

(b) by amending the table contained in paragraph (1) of section 1787 (b) to read as follows:

Ante, p. 1580.

"Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V
Periods of training	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	More than two dependents
First 6 months----	\$196	\$220	\$240	The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:
Second 6 months----	147	171	191	\$10
Third 6 months----	98	122	142	10
Fourth and any succeeding 6-month periods	49	73	93	10".

SEC. 206. The provisions of this title shall become effective on January 1, 1975.

Effective date.
38 USC 1504
note.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Public Law 93-603

AN ACT

Designating the lake created by the Hidden Reservoir project, Fresno River, California, as "Hensley Lake".

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 12044]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lake created by the Hidden Reservoir project, Fresno River, California, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962, shall hereafter be known as Hensley Lake, and any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such lake is designated or referred to shall be held to refer to such lake under and by the name of "Hensley Lake".

Hensley Lake.
Designation.
76 Stat. 1180.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Public Law 93-604

AN ACT

To revise and restate certain functions and duties of the Comptroller General of the United States and for other purposes.

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 12113]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "General Accounting Office Act of 1974".

General Accounting Office
Act of 1974.
31 USC 52c
note.

TITLE I—STATISTICAL SAMPLING PROCEDURES IN THE EXAMINATION OF VOUCHERS

SEC. 101. Subsection (a) of Public Law 88-521, approved August 30, 1964 (31 U.S.C. 82b-1(a)), is amended to read:

“(a) Whenever the head of any department or agency of the Government or the Commissioner of the District of Columbia determines that economies will result therefrom, such agency head or the Commissioner may prescribe the use of adequate and effective statistical sampling procedures in the examination of disbursement vouchers not exceeding such amounts as may from time to time be prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States; and no certifying or disbursing officer acting in good faith and in conformity with such procedures shall be held liable with respect to any certification or payment made by him on a voucher which was not subject to specific examination because of the prescribed statistical sampling procedure: *Provided*, That such officer and his department or agency have diligently pursued collection action to recover the illegal, improper, or incorrect payment in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Comptroller General. The Comptroller General shall include in his reviews of accounting systems an evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of procedures established under the authority of this Act.”.

TITLE II—AUDIT OF TRANSPORTATION PAYMENTS

SEC. 201. Section 322 of the Transportation Act of 1940, as amended (49 U.S.C. 66), is further amended:

(1) By deleting from subsection (a) the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:

“Payment for transportation of persons or property for or on behalf of the United States by any carrier or forwarder shall be made upon presentation of bills therefor prior to audit by the General Services Administration, or his designee. The right is reserved to the United States Government to deduct the amount of any overcharge by any carrier or forwarder from any amount subsequently found to be due such carrier or forwarder. This does not affect the authority of the General Accounting Office to make audits in accordance with the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, as amended (31 U.S.C. 41), and the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950, as amended (31 U.S.C. 65).”.

(2) In the second proviso of subsection (a), by striking out “cognizable by the General Accounting Office” and by striking out “received in the General Accounting Office” and inserting in lieu of the latter “received in the General Services Administration, or by his designee”; and

(3) By redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively, and by inserting the following new subsection (b):

“(b) Nothing in subsection (a) hereof shall be deemed to prevent any carrier or forwarder from requesting the Comptroller General to review the action on his claim by the General Services Administration, or his designee. Such request shall be forever barred unless received in the General Accounting Office within six months (not including in time of war) from the date the action was taken or within the periods of limitation specified in the second proviso in subsection (a) of this section, whichever is later.”.

SEC. 202. (a) Incident to the transfer of functions pursuant to the amendments made by section 201 of this Act, there shall be transferred to the General Services Administration such records, property, personnel, appropriations, and other funds of the General Accounting Office as the Comptroller General and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall jointly determine after consultation with the Administrator of General Services and, with respect to personnel, with the Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission.

Transfer of
functions.

Transfer of
records, property,
personnel, and
funds.

49 USC 66 note.

(b) Personnel transferred pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not be reduced in classification or compensation for two years after such transfer, except for cause. After such two-year period, each person transferred pursuant to subsection (a) shall be subject to the provisions of section 5337 of title 5, United States Code, as if such person had continued to be an employee of the General Accounting Office.

SEC. 203. (a) The transfer of functions and personnel under this title shall be effective on such date as is mutually determined by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Administrator of General Services, but not earlier than October 1, 1975, and not later than September 30, 1976.

(b) Upon the enactment of this Act the Comptroller General of the United States shall establish and carry out a continuing program of personnel development and improvement applicable to the personnel who will be transferred under this title. Such program shall include provisions for training, career development and counseling services, a review of equal employment opportunity problems and the taking of corrective action, where appropriate, and any restructuring, reclassification, and redesigning of positions necessary to effectuate a full and adequate transfer of the functions as provided for under this title.

