extent to such use and the utility and degree of sophistication of such metric standards with those in use in the United States; and

(3) recommend specific means of meeting the practical difficulties and costs in those areas of the economy where any recommended change in the system of measurement units and related dimensional and engineering standards would raise significant practical difficulties or entail significant costs of conversion.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall submit to the Congress such interim reports as he deems desirable, and within three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, a full and complete report of the findings made under the program authorized by this Act, together with such recommendations as he considers to be appropriate and in the best interests of the United States.

Funds.

SEC. 5. From funds previously appropriated to the Department of Commerce, the Secretary is authorized to utilize such appropriated sums as are necessary, but not to exceed $500,000, to carry out the purposes of this Act for the first year of the program.

Expiration date.

SEC. 6. This Act shall expire thirty days after the submission of the final report pursuant to section 3.

Approved August 9, 1968.

Public Law 90-473

August 10, 1968
[H. R. 18706]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1969.

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 District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for other purposes, namely:

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

For payment to the following funds of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969: $79,000,000 to the general fund; $2,098,000 to the water fund; and $1,184,000 to the sanitary sewage works fund, as authorized by the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1947, as amended (D.C. Code, Sec. 47–2501(a); 81 Stat. 339), and the Act of May 18, 1954 (D.C. Code, Sec. 43–1541 and 1611).

Ante, p. 612.

LOANS TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

D.C. Code 43-1601 note.

For loans to the District of Columbia as authorized by the Act of May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 101), and the Act of June 6, 1958, as amended (D.C. Code, Sec. 9–220(b); 81 Stat. 339), $66,473,000, which together with balances of previous appropriations for this purpose, shall remain available until expended and be advanced upon request of the Commissioner to the following funds: general fund, $57,223,000; highway fund, $8,000,000; and water fund, $1,250,000.

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DIVISION OF EXPENSES

The following amounts are appropriated for the District of Columbia for the current fiscal year out of the general fund of the District of Columbia, except as otherwise specifically provided:

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

General operating expenses, $31,770,000, of which $470,500 shall be payable from the highway fund (including $59,000 from the motor-vehicle parking account), $80,000 from the water fund, and $59,000 from the sanitary sewage works fund: *Provided*, That the certificates of the Commissioner (for $2,500) and of the Chairman of the City Council (for $2,500) shall be sufficient voucher for expenditures from this appropriation for such purposes, exclusive of ceremony expenses, as they may respectively deem necessary: *Provided further*, That, for the purpose of assessing and reassessing real property in the District of Columbia, $5,000 of the appropriation shall be available for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not in excess of $100 per diem: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $7,500 of this appropriation shall be available for test borings and soil investigations: *Provided further*, That $675,000 of this appropriation (to remain available until expended) shall be available solely for District of Columbia employees' disability compensation. 80 Stat. 416.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety, including employment of consulting physicians, diagnosticians, and therapists at rates to be fixed by the Commissioner; cash gratuities of not to exceed $75 to each released prisoner; purchase of one hundred and eighty-four passenger motor vehicles (including one hundred and seventy-five for police-type use and seven for fire-type use without regard to the general purchase price limitation for the current fiscal year but not in excess of $400 per vehicle for police-type and $600 per vehicle for fire-type use above such limitation) of which one hundred and eight are for replacement purposes; $104,531,000, of which $4,538,000 shall be payable from the highway fund (including $112,000 from the motor vehicle parking account), $5,000 from the water fund, and $4,000 from the sanitary sewage works fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed $50,000 of any funds from appropriations available to the District of Columbia may be used to match financial contributions from the Department of Defense to the District of Columbia Office of Civil Defense for the purchase of civil defense equipment and supplies approved by the Department of Defense, when authorized by the Commissioner: *Provided further*, That the Police Department and Fire Department are each authorized to replace not to exceed five passenger carrying vehicles annually whenever the cost of repair to any damaged vehicle exceeds three-fourths the cost of the

replacement: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $25,000 of this appropriation shall be available for settlement of claims not in excess of $250 each: *Provided further*, That $425,000 of this appropriation shall be transferred to the judiciary and disbursed by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for expenses of the Legal Aid Agency of the District of Columbia.

