

Public Law 208

CHAPTER 491

AN ACT

Making appropriations for Mutual Security for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

August 2, 1955
[H. R. 7224]

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 fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, namely:

Mutual Security
Appropriation Act,
1956.

MUTUAL SECURITY

For expenses necessary to enable the President to carry out the provisions of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended (Public Law 665, approved August 26, 1954, as amended by Public Law 138, Eighty-fourth Congress), as follows:

68 Stat. 832.
22 USC 1751
note.
Ante, p. 283.

Military assistance: For assistance authorized by section 103 (a) (2), including not to exceed \$23,250,000 for administrative expenses to carry out the purposes of title I, chapter 1, and section 124, \$705,000,000, of which \$122,000,000 shall be available for infrastructure as authorized by section 104 (a); and in addition not to exceed \$33,900,000 of unobligated and unreserved funds heretofore appropriated under authority of section 103 (a) (1) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, are continued available until June 30, 1956, for the purposes of section 103 (a) (2);

Ante, p. 283.
Ante, p. 284.

Direct forces support: For assistance authorized by section 124, \$305,000,000 and in addition \$12,200,000 for additional assistance to Formosa and Thailand;

22 USC 1814.

Defense support, Europe: For assistance authorized by section 131 (c) (1), \$85,500,000: *Provided*, That at least \$50,000,000, on a grant basis, shall be made available for assistance to Spain exclusive of Technical Exchange: *Provided further*, That not less than \$22,000,000 of the amount available for Spain shall be used for agricultural commodities;

Ante, p. 284.

Defense support, Near East and Africa: For assistance authorized by section 131 (c) (2), \$113,700,000 including not less than \$26,200,000 for assistance to Greece;

Ante, p. 284.

Defense support, Asia: For assistance authorized by section 131 (c) (3), \$800,000,000; and in addition not to exceed \$25,000,000 of unobligated balances of funds heretofore appropriated under authority of section 121 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, are hereby continued available through June 30, 1956;

Ante, p. 284.

Development assistance, Near East and Africa: For assistance authorized by section 201 (c) for purposes of section 201 (a) (1), \$73,000,000;

Ante, p. 284.

Development assistance, Asia: For assistance authorized by section 201 (c) for purposes of section 201 (a) (2), \$51,000,000;

Ante, p. 284.

Development assistance, American Republics and non-self-governing territories of the Western Hemisphere: For assistance authorized by section 201 (c) for purposes of section 201 (a) (3), \$38,000,000;

Ante, p. 285.

Technical cooperation, general authorization: For assistance authorized by section 304 (b), \$127,500,000;

Ante, p. 285.

United Nations expanded program of technical assistance: For contributions authorized by section 306 (a), \$24,000,000, which shall constitute the total United States contribution through December 31, 1956;

Ante, p. 285.

Technical cooperation programs of the Organization of American States: For contributions authorized by section 306 (b), \$1,500,000;

Ante, p. 285.

Ante, p. 285.

Ante, p. 286.

Ante, p. 286.

Special Presidential Fund: For assistance authorized by section 401 (b), \$100,000,000;

Ante, p. 286.

Special assistance in joint control areas in Europe: For assistance authorized by section 403 (b), \$21,000,000;

22 USC 1925.

Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration: For contributions authorized by section 405 (a), \$12,500,000: *Provided*, That no funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to assist directly in the migration to any nation in the Western Hemisphere of any person not having a security clearance based on reasonable standards to insure against Communist infiltration in the Western Hemisphere;

Ante, p. 286.

United Nations Refugee Fund: For contributions authorized by section 405 (c), \$1,200,000;

Ante, p. 286.

Escapee program: For assistance authorized by section 405 (d), \$6,000,000;

Ante, p. 286.

United Nations Children's Fund: For contributions authorized by section 406 (b), \$14,500,000, which shall constitute the total United States contribution through December 31, 1956;

Ante, p. 286.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency: For contributions authorized by section 407 (b), \$58,366,750; and in addition not to exceed \$3,633,250 of the unobligated balances of funds appropriated under the head "Palestine Refugee Program" in the Mutual Security Appropriation Act, 1954, are continued available through June 30, 1956, for the purposes authorized by section 407;

22 USC 1928.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization: For payments authorized by section 408, \$3,700,000;

Ante, p. 286.

Ocean freight charges, United States voluntary relief agencies: For payments authorized by section 409 (c), \$2,000,000;

Ante, p. 287.

Ocean freight charges, surplus agricultural commodities: For payments authorized by section 409 (d), \$13,000,000;

Ante, p. 287.

Control Act expenses: For carrying out the purposes of the Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951, as authorized by section 410, \$1,175,000;

Ante, p. 287.

Administrative expenses: For expenses authorized by section 411, \$33,500,000;

Ante, p. 287.

President's Fund for Asian Economic Development: For the President's Fund for Asian Economic Development as authorized by section 418 (b), \$100,000,000 to remain available until June 30, 1958.

