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".

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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.

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