Public Law 554

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, 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 Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TITLE I—REGULAR ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary to perform agricultural research relating to production and utilization, to control and eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases, and to perform related inspection, quarantine and regulatory work, and meat inspection: Provided, That not to exceed $15,000 of the appropriations hereunder shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 565): Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed three, of which two shall be for replacement only: Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 5 U. S. C. 565a for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost of constructing any one building (except headhouses connecting greenhouses) shall not exceed $7,500 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed $3,750 or two per centum of the cost of the building, whichever is greater: Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954, as amended (5 U. S. C. 2131):

Research: For research and demonstrations on the production and utilization of agricultural products, and related research and services, including administration of payments to State agricultural experiment stations; $49,972,000: Provided further, That not to exceed $1,500,000 shall be available for construction of buildings and for the acquisition of necessary land therefor by donation, or exchange, and not to exceed $75,000 for alterations of buildings, without regard to limitations prescribed herein:

Plant and animal disease and pest control: For operations and measures to control and eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases and for carrying out assigned inspection, quarantine and regulatory activities, as authorized by law; $49,972,000, of which $4,400,000 shall be apportioned for use pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for the control of outbreaks of insects and plant diseases under the joint resolution approved May 9, 1938 (7 U. S. C. 148–148e), and the Act of August 13, 1954 (7 U. S. C. 148), to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: Provided further, That $1,250,000 of such $4,400,000 shall be immediately available for expenditure for control and eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly: Provided further,
That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the cost or value of trees, farm animals, farm crops, or other property injured or destroyed as a result of plant insect and disease control activities except potatoes and tomatoes as authorized under the Golden Nematode Act: Provided further, That, in the discretion of the Secretary, no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the control of sweet-potato weevil in any State until such State has provided cooperation necessary to accomplish this purpose, or for barberry eradication until a sum or sums at least equal to such expenditures shall have been made available by States, counties, or local authorities, or by individuals or organizations for the accomplishment of this purpose, or with respect to the golden nematode except as prescribed in section 4 of the Golden Nematode Act;

Meat inspection: For carrying out the provisions of laws relating to Federal inspection of meat and meat-food products and the applicable provisions of the laws relating to process or renovated butter; $15,650,000.

PAYMENTS TO STATES, HAWAII, ALASKA, AND PUERTO RICO

For payments to agricultural experiment stations to carry into effect the provisions of the Hatch Act, approved March 2, 1887 (7 U. S. C. 362, 363, 365, 368, 377–379), as amended by the Act approved August 11, 1955 (69 Stat. 671), including administration by the United States Department of Agriculture, $29,003,708; and payments authorized under section 204 (b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Act approved August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1623), $500,000; in all, $29,503,708.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY

Eradication activities: For expenses necessary in the arrest and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious pleuropneumonia, or other contagious or infectious diseases of animals, or European fowl pest and similar diseases in poultry, including the payment of claims growing out of destruction of animals (including poultry) affected by or exposed to, or of materials contaminated by or exposed to, any such disease, when there has been compliance with all lawful quarantine regulations, and for foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest programs undertaken pursuant to the provisions of the Act of February 28, 1947, and the Act of May 29, 1894, as amended (7 U. S. C. 391; 21 U. S. C. 111–122), including expenses in accordance with section 2 of said Act of February 28, 1947, the Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds available to the bureaus, corporations, or agencies of the Department such sums as he may deem necessary, but not to exceed $1,550,000 for eradication of vesicular exanthema of swine, to be available only in an emergency which threatens the livestock or poultry industry of the country, and any unexpended balances of funds transferred under this head in the next preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred amounts: Provided, That, except for payments made pursuant to said Act of February 28, 1947, the payment for animals may be made on appraisement based on the meat, egg-production, dairy, or breeding value, but in case of appraisement based on breeding value no appraisement of any animal shall exceed three times its meat, egg-production, or dairy value and, except in case of an extraordinary emergency to be determined by the Secretary, the payment by the United States shall not exceed one-half of any such appraisements: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be subject to applica-
ble provisions contained in the item "Salaries and expenses, Agricultural Research Service".

Research: For expenses necessary for research authorized by the Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U. S. C. 113a), $3,500,000.