EDUCATION

Education, including purchase of twenty-four passenger motor vehicles of which twelve shall be for replacement only, provision of insurance, maintenance, and acceptance of not to exceed thirty passenger motor vehicles on a loan basis for exclusive use in the driver education program, the development of national defense education programs, and matching of Federal grants under the National Defense Education Act of September 2, 1958 (72 Stat. 1580), as amended, $108,676,000, of which $125,100 shall be payable from the highway fund: *Provided*, That the certificates of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Federal City College, and the President of the Washington Technical Institute, shall each be sufficient voucher for the expenditure of $1,000 of this appropriation for such purposes as they may respectively deem necessary.

20 USC 401 note.

Section 5533(c) of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to compensation received by teachers of the public schools of the District of Columbia for employment in a civilian office during the period July 1, 1968, to August 31, 1968.

81 Stat. 637.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and recreation, including the purchase, acquisition, and transportation of specimens for the National Zoological Park, $16,983,988, of which $32,000 shall be payable from the highway fund.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Health and welfare, including reimbursement to the United States for services rendered to the District of Columbia by Freedmen's Hospital; purchase of eight passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; and care and treatment of indigent patients in institutions, including those under sectarian control, under contracts to be made by the Director of Public Health; $121,356,000: *Provided*, That the inpatient rate and outpatient rate under such contracts, with the exception of Children's Hospital, and for services rendered by Freedmen's Hospital shall not exceed $38 per diem and the outpatient rate shall not exceed $6 per visit; the inpatient rate and outpatient rate for Children's Hospital shall not exceed $40 per diem and $6.75 per visit; and the inpatient rate (excluding the proportionate share for repairs and construction) for services rendered by Saint Elizabeths Hospital for patient care shall be $15.95 per diem: *Provided further*, That this

appropriation shall be available for the furnishing of medical assistance to individuals sixty-five years of age or older who are residing in the District of Columbia without regard to the requirement of one-year residence contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1946, under the heading "Operating Expenses, Gallinger Municipal Hospital", and this appropriation shall also be available to render assistance to such individuals who are temporarily absent from the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That the authorization included under the heading "Department of Public Health", in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1961, for compensation of convalescent patients as an aid to their rehabilitation is hereby extended to the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for the treatment, in any institution under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner and located either within or without the District of Columbia, of individuals found by a court to be chronic alcoholics.

59 Stat. 282. D.C. Code 32-321.

74 Stat. 21.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Highways and traffic, including $98,867 for traffic safety education without reference to any other law; $400 for membership in the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and $800 for membership in the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission; rental of three passenger-carrying vehicles for use by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Chairman of the City Council; and purchase of fifty-four passenger motor vehicles, of which thirty-four shall be for replacement only; $17,621,000, of which $11,963,000 shall be payable from the highway fund (including $938,000 from the motor vehicle parking account): *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for the purchase of driver-training vehicles.

SANITARY ENGINEERING

Sanitary engineering, including the purchase of fourteen passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, $30,735,000, of which $8,773,000 shall be payable from the water fund, $6,310,000 from the sanitary sewage works fund, and $107,000 from the metropolitan area sanitary sewage works fund.

METROPOLITAN POLICE

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES, INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Metropolitan Police (additional municipal services, inaugural ceremonies), including payment at basic salary rates for services performed on the day before Inauguration Day, Inauguration Day, and the first day thereafter, by officers and members of the police and fire departments in excess of the regular tours of duty (but not to exceed a total of sixteen hours overtime pay to any individual officer or member performing service on such days) with such overtime to be chargeable to this appropriation or to the appropriations of the police and fire departments, $440,000.

