from the appropriation “Salaries and expenses, certification and inspection services”, and not to exceed $370,000 to be transferred from the Federal old-age and survivors insurance trust fund.

Surplus property utilization: For expenses necessary for carrying out the provisions of subsections 203 (j) and (k) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, relating to disposal of real and personal excess property for educational purposes and protection of public health, $400,000.

REDUCTION IN CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

Howard University: The contract authorization heretofore granted under the head “Construction, Howard University”, for the women's dormitory units is reduced in the amount of $179,200.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 202. Appropriations under this title available for salaries and expenses shall be available for payment in advance for dues or fees for library membership in organizations whose publications are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public.
SEC. 203. Appropriations under this title available 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).

SEC. 204. Appropriations under this title available for salaries and expenses shall be available for travel expenses and for expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the functions or activities for which such appropriations are made.

SEC. 205. None of the funds appropriated by this title to the Social Security Administration for grants in aid of State agencies to cover, in whole or in part, the cost of operation of said agencies including the salaries and expenses of officers and employees of said agencies, shall be withheld from the said agencies of any States which have established by legislative enactment and have in operation a merit system and classification and compensation plan covering the selection, tenure in office, and compensation of their employees, because of any disapproval of their personnel or the manner of their selection by the agencies of the said States, or the rates of pay of said officers or employees.

SEC. 206. The Secretary is authorized to make such transfers of motor vehicles, between bureaus and offices, without transfer of funds, as may be required in carrying out the operations of the Department.

This title may be cited as the "Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Act, 1956".

TITLE III—NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the National Labor Relations Board to carry out the functions vested in it by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U. S. C. 141-167), and other laws, including expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the work of the Board when specifically authorized by the Chairman or the General Counsel; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); $8,000,000: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be available to organize or assist in organizing agricultural laborers or used in connection with investigations, hearings, directives, or orders concerning bargaining units composed of agricultural laborers as referred to in section 2 (3) of the Act of July 5, 1935 (49 Stat. 450), and as amended by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and as defined in section 3 (f) of the Act of June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1060), and including in said definition employees engaged in the maintenance and operation of ditches, canals, reservoirs, and waterways when maintained or operated on a mutual, nonprofit basis and at least 95 per centum of the water stored or supplied thereby is used for farming purposes.

TITLE IV—NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the National Mediation Board, including stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $435,000. Arbitration and emergency boards: For expenses necessary for arbitration boards established under section 7 of the Railway Labor Act, as amended (45 U. S. C. 157), and emergency boards appointed by the President pursuant to section 10 of said Act (45 U. S. C. 160), including stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $250,000.
NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the National Railroad Adjustment Board, including stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $602,000, of which not less than $175,000 shall be available for compensation (at rates not in excess of $75 per diem) and expenses of referees appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Railway Labor Act, as amended.

TITLE V—RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Salaries and expenses, Railroad Retirement Board (trust fund): For expenses necessary for the Railroad Retirement Board, including not to exceed $1,000 for expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the work of the Board, when specifically authorized by the Board; stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); and uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); $6,100,000 to be derived from the railroad retirement account: Provided, That whenever there is duly tendered to the Board, by any person, any claim for unemployment compensation pursuant to the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, such claim shall be accepted by the Board without delay and appropriate administrative action for the allowance or disallowance of such claim shall be taken by the Board at the earliest practicable time.

TITLE VI—FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Service to carry out the functions vested in it by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U. S. C. 171-180, 182), including expenses of the Labor-Management Panel as provided in section 205 of said Act; temporary employment of arbitrators, conciliators, and mediators on labor relations at rates not in excess of $75 per diem; expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with labor and industrial relations; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); $3,124,000.

Boards of inquiry: To enable the Service to pay necessary expenses of boards of inquiry appointed by the President pursuant to section 206 of the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U. S. C. 176-180, 182), including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), and rent in the District of Columbia, $10,000.

TITLE VII—INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Contribution to Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin: To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay in advance to the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin the Federal contribution toward the expenses of the Commission during the current fiscal year in the administration of its business in the conservancy district established pursuant to the Act of July 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 748), $5,000.
TITLE VIII—UNITED STATES SOLDIERS' HOME

For maintenance and operation of the United States Soldiers' Home, to be paid from the Soldiers' Home permanent fund, $4,400,000, of which $265,200 shall remain available until expended for plans and construction of buildings and facilities: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for the payment of hospitalization of members of the Home in United States Army hospitals at rates in excess of those prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, upon the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners of the Home and the Surgeon General of the Army.

TITLE IX—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 901. No part of any appropriation contained 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 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.

Sec. 902. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes not authorized by the Congress.

Sec. 903. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay 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 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.

This Act may be cited as the “Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related agencies Appropriation Act, 1956.”

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