**Extension Service**

**PAYMENTS TO STATES, HAWAII, ALASKA, AND PUERTO RICO**

For payments for cooperative agricultural extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1953 (7 U. S. C. 341-348), and the Act of August 11, 1955 (69 Stat. 683-4), $48,370,000; and payments and contracts for such work under section 204 (b)–205 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1623–1624), $1,495,000; in all, $49,865,000: Provided, That funds hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3 (c) of the Act of June 26, 1953, shall not be paid to any State, Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico prior to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources for expenditure during the current fiscal year.

**Federal Extension Service**

Administration and coordination: For administration of the Smith-Lever Act, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1953 (7 U. S. C. 341-348), and the Act of August 11, 1955 (69 Stat. 683-4), and extension aspects of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1621-1627), and to coordinate and provide program leadership for the extension work of the Department and the several States, Territories, and insular possessions, $2,000,000.

Penalty mail: For costs of penalty mail for cooperative extension agents, $1,650,000.

**Farmer Cooperative Service**

For necessary expenses to carry out the Act of July 2, 1926 (7 U. S. C. 451-457), $550,000.

**Soil Conservation Service**

**Conservation Operations**

For necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U. S. C. 590a-590f), including preparation of conservation plans and establishment of measures to conserve soil and water (including farm irrigation and land drainage and such special measures as may be necessary to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs); operation of conservation nurseries; classification and mapping of soils; dissemination of information; purchase and erection or alteration of permanent buildings; operation and maintenance of aircraft; and furnishing of subsistence to employees; $67,500,000: Provided, That the cost of any permanent building purchased, erected, or as improved, exclusive of the cost of constructing a water supply or sanitary system and connecting the same to any such building and with the exception of buildings acquired in conjunction with land being purchased for other purposes, shall not exceed $2,500, except for eight buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed $15,000 per building and except that alterations or improvements to other existing permanent buildings costing $2,500 or more may be made in any fiscal year in an amount not to exceed $500 per building: Provided further, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for the construction of any such building on land not owned by the Government: Provided further,
That in the State of Missouri, where the State has established a central State agency authorized to enter into agreements with the United States or any of its agencies on policies and general programs for the saving of its soil by the extension of Federal aid to any soil conservation district in such State, the agreements made by or on behalf of the United States with any such soil conservation district shall have the prior approval of such central State agency before they shall become effective as to such district: Provided further, That no part of this appropriation may be expended for soil and water conservation operations under the Act of April 27, 1933 (16 U. S. C. 590a–590f), in demonstration projects: Provided further, That not to exceed $5,000 may be used for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a): Provided further, That qualified local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the technical planning work of the service.

WATERSHED PROTECTION

For expenses necessary to conduct surveys, investigations, and research and to carry out preventive measures, including, but not limited to, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, and changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, approved August 4, 1954 (16 U. S. C. 1001–1007), and the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U. S. C. 590a–590f), to remain available until expended, $17,500,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated or transferred to the Department for watershed protection purposes.

FLOOD PREVENTION

For expenses necessary, in accordance with the Flood Control Act, approved June 22, 1936 (33 U. S. C. 701–709), as amended and supplemented, and in accordance with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the Department, to perform works of improvement, including not to exceed $100,000 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates for individuals not to exceed $50 per diem, to remain available until expended, $12,000,000, with which shall be merged the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated or transferred to the Department for flood prevention purposes: Provided, That no part of such funds shall be used for the purchase of lands in the Yazoo and Little Tallahatchie watersheds without specific approval of the county board of supervisors of the county in which such lands are situated.

WATER CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION PROJECTS

For expenses necessary to carry out the functions of the Department under the Acts of May 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 685, 719), October 14, 1940 (16 U. S. C. 590y–z–10), as amended and supplemented, June 28, 1949 (63 Stat. 277), and September 6, 1950 (7 U. S. C. 1033–1039), relating to water conservation and utilization projects, to remain available until expended, $292,000, which sum shall be merged with the unexpended balances of funds heretofore appropriated to said Department for the purpose of said Acts.
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM SERVICE