PERSONAL SERVICES, WAGE-BOARD EMPLOYEES

For pay increases and related retirement costs for wage-board employees, to be transferred by the Commissioner of the District of Columbia to the appropriations for the fiscal year 1969 from which said employees are properly payable, $787,000.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS AND INTEREST

For reimbursement to the United States of funds loaned in compliance with sections 108, 217, and 402 of the Act of May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 103, 109, and 110), as amended; section 9 of the Act of September 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 619), as amended; section 1 of the Act of June 6, 1958 (72 Stat. 183); and section 4 of the Act of June 12, 1960 (74 Stat. 211), including interest as required thereby, $8,769,000, of which $3,261,077 shall be payable from the highway fund, $1,406,808 from the water fund, and $497,696 from the sanitary sewage works fund.

D.C. Code 43-1540, 43-1616, 7-133.
D.C. Code 2-1727.
81 Stat. 339, 340.
D.C. Code 9-220.
81 Stat. 225.
D.C. Code 43-1623.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

For reimbursement to the United States of funds loaned in compliance with section 4 of the Act of May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 482), as amended, the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 896), as amended, the Act of May 14, 1948 (62 Stat. 235), and payments under the Act of July 2, 1954 (68 Stat. 443); construction projects as authorized by the Acts of April 22, 1904 (33 Stat. 244), February 16, 1942 (56 Stat. 91), May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 105, 110), June 6, 1958 (72 Stat. 183), and August 20, 1958 (72 Stat. 686); including acquisition of sites; preparation of plans and specifications; conducting preliminary surveys; erection of structures, including building improvement and alteration and treatment of grounds; to remain available until expended, $98,510,000, of which $10,588,000 shall be payable from the highway fund, $2,377,000 from the water fund, and $4,310,000 from the sanitary sewage works fund: *Provided*, That $44,307,000 of this appropriation shall not be available for expenditure until July 1, 1969: *Provided further*, That $7,046,020 shall be available for construction services by the Director of Buildings and Grounds or by contract for architectural engineering services, as may be determined by the Commissioner, and the funds for the use of the Director of Buildings and Grounds shall be advanced to the appropriation account, "Construction services, Department of Buildings and Grounds": *Provided further*, That the title to a tract of land in Scotland, Maryland (Police Boys' Club Camp Number 2) shall be taken directly to and in the name of the United States.

71 Stat. 611.
40 USC 129a-130a.
D.C. Code 43-1510, 40-804, 43-1604, 7-132, 7-133.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Vouchers.

SEC. 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, all vouchers covering expenditures of appropriations contained in this Act shall be audited before payment by the designated certifying official and the vouchers as approved shall be paid by checks issued by the designated disbursing official without countersignature.

Maximum amount.

SEC. 3. Whenever in this Act an amount is specified within an appropriation for particular purposes or object of expenditure, such amount, unless otherwise specified, shall be considered as the maximum amount which may be expended for said purpose or object rather than an amount set apart exclusively therefor.

Automobile allowances.

SEC. 4. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized or approved by the Commissioner, for allowances for privately owned automobiles used for the performance of official duties at 10

cents per mile but not to exceed $35 a month for each automobile, unless otherwise therein specifically provided, except that one hundred and sixty-three (fifty for investigators in the Department of Public Welfare and eighteen for venereal disease investigators in the Department of Public Health) such allowances at not more than $550 each per annum may be authorized or approved by the Commissioner.

Travel expenses.

SEC. 5. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for expenses of travel and for the payment of dues of organizations concerned with the work of the District of Columbia government, when authorized by the Commissioner: *Provided*, That the total expenditures for this purpose shall not exceed $122,700.

Experts and consultants. 80 Stat. 416.

SEC. 6. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

Advancement of funds.

SEC. 7. The disbursing officials designated by the Commissioner are authorized to advance to such officials as may be approved by the Commissioner such amounts and for such purposes as he may determine.

Restrictions.

SEC. 8. Appropriations in this Act shall not be used for or in connection with the preparation, issuance, publication, or enforcement of any regulation or order of the Public Service Commission requiring the installation of meters in taxicabs, or for or in connection with the licensing of any vehicle to be operated as a taxicab except for operation in accordance with such system of uniform zones and rates and regulations applicable thereto as shall have been prescribed by the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 9. Appropriations in this Act shall not be available for the payment of rates for electric current for street lighting in excess of 2 cents per kilowatt-hour for current consumed.