68 Stat. 830.
31 USC 200.

Funds appropriated under each paragraph of this Act (other than appropriations under the head of military assistance), including specified amounts of unobligated balances, and amounts certified pursuant to section 1311 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955, as having been obligated against appropriations heretofore made for the same general purpose as such paragraph, which amounts are hereby continued available during the fiscal year 1956, may be consolidated in one account for each paragraph.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

22 USC 1831-
1937.
Ante, pp. 284-
288.

SEC. 102. Appropriations in this Act for the purposes of chapters 2 (except for section 124) and 3 of title I and titles II, III, and IV of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, and allocations to the Department of State, from any other appropriations, for functions directly related to the purposes of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, or for use by the International Cooperation Administration for other purposes authorized by law shall be available for rents in the District of Columbia; expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the purposes of such appropriations, including (notwithstanding the provision of section 9 of the Act of March 4, 1909 (31 U. S. C. 673)), expenses in connection with meetings of persons

35 Stat. 1027.

whose employment is authorized by section 530 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended; employment of aliens, by contract, for services abroad; maintenance, operation, and hire of aircraft; purchase (not to exceed two for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles and, in addition, passenger motor vehicles abroad may be exchanged or sold and replaced by an equal number of such vehicles and the cost, including the exchange allowance, of each such replacement shall not exceed \$3,000 in the case of an automobile for the chief of any special mission or staff abroad established under section 526 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended; entertainment within the United States (not to exceed \$15,000); exchange of funds without regard to section 3651 of the Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 543); loss by exchange; expenditures (not to exceed \$50,000) of a confidential character other than entertainment, provided that a certificate of the amount of each such expenditure, the nature of which it is considered inadvisable to specify, shall be made by the Secretary of State, or such person as he may designate, and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein specified; insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries; rental of quarters outside the continental limits of the United States to house employees of the United States Government (without regard to section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932, as amended (40 U. S. C. 278a)), lease, necessary repairs and alterations to quarters; actual expenses of preparing and transporting to their former homes in the United States or elsewhere the remains of persons or members of the families of persons who may die while such persons are away from their homes participating in activities under the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, or other Act directly related to the purposes of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended; purchase of uniforms; employment of chauffeurs for passenger carrying vehicles abroad notwithstanding the provisions of any other law; medical examinations of dependents of overseas personnel or candidates for overseas positions on the same basis as for employees or candidates; payment of per diem in lieu of subsistence to persons participating in any program of furnishing technical information and assistance, while in countries other than their own and other than the continental United States, at rates not in excess of those prescribed by the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, notwithstanding section 107 of the Department of State Appropriation Act, 1956; expenses authorized by the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended (22 U. S. C. 801-1158), not otherwise provided for; ice and drinking water for use abroad; and services of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service and of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and for the purposes of providing such services the Public Health Service may appoint not to exceed twenty officers in the Regular Corps to grades above that of senior assistant, but not above that of director, as otherwise authorized in accordance with section 711 of the Act of July 1, 1944, as amended (42 U. S. C. 211a), and the Coast and Geodetic Survey may appoint for such purposes not to exceed twenty commissioned officers in addition to those otherwise authorized: *Provided*, That no part of the administrative expenses shall be used to pay the salary of any civilian employee at a rate greater than that paid by the State Department for comparable work or services in the same area: *Provided further*, That appropriations made under this Act shall be available for expenses in connection with travel of personnel outside the continental United States, including travel of dependents and transportation of personal effects, household goods, or automobiles of such personnel when any part of such travel or transportation begins in the current fiscal year pursuant to travel orders issued in that fiscal

Ante, p. 289.

Ante, p. 289.

47 Stat. 412.

22 USC 1751
note.
Ante, p. 283.

Ante, p. 270.

60 Stat. 999.

62 Stat. 47.

Salary restriction.

Travel expenses.

year, notwithstanding the fact that such travel or transportation may not be completed during the current fiscal year, and cost of transporting to and from a place of storage, and the cost of storing, the furniture and household and personal effects of any employee who is assigned to a post at which he is unable to use his furniture and effects, under such regulations as the Secretary of State, or such person as he may designate, may prescribe: *Provided further*, That no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for expense of transportation, packing, crating, temporary storage, drayage, and unpacking of household goods and personal effects in excess of an average of five thousand pounds net but not exceeding nine thousand pounds net in any one shipment, but the limitations imposed herein shall not be applicable in the case of employees transferred to or serving in stations outside the continental United States under orders relieving them from a duty station within the United States prior to August 1, 1953.

Engineering fees; report to Congress.

SEC. 103. Payments made from funds appropriated herein for engineering fees and services to any individual engineering firm on any one project in excess of \$25,000 shall be reported to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives at least twice annually.

66 Stat. 662.
31 USC 724.

SEC. 104. Pursuant to section 1415 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1953, and in addition to other amounts made available pursuant to said section, not to exceed the equivalent of \$25,000,000 of foreign currencies or credits owed to or owned by the United States shall remain available until June 30, 1956, without reimbursement to the Treasury, for liquidation of obligations incurred against such currencies or credits prior to July 1, 1953, pursuant to authority contained in the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended, and Acts for which funds were authorized by that Act and hereafter, foreign currencies generated under the provisions of this Act shall be utilized only for the purposes for which the funds providing the commodities which generated the currency were appropriated.