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of sections 7 to 17, inclusive, of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, approved February 29, 1936, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g-590q), including not to exceed $6,000 for the preparation and display of exhibits, including such displays at State, interstate, and international fairs within the United States; $27,500,000, to remain available until December 31 of the next succeeding fiscal year for compliance with the program of soil-building practices and soil- and water-conserving practices authorized under this head in the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1956, carried out during the period July 1, 1955, to December 31, 1956, inclusive: Provided, That not to exceed $24,698,000 of the total sum provided under this head shall be available during the current fiscal year for salaries and other administrative expenses for carrying out such program, the cost of aerial photographs, however, not to be charged to such limitation; but not more than $4,773,800 shall be transferred to the appropriation account “Administrative expenses, section 392, Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938”: Provided further, That payments to claimants hereunder may be made upon the certificate of the claimant, which certificate shall be in such form as the Secretary may prescribe, that he has carried out the conservation practice or practices and has complied with all other requirements as conditions for such payments and that the statements and information contained in the application for payment are correct and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief, under the penalties of title 18, United States Code: Provided further, That none of the funds herein appropriated or made available for the functions assigned to the Agricultural Adjustment Agency pursuant to the Executive Order Numbered 9069, of February 23, 1942, shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any regional information employees or any State information employees, but this shall not preclude the answering of inquiries or supplying of information at the county level to individual farmers: Provided further, That such amount shall be available for salaries and other administrative expenses in connection with the formulation and administration of the 1957 program of soil-building practices and soil- and water-conserving practices, under the Act of February 29, 1936, as amended (amounting to $250,000,000, including administration, and no participant shall receive more than $1,500, except where the participants from two or more farms or ranches join to carry out approved practices designed to conserve or improve the agricultural resources of the community); but the payments or grants under such programs shall be conditioned upon the utilization of land with respect to which such payments or grants are to be made in conformity with farming practices which will encourage and provide for soil-building and soil- and water-conserving practices in the most practical and effective manner and adapted to conditions in the several States, as determined and approved by the State committees appointed pursuant to section 8 (b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590h (b)), for the respective States: Provided further, That not to exceed 5 per centum of the allocation for the 1957 agricultural conservation program for any county may, on the recommendation of such county committee and approval of the State committee, be withheld and allotted to the Soil Conservation Service for services of its technicians in formulating and carrying out the agricultural conservation program in the participating counties, and the funds so allotted may be placed in a single account for each State, and shall not be utilized by the Soil Conservation Service for any...
purpose other than technical and other assistance in such counties, and in addition, on the recommendation of such county committee and approval of the State committee, not to exceed 1 per centum may be made available to any other Federal, State, or local public agency for the same purpose and under the same conditions: Provided further, That for the 1957 program $2,500,000 shall be available for technical assistance in formulating and carrying out agricultural conservation practices and $1,000,000 shall be available for conservation practices related directly to flood prevention work in approved watersheds: Provided further, That such amounts shall be available for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, lime, trees, or any other farming material, or any soil-terracing services, and making grants thereof to agricultural producers to aid them in carrying out farming practices approved by the Secretary under programs provided for herein: Provided further, That no part of any funds available to the Department, or any bureau, office, corporation, or other agency constituting a part of such Department, shall be used in the current fiscal year for the payment of salary or travel expenses of any person who has been convicted of violating the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939, as amended, or who has been found in accordance with the provisions of title 18, United States Code, section 1913, to have violated or attempted to violate such section which prohibits the use of Federal appropriations for the payment of personal services or other expenses designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress to favor or oppose any legislation or appropriation by Congress except upon request of any Member or through the proper official channels.

**AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE**

**MARKETING RESEARCH AND SERVICE**

For expenses necessary to carry on research and service to improve and develop marketing and distribution relating to agriculture as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1621-1627) and other laws, including the administration of marketing regulatory acts connected therewith: Provided, That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 5 U. S. C. 565a for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost of erecting any one building shall not exceed $7,500 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed $3,750 or 2 per centum of the cost of the building, whichever is greater:

Marketing research and agricultural estimates: For research and development relating to agricultural marketing and distribution, for analyses relating to farm prices, income and population, and demand for farm products, and for crop and livestock estimates; $13,200,000: Provided, That not less than $350,000 of the funds contained in this appropriation shall be available to continue to gather statistics and conduct a special study on the price spread between the farmer and the consumer: Provided further, That no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be available for any expense incident to ascertaining, collating, or publishing a report stating the intention of farmers as to the acreage to be planted in cotton, or for estimates of apple production for other than the commercial crop.