Vehicle use.

SEC. 10. All motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles (including watercraft) owned by the District of Columbia shall be operated and utilized in conformity with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 810), and shall be under the direction and control of the Commissioner, who may from time to time alter or change the assignment for use thereof, or direct the alteration of interchangeable use of any of the same by officers and employees of the District, except as otherwise provided in this Act. "Official purposes" as used in section 16 shall not apply to the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Chairman of the City Council of the District of Columbia or in cases of officers and employees the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary, but only as to such latter cases when approved by the Commissioner.

31 USC 638a.

Snow and ice control.

SEC. 11. Appropriations contained in this Act for highways and traffic and sanitary engineering shall be available for snow and ice control work when ordered by the Commissioner in writing.

Rental of quarters.

SEC. 12. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized by the Commissioner, for the rental of quarters without reference to section 6 of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1945.

58 Stat. 532. D.C. Code 1-243.

Uniforms.

SEC. 13. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for the furnishing of uniforms when authorized by the Commissioner.

Judgment payments.

SEC. 14. There are hereby appropriated from the applicable funds of the District of Columbia such sums as may be necessary for making refunds and for the payment of judgments which have been entered against the government of the District of Columbia, including refunds authorized by section 10 of the Act approved April 23, 1924 (43 Stat. 108): *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section shall be construed as modifying or affecting the provisions of paragraph 3, subsection (c) of section 11 of title XII of the District of Columbia Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947, as amended.

D.C. Code 47-1910.

70 Stat. 78. D.C. Code 47-1586j.

SEC. 15. Except as otherwise provided herein, limitations and legislative provisions contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1961, shall be continued for the fiscal year 1969: *Provided*, That the limitation for "Construction Services, Department of Buildings and Grounds" contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1961, as amended by the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1966, which increased to 8 per centum of appropriations for construction projects in excess of $500,000 and to 10 per centum of appropriations for construction projects under $500,000 shall be further amended to 10 per centum of appropriations for all construction projects.

74 Stat. 23; 79 Stat. 242.

Restriction.

SEC. 16. Appropriations in this Act shall not be used for the assignment or transportation of students to public schools in the District of Columbia in order to overcome racial imbalance.

SEC. 17. The cost-of-living allowance annualized in the appropriation for the Department of Welfare shall be limited to the "net payment" in computing the assistance payments for recipients in the five regular categories of public assistance.

SEC. 18. No part of any any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current year unless expressly so provided herein.

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1969".

Approved August 10, 1968.

Public Law 90-474

August 11, 1968
[H. R. 18254]

AN ACT

To amend further section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920.

Vessels.
Empty cargo vans.
79 Stat. 823.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last proviso to section 27, Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (46 U.S.C. 883), is amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury by regulation may prescribe, and, if the transporting vessel is of foreign registry, upon a finding by the Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to information obtained and furnished by the Secretary of State, that the government of the nation of registry extends reciprocal privileges to vessels of the United States, this section shall not apply to the transportation by vessels of the United States not qualified to engage in the coastwise trade, or by vessels of foreign registry, of (a) empty cargo vans, empty lift vans, and empty shipping tanks, (b) equipment for use with cargo vans, lift vans, or shipping tanks, (c) empty barges specifically designed for carriage aboard a vessel, and (d) any empty instrument for international traffic exempted from application of the customs laws by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of section 322(a), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1322(a)), if the articles described in clauses (a) through (d) are owned or leased by the owner or operator of the transporting vessel and are transported for his use in handling his cargo in foreign trade; and (e) stevedoring equipment and material, if such equipment and material is owned or leased by the owner or operator of the transporting vessel, or is owned or leased by the stevedoring company contracting for the lading or unlading of that vessel, and is transported without charge for use in the handling of cargo in foreign trade."

67 Stat. 516.

Approved August 11, 1968.