(c) At least sixty days prior to the effective date determined under subsection (a), the Administrator of General Services shall establish a detailed plan for the transfer of functions and personnel under this title and shall publish such plan in the Federal Register. Such plan shall be based on a thorough survey of the availability of transportation to any new location for functions and personnel transferred and of the availability of parking facilities and food, health, and other services for personnel transferred, and shall include a detailed description of a personnel development program to be conducted by the Administrator of General Services to assure the establishment and maintenance of procedures which guarantee equal employment opportunities, promotion opportunities, employment and career counseling, and training and career development for personnel who are transferred.

(d) Six months after the date of the transfer of the personnel and functions under this title, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall make a report to the Congress as to actions which he has taken to implement such plan and the transfer of such personnel and functions thereunder.

Effective date.
49 USC 66 note.

Personnel
development pro-
gram.

Plan; publica-
tion in Federal
Register.

Report to
Congress.

TITLE III—AUDIT OF NONAPPROPRIATED FUND ACTIVITIES

SEC. 301. (a) The (1) operations and funds (including central funds) of nonappropriated fund and related activities authorized or operated by an executive agency to sell merchandise or services to military or other Government personnel and their dependents, such as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchanges, Marine Corps Exchanges, Coast Guard Exchanges, Exchange Councils of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, commissaries, clubs, and theaters, (2) systems of accounting and internal controls of such funds and activities, and (3) any internal or independent audits or reviews of such funds and activities shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be subject to review by the Comptroller General of the United States in accordance with such principles and procedures and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe. The Comptroller General and his duly authorized representatives shall have access to those books, accounts, records, documents, reports, files, and other papers, things, or property relevant to funds and activities

31 USC 135.

within this subsection as are deemed necessary by the Comptroller General.

(b) When required by the Comptroller General for such nonappropriated fund and related activities with gross receipts from sales of more than \$100,000 a year as he may designate by class, or upon specific request of the Comptroller General in any other case, each executive agency shall furnish promptly a copy of the annual report of any nonappropriated fund or related activity referred to in subsection (a). If such information is not included in any activity's annual report, such agency shall also furnish a statement showing the yearly financial operations, financial condition, and cash flow, and such other annual information relating to the activity as may be agreed upon by the Comptroller General and the head of the executive agency concerned.

TITLE IV—EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS

31 USC 52c.

SEC. 401. The Comptroller General may employ experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at rates not in excess of the maximum daily rate prescribed for GS-18 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently. Ten such experts or consultants may be employed for periods not in excess of three years.

5 USC 5332
note.

TITLE V—GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE BUILDING

31 USC 51-1.

SEC. 501. (a) The Comptroller General of the United States shall be entitled to the use of such space in the General Accounting Office Building as he determines to be necessary, and the head of any Federal agency which exercises authority over such building shall provide the Comptroller General with such space within the building as the Comptroller General determines to be necessary.

31 USC 51-1
note.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the one-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator for General Services may contract for the rent of a building in the District of Columbia to the extent necessary to secure an amount of space equal to the amount of space which the Administrator makes available to the Comptroller General of the United States during such one-year period under the provisions of subsection (a).

TITLE VI—AUDITS OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATION CONTROL ACT

SEC. 601. (a) Section 105 of the Government Corporation Control Act (31 U.S.C. 850) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "Effective July 1, 1974, each wholly owned Government corporation shall be audited at least once in every three years."

Report to
Congress.

31 USC 850.

(b) The first sentence of section 106 of such Act (31 U.S.C. 851) is amended to read as follows: "A report of each audit conducted under section 105 shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

(c) Section 202 of such Act (31 U.S.C. 857) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "Effective July 1, 1974, each mixed-ownership Government corporation shall be audited at least once in every three years."

(d) The first sentence of section 203 of such Act (31 U.S.C. 858) is amended to read as follows: "A report of each audit conducted under section 202 shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

Report to
Congress.
31 USC 857.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT

SEC. 602. (a) Section 17(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1827(b)) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "The Corporation shall be audited at least once in every three years."

(b) The first and second sentences of section 17(c) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 1827(c)) are deleted and the following is inserted in their place: "A report of each audit conducted under subsection (b) of this section shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

Report to
Congress.

AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT

SEC. 603. Section 513 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (52 Stat. 76; 7 U.S.C. 1513) is amended to read as follows: "The Corporation shall at all times maintain complete and accurate books of accounts and shall file annually with the Secretary of Agriculture a complete report as to the business of the Corporation."

Report to
Secretary of
Agriculture.

AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968

SEC. 604. Section 107(g) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701y(g)) is amended by:

(1) adding a new sentence at the end of subparagraph (1) thereof as follows: "Such audit shall be made at least once in every three years."