Marketing services: For services relating to agricultural marketing and distribution, for carrying out regulatory acts connected therewith, and for administration and coordination of payments to States; $13,020,000, including not to exceed $25,000 for employment at rates
not to exceed $50 per diem, except for employment in rate cases for which $100 per diem may be paid, pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), in carrying out section 201 (a) to 201 (d), inclusive, of title II of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U. S. C. 1291) and section 203 (j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

PAYMENTS TO STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS

For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus and departments of markets and similar agencies for marketing activities under section 204 (b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1623 (b)), $1,160,000.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the National School Lunch Act (42 U. S. C. 1751–1760), $100,000,000: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for nonfood assistance under section 5 of said Act.

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

For necessary expenses for the Foreign Agricultural Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 908), and for enabling the Secretary to coordinate and integrate activities of the Department in connection with foreign agricultural work, including not to exceed $20,000 for representation allowances, $3,750,000: Provided, That not less than $400,000 of the funds contained in this appropriation shall be available to obtain statistics and related facts on foreign production and full and complete information on methods used by other countries to move farm commodities in world trade on a competitive basis.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE AUTHORITY

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1–17a), $787,400.

COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS

For necessary expenses to formulate and carry out acreage allotment and marketing quota programs pursuant to provisions of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1301–1393), $41,200,000, of which not more than $6,343,100 shall be transferred to the appropriation account “Administrative expenses, section 392, Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938”.

SUGAR ACT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry into effect the provisions of the Sugar Act of 1948 (7 U. S. C. 1101–1169), $67,600,000, to remain available until June 30 of the next succeeding fiscal year: Provided, That expenditures (including transfers) from this appropriation for other than payments to sugar producers shall not exceed $1,573,000.
FOR operating and administrative expenses, $6,210,000.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

To carry into effect the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-924), as follows:

LOAN AUTHORIZATIONS

For loans in accordance with said Act, and for carrying out the provisions of section 7 thereof, to be borrowed from the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the provisions of section 3 (a) of said Act as follows: Rural electrification program, $214,000,000, of which not to exceed $25,000,000 shall be placed in reserve to be borrowed under the same terms and conditions to the extent that such amount is required during the fiscal year 1957 under the then existing conditions for the expeditious and orderly development of the rural electrification program; and rural telephone program, $100,000,000, of which not to exceed $20,000,000 shall be placed in reserve to be borrowed under the same terms and conditions to the extent that such amount is required during the fiscal year 1957 under the then existing conditions for the expeditious and orderly development of the rural telephone program.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For administrative expenses, including not to exceed $500 for financial and credit reports, and not to exceed $150,000 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $8,600,000.

FARMERS' HOME ADMINISTRATION


LOAN AUTHORIZATIONS

For loans (including payments in lieu of taxes and taxes under section 50 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, and
advances incident to the acquisition and preservation of security of obligations under the foregoing several authorities): Title I and section 43 of title IV of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, $24,000,000, of which not to exceed $5,000,000 may be distributed to States and Territories without regard to farm population and prevalence of tenancy, in addition to the amount otherwise distributed thereto, for loans in reclamation projects and to entrymen on unpatented public land; title II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, $165,000,000; the Act of August 28, 1937, as amended, $5,500,000; and an additional amount not to exceed $15,000,000 may be borrowed under the same terms and conditions to the extent that such additional amount is required during fiscal year 1957 under the then existing conditions for the expeditious and orderly conduct of the loan program under title II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended: Provided, That not to exceed the foregoing several amounts shall be borrowed in one account from the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the provisions set forth under this head in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1952.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For making, servicing, and collecting loans and insured mortgages, the servicing and collecting of loans made under prior authority, the liquidation of assets transferred to Farmers' Home Administration, and other administrative expenses, $26,750,000, together with a transfer of not to exceed $550,000 of the fees and administrative expense charges made available by subsections (d) and (e) of section 12 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1005 (b)), and section 10 (c) of the Act of August 28, 1937, as amended.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

For necessary expenses, including payment of fees or dues for the use of law libraries by attorneys in the field service, $2,740,000.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, including the purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; expenses of the National Agricultural Advisory Commission; stationery, supplies, materials, and equipment; freight, express, and drayage charges; advertising of bids, communication service, postage, washing towels, repairs and alterations, uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954, as amended (5 U. S. C. 2131), and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department of Agriculture; $2,500,000.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION

