WOODROW WILSON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMISSION

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act of August 30, 1954 (68 Stat. 964, 965), as amended, $48,500.

TITLE III—VIRGIN ISLANDS CORPORATION

GRANTS

For payment to the Virgin Islands Corporation in the form of grants as authorized by law, $425,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

During the current fiscal year the Virgin Islands Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available to it and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal-year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out its programs as set forth in the budget for the fiscal year 1957: *Provided*, That not to exceed $160,000 shall be available for administrative expenses (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the Corporation, covering the categories set forth in the 1957 budget estimates for such expenses.

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. Unless otherwise provided by law, appropriations contained in this Act available for expenses of travel shall be available, when specifically authorized by the head of the activity or establishment concerned, for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation concerned is made.

Travel expenses.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1957."

Short title.

Approved June 13, 1956.

Public Law 574 CHAPTER 381

AN ACT

To amend the National Housing Act, as amended, to assist in the provision of housing for essential civilian employees of the Armed Forces.

June 13, 1956
[S. 3515]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title VIII of the National Housing Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section as follows:

Armed Forces.
Housing for civilian employees.
69 Stat. 646.
12 USC 1748-1748g.

"SEC. 809. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title and in addition to mortgages insured under section 803, the Commissioner may insure any mortgage under this section which meets the eligibility requirements set forth in section 203 (b) of this Act: *Provided*, That a mortgage insured under this section shall have been executed by a mortgagor who at the time of insurance is the owner of the property and either occupies the property or certifies that his failure to do so is the result of a change in his employment by the Armed Forces or a contractor thereof and to whom the Secretary or his designee has issued a certificate indicating that such person requires housing and is at the date of the certificate a civilian employee at a

Mortgage insurance.
Requirements.
12 USC 1748b.
12 USC 1709.

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research or development installation of one of the military departments of the United States or a contractor thereof and is considered by such military department to be an essential, nontemporary employee at such date. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence to the Commissioner of the employment status of the mortgagor and of the mortgagor's need for housing.

Restriction.

"(b) No mortgage shall be insured under this section unless the Secretary or his designee shall have certified to the Commissioner that the housing is necessary to provide adequate housing for such civilians employed in connection with such a research or development installation and that there is no present intention to substantially curtail the number of such civilian personnel assigned or to be assigned to such installation. Such certification shall be conclusive evidence to the Commissioner of the need for such housing but if the Commissioner determines that insurance of mortgages on such housing is not an acceptable risk, he may require the Secretary to guarantee the Armed Services Housing Mortgage Insurance Fund from loss with respect to mortgages insured pursuant to this section. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to provide for payment to meet losses arising from such guaranty.

Appropriations.

"(c) The Commissioner may accept any mortgage for insurance under this section without regard to any requirement in any other section of this Act, that the project or property be economically sound or an acceptable risk.

"(d) Any mortgagee under a mortgage insured under this section is entitled to the benefits of insurance as provided in section 204 (a) with respect to mortgages insured under section 203.

12 USC 1710, 1709.

"(e) The provisions of subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of section 204 shall apply to mortgages insured under this section except that as applicable to those mortgages: (1) all references to the 'Fund' or 'Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund' shall refer to the 'Armed Services Housing Mortgage Insurance Fund' and (2) all references to section 203 shall refer to this section.

"Armed Services Housing Mortgage Fund". 12 USC 1710.

12 USC 1709.

"(f) The provisions of sections 801, 802, 803 (c), 803 (i), 803 (j), 804 (a), 804 (b), and 807 and the provisions of section 803 (a) relating to the aggregate amount of all mortgages insured and the expiration date of the Commissioner's authority to insure under this title, shall be applicable to mortgages insured under this section."

12 USC 1748-1748f.

Approved June 13, 1956.

Public Law 575 CHAPTER 382

June 13, 1956
[H. R. 6268]

AN ACT

To facilitate the construction of drainage works and other minor items on Federal reclamation and like projects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That funds appropriated for the construction of irrigation works authorized to be undertaken pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), the Act of August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418), as amended, or other Acts of Congress may, insofar as such funds are available for the construction of drainage facilities and other minor items, be utilized by the Secretary of the Interior to accomplish such work by contract, by force account or, notwithstanding any other law and subject only to such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary shall deem appropriate for the protection of the United States, by contract entered into with the repayment organization concerned whereby said

Reclamation drainage works. Construction funds.

43 USC 371 note.

54 Stat. 1119. 16 USC 590y-590z-10.