(2) substituting the following sentence in lieu of the first sentence in subparagraph (2) thereof: "A report of each such audit shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

Report to
Congress.

AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1945

SEC. 605. Section 17 of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Act of 1945 (60 Stat. 801) is amended by deleting the word "annual" from the clause "such books shall be subject to annual audit by the General Accounting Office."

D.C. Code 5-
716.

TITLE VII—REVISION OF ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT OF 1949

SEC. 701. Section 109(e) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 756(e)) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) (1) As of June 30 of each year, there shall be covered into the United States Treasury as miscellaneous receipts any surplus in the General Supply Fund, all assets, liabilities, and prior losses considered, above the amounts transferred or appropriated to establish and maintain said fund.

31 USC 65 note.

"(2) The Comptroller General shall make audits of the General Supply Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 and make reports on the results thereof."

AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ACT OF 1958

SEC. 702. That part of the second sentence of section 1307(f) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1537(f)) which precedes the proviso is amended to read as follows: "The Secretary shall maintain a set of accounts which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950."

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING FUND

SEC. 703. Section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for financing the operations of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department, and for other purposes" (31 U.S.C. 181d) is amended to read as follows: "The financial transactions, accounts, and reports of the fund shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950."

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE VETERANS' CANTEEN SERVICE

SEC. 704. Section 4207 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 4207. Audit of accounts

"The Service shall maintain a set of accounts which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950."

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSURED LOAN PROGRAM

SEC. 705. (a) Paragraph (2) of section 432(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1082(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) maintain with respect to insurance under this part a set of accounts, which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950, except that the transactions of the Commissioner, including the settlement of insurance claims and of claims for payments pursuant to section 428, and transactions related thereto and vouchers approved by the Commissioner in connection with such transactions, shall be final and conclusive upon all accounting and other officers of the Government."

(b) Section 402(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 78; 12 U.S.C. 1749a(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) maintain a set of accounts which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950: *Provided*, That such financial transactions of the Administrator as the making of loans and vouchers approved by the Administrator in connection with such financial transactions shall be final and conclusive upon all officers of the Government."

AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SEC. 706. Section 209(b)(2) of the Federal Credit Union Act as added by section 1 of Public Law 91-468 (12 U.S.C. 1789(b)(2)) is

20 USC 1078.

amended by deleting the word “annually” therefrom.

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO AUDIT OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

SEC. 707. The third sentence of subsection 309(c) of title 44 of the United States Code is amended to read as follows: “The Comptroller General shall audit the activities of the Government Printing Office at least once in every three years and shall furnish reports of such audits to the Congress and the Public Printer.”

Reports to
Congress and
Public Printer.

TITLE VIII—LIMITATION OF TIME ON CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

SEC. 801. Section 1 of the Act of October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1061, ch. 788), is amended by deleting the phrase “10 full years” and substituting “6 years” therefor.

31 USC 71a,
237.

SEC. 802. The amendment provided for in section 801 shall go into effect 6 months after the date of enactment and will have no effect on claims received in the General Accounting Office before that time.

Effective date.
31 USC 71a
note.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Public Law 93-605

AN ACT

To amend section 510 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 12427]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection 510 (i) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 1160(i)) is amended to read as follows:

Vessels.
Exchange.

“(i) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized, within two years after enactment of this subsection, to acquire mariner class vessels constructed under title VII of this Act and Public Law 911, Eighty-first Congress, in exchange for obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet that are scheduled for scrapping. For purposes of this subsection, the traded-in and traded-out vessels shall be valued at the higher of their scrap value in domestic or foreign markets as of the date of the exchange: *Provided*, That in any exchange transactions the value assigned to the traded-in and traded-out vessels will be determined on the same basis. The value of the traded-out vessel shall be as nearly as possible equal to the value of the traded-in vessel plus the fair value of the cost of towing the traded-out vessel to the place of scrapping. To the extent the value of the traded-out vessel exceeds the value of the traded-in vessel plus the fair value of the cost of towing, the owner of the traded-in vessel shall pay the excess to the Secretary of Commerce in cash at the time of the exchange. This excess shall be deposited into the Vessel Operations Revolving Fund and all costs incident to the lay-up of vessels acquired under this Act may be paid from balances in the Fund. No payments shall be made by the Secretary of Commerce to the owner of any traded-in vessel in connection with any exchange under this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9 and 37 of the Shipping Act, 1961, vessels traded out under this subsection may be scrapped in approved foreign markets. The provision of this subsection (i) as it read prior to this amendment shall govern all transactions made thereunder prior to this amendment.”

46 USC 1191.
64 Stat. 1223.

Vessel Opera-
tions Revolving
Fund.

46 USC 808,
835.