65 Stat. 373.
22 USC 1651
note.

Foreign debts, restriction.

SEC. 105. None of the funds provided by this Act nor any of the counterpart funds generated as a result of assistance under this or any other Act shall be used to make payments on account of the principal or interest on any debt of any foreign government or on any loan made to such government by any other foreign government; nor shall any of these funds be expended for any purpose for which funds have been withdrawn by any recipient country to make payment on such debts.

Restriction on obligations.

SEC. 106. Not more than 20 per centum of any funds made available by this Act shall be obligated and/or reserved during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Availability of funds, etc.

SEC. 107. The appropriations, authorizations, and authority with respect thereto in this Act shall be available from July 1, 1955, for the purposes provided in such appropriations, authorizations, and authority. All obligations incurred during the period between June 30, 1955, and the date of enactment of this Act in anticipation of such appropriations, authorizations, and authority are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the terms hereof.

Funds allocated to Defense Department.
Accounting, etc.

SEC. 108. Funds heretofore or hereafter allocated to the Department of Defense from any appropriation for military assistance (including funds consolidated with any such appropriation but excepting funds obligated directly against any such appropriation for offshore procurement or other purposes) shall be accounted for by geographic area and by country solely on the basis of the value of materials delivered and services performed (such value to be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of law governing the administration of military assistance). Within the limits of amounts available from

funds so allocated, the Department of Defense is authorized to incur, in applicable appropriations, obligations in anticipation of reimbursement from such allocations, and no funds so allocated and available shall be withdrawn by administrative action until the Secretary of Defense shall certify that they are not required for liquidation of obligations so incurred. Unobligated amounts of such allocations equal to the value of orders placed with the military departments against such allocations shall be reserved and shall remain available until June 30, 1958, for making such reimbursements (except in case of funds obligated directly against such allocations) only upon the basis of materials delivered and services rendered: *Provided*, That reports of items to be delivered against funds reserved as provided herein shall be furnished quarterly by the Secretary of Defense to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives and, not less often than once each quarter, said Secretary shall make a detailed report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on a delivery or service-rendered basis, on all military assistance funds allocated and available to the Department of Defense as of the end of the preceding quarter: *Provided further*, That no reimbursements for materials or services shall be made after June 30, 1955, until the value of materials delivered and services performed shall equal the amount of expenditures made from all appropriations herein and heretofore made for military assistance as of said date: *Provided, however*, That not to exceed \$302,000,000 of any reimbursement heretofore made by the Air Force to military assistance appropriations as of June 30, 1955, pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be considered null and void and materials and services of an equivalent amount shall be delivered or performed by the Air Force for military assistance purposes without reimbursement: *Provided further*, That in the event the President shall determine that supplies and equipment ordered against funds so allocated are required for the defense of the United States, the amount allocated for supplies and materials required for such purpose shall be returned to the appropriation from which allocated: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated in this Act for military assistance (including specified amounts of unobligated balances and funds consolidated with any such appropriation), amounts certified pursuant to section 1311 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1955, and, where authorized by the President, funds made available to the Department of Defense under section 401 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, shall be maintained in one account which shall be used for all transactions involving military assistance during the current fiscal year and no expenditure shall be made from such account except as may be within the limits of the sum of the amounts mentioned in this proviso: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as making any appropriation or fund available for obligation after the end of the current fiscal year except as may be necessary for reimbursements authorized herein.

Section 110 of the Act of September 3, 1954 (Public Law 778), is hereby repealed.

SEC. 109. 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

Reports to Congress.

Restriction on reimbursements.

68 Stat. 830.
31 USC 200.
Ante, p. 286.

22 USC 1819.

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

has not contrary to the provisions of this paragraph engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation or fund contained in this or any other 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.

Short title.

SEC. 110. This Act may be cited as the "Mutual Security Appropriation Act, 1956".

Approved August 2, 1955.

Public Law 209

CHAPTER 492

AN ACT

August 3, 1955
[S. 741]

To extend the provisions of title XII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, relating to war risk insurance, for an additional five years.

64 Stat. 777.
46 USC 1294.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1214 of title XII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, is amended by striking out "5" and inserting in lieu thereof "10".

Approved August 3, 1955.

Public Law 210

CHAPTER 493

AN ACT

August 3, 1955
[H. R. 4727]

To permit the issuance of a flag to a friend or associate of the deceased veteran where it is not claimed by the next of kin.

49 Stat. 2034.
38 USC ch. 12A.

Issuance of flag
to friend of de-
ceased veteran.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph I of Veterans Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"I. Where an honorably discharged veteran of any war, or a person honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard after serving at least one enlistment or for disability incurred in line of duty, dies after discharge, a flag to drape the casket shall be furnished in all cases; such flag to be given to the next of kin after burial of the veteran: *Provided*, That in the event no claim is made for the flag by the next of kin, it may be given, upon request, to a close friend or an associate of the deceased veteran: *Provided further*, That the furnishing of a flag to any person under this proviso will constitute final and conclusive determination of rights under this Veterans Regulation."

Approved August 3, 1955.