For necessary expenses of the Office of Information for the dissemination of agricultural information and the coordination of informational work and programs authorized by Congress in the Department, $1,325,000, of which total appropriation not to exceed $537,000 may be used for farmers' bulletins, which shall be adapted to the interests of the people of the different sections of the country, an equal proportion of four-fifths of which shall be delivered to or sent out under the addressed franks furnished by the Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, as they shall direct (7 U. S. C. 417) and not less than two hundred thirty thousand eight hundred and fifty
copies for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives of part 2 of the annual report of the Secretary (known as the Yearbook of Agriculture) as authorized by section 73 of the Act of January 12, 1895 (44 U. S. C. 241): Provided, That in the preparation of motion pictures or exhibits by the Department, not exceeding a total of $10,000 may be used for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706 (a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (5 U. S. C. 574), as amended by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a).

LIBRARY

For necessary expenses, including dues for library membership in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members, $735,000.

TITLE II—CORPORATIONS

The following corporations and agencies are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the fiscal year 1957 for such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided:

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation: Provided, That the direct costs of loss adjusters for crop inspections and loss adjustments may be considered as nonadministrative or nonoperating expenses: Provided further, That not to exceed $2,000,000 of administrative and operating expenses may be paid from premium income.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

RESTORATION OF CAPITAL IMPAIRMENT

To restore the capital impairment of the Commodity Credit Corporation determined by the appraisal of June 30, 1955, pursuant to section 1 of the Act of March 8, 1938, as amended (15 U. S. C. 713a–1), $929,287,178.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the Commodity Credit Corporation from carrying out any activity or any program authorized by law: Provided, That not to exceed $31,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Corporation including uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (5 U. S. C. 2131), as amended: Provided further, That $1,000,000 of this authorization shall be available only to expand and strengthen the sales program of the Corporation pursuant to authority contained in the Corporation's charter: Provided further, That not less than 7 per centum of this authorization shall be placed in reserve to be apportioned pursuant to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, for use only in such amounts and at such time as may become necessary to carry out program operations: Provided further, That all necessary expenses (including legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of any real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest, including expenses of collections of pledged collateral, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof.
TITLE III—SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH ON STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS

For expenses necessary to carry out section 7 (b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of July 23, 1946 (50 U. S. C. 98f), $314,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall be subject to applicable provisions contained in the item "Salaries and expenses, Agricultural Research Service".

REIMBURSEMENTS TO COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FOR ADVANCES FOR ANIMAL DISEASE ERADICATION ACTIVITIES

To reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for authorized transfers (including interest through June 30, 1956) as follows: (1) $1,269,330 for sums transferred to the appropriation "Foot-and-mouth and other contagious diseases of animals and poultry", fiscal year 1955, for eradication activities, pursuant to authority contained under such head in the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1955, and (2) $11,791,624 for sums transferred to the appropriation "Salaries and expenses, Agricultural Research Service", fiscal year 1955, for brucellosis eradication, pursuant to section 204 (e) of the Act of August 28, 1954 (7 U. S. C. 397).

REIMBURSEMENT TO COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FOR ADVANCES FOR GRADING AND CLASSING ACTIVITIES

For reimbursement to Commodity Credit Corporation for sums transferred to the appropriation "Marketing research and service", fiscal year 1955 (including interest thereon through June 30, 1956), pursuant to the Act of August 31, 1951 (7 U. S. C. 414a), for grading tobacco and classing cotton without charge to producers, as authorized by law (7 U. S. C. 473a, 511d), $367,740.

SPECIAL COMMODITY DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

To reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for authorized costs (including interest through June 30, 1956), as follows: (1) $101,130,155 under the International Wheat Agreement Act of 1949, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1641-1642) ; (2) $88,628,927 for commodities disposed of for emergency famine relief to friendly peoples pursuant to title II of the Act of July 10, 1954 (7 U. S. C. 1691-1694) ; (3) $67,477,228 for the sale of surplus agricultural commodities for foreign currencies pursuant to title I of the Act of July 10, 1954 (7 U. S. C. 1691-1694) ; and (4) $184,678 for the transfer of hay and pasture seeds to Federal land-administering agencies under the Act of July 26, 1954 (68 Stat. 529).

TITLE IV—FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Not to exceed $2,230,000 (from assessments collected from farm credit agencies) shall be obligated during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses.

Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation: Not to exceed $550,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the Corporation shall be available for administrative expenses, including employment on a contract or fee basis of persons, firms, and corporations for the performance of special services, including legal services, and the use of the services and facilities of Federal land banks, national farm loan
associations, Federal Reserve banks, and agencies of the Government as authorized by the Act of January 31, 1934 (12 U. S. C. 1020–1020h); and said total sum shall be exclusive of services and facilities furnished and examinations made by the Farm Credit Administration, interest expense, and expenses in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, protection, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest: Provided, That promptly after June 30 of each fiscal year all cash funds in excess of the estimated operating requirements for the current fiscal year shall be declared as dividends and paid into the general fund of the Treasury: Provided further, That the aggregate amount of bonds the Corporation may issue and have outstanding at any one time shall not exceed $500,000,000.

Federal intermediate credit banks: Not to exceed $1,932,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the banks shall be available for administrative expenses, including the purchase of not to exceed two passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and services performed for the banks by other Government agencies (except services and facilities furnished and examinations made by the Farm Credit Administration, and services performed by any Federal Reserve bank and by the United States Treasury in connection with the financial transactions of the banks); and said total sum shall be exclusive of interest expense, legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, and expenses in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, protection, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the banks or in which they have an interest.

Production credit corporations: Not to exceed $1,644,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the corporations shall be available for administrative expenses, including the purchase of not to exceed six passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and services performed for the corporations by other Government agencies (except services and facilities furnished and examinations made by the Farm Credit Administration); and said total sum shall be exclusive of interest expense, legal and special services performed on a contract or fee basis, and expenses in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, protection, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the corporations or in which they have an interest.

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law, the lump-sum appropriations and authorizations made for the Department under this Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those specifically provided for, of not to exceed 645 passenger motor vehicles of which 622 shall be for replacement only, and for the hire of such vehicles, necessary in the conduct of the work of the Department outside the District of Columbia.

SEC. 502. Provisions of law prohibiting or restricting the employment of aliens shall not apply to employment under the appropriation for the Foreign Agricultural Service.

SEC. 503. Of appropriations herein made which are available for the purchase of lands, not to exceed $1 may be expended for each option to purchase any particular tract or tracts of land.

SEC. 504. No part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be used for the payment of any officer or employee of the Department who, as such officer or employee, or on behalf of the Department or any division, commission, or bureau thereof, issues, or causes to be
issued, any prediction, oral or written, or forecast, except as to damage threatened or caused by insects and pests, with respect to future prices of cotton or the trend of same.

Sec. 505. Except to provide materials required in or incident to research or experimental work where no suitable domestic product is available, no part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended in the purchase of twine manufactured from commodities or materials produced outside of the United States.

Sec. 506. Not less than $1,500,000 of the appropriations of the Department for research and service work authorized by the Act of August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 427, 1621-1629), and the Act of July 28, 1954 (Public Law 545), shall be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts.

Sec. 507. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation or agency included in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress.

Sec. 508. Appropriations of the Department available for research and service work authorized by the Act of August 14, 1946 (7 U. S. C. 427, 1621-1629) shall be available for expenses of any advisory committee established as provided in title III of said Act to assist in effectuating the research and service work of the Department.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1957”.

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Public Law 555

AN ACT

To amend the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 201 of the Act of January 27, 1948 (Public Law 402, Eightieth Congress, 62 Stat. 6, as amended by section 402 (f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 66 Stat. 163) entitled “An Act to promote the better understanding of the United States among the peoples of the world and to strengthen cooperative international relations” is amended by inserting “(a)” after the section number and by adding a new paragraph reading as follows:

“(b) No person admitted as an exchange visitor under this section or acquiring exchange visitor status after admission shall be eligible to apply for an immigrant visa, or for a nonimmigrant visa under section 101 (a) (15) (H) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, until it is established that such person has resided and been physically present in a cooperating country or countries for an aggregate of at least two years following departure from the United States: Provided, That upon request of an interested Government agency and the recommendation of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General may waive such two-year period of residence abroad in the case of any alien whose admission to the United States is found by the Attorney General to be in the public interest; and provided further, That the provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to those persons acquiring exchange visitor status subsequent to the date of the enactment hereof.”

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