

Public Law 94-387
94th Congress

An Act

Making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for other purposes.

Aug. 14, 1976
[H.R. 14234]

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 Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for other purposes, namely:

Department of
Transportation
and Related
Agencies
Appropriation
Act, 1977.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, including not to exceed \$27,000 for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine, \$34,900,000.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, and development activities, including the collection of national transportation statistics, to remain available until expended, \$28,000,000.

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS (SPECIAL
FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM)

For payments in foreign currencies which the Treasury Department determines to be excess to the normal requirements of the United States, for necessary expenses for conducting transportation research activities overseas, as authorized by law, \$100,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available, in addition to other appropriations to the Department, for payments in the foregoing currencies.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

For grants-in-aid to carry out a pipeline safety program, as authorized by section 5 of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. 1674), \$2,250,000, to remain available until expended.

COAST GUARD

OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 USC 92 note.

For necessary expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, not otherwise provided for; purchase of not to exceed sixteen passenger motor vehicles, for replacement only; and recreation and welfare; \$818,580,000 of which \$197,422 shall be applied to Capehart Housing debt reduction: *Provided*, That the number of aircraft on hand at any one time shall not exceed one hundred and seventy-nine exclusive of planes and parts stored to meet future attrition: *Provided further*, That amounts equal to the obligated balances against the appropriations for "Operating expenses" for the two preceding years, and the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation, and such merged appropriation shall be available as one fund, except for accounting purposes of the Coast Guard, for the payment of obligations properly incurred against such prior year appropriations and against this appropriation.

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For necessary expenses of acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment related thereto; \$241,000,000, of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 may be transferred to the appropriation "Pollution Fund" to remain available until September 30, 1979.

ALTERATION OF BRIDGES

For necessary expenses for alteration of obstructive bridges; \$10,900,000 to remain available until expended.

RETIRED PAY

For retired pay, including the payment of obligations therefor otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropriations for this purpose, and payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection and Survivor Benefit Plans; \$147,103,000.

RESERVE TRAINING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For all necessary expenses for the Coast Guard Reserve, as authorized by law; maintenance and operation of facilities; and supplies, equipment, and services; \$34,650,000: *Provided*, That amounts equal to the obligated balances against the appropriations for "Reserve training" for the two preceding years and the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation, and such merged appropriation shall be available as one fund, except for accounting purposes of the Coast Guard, for the payment of obligations properly incurred against such prior year appropriations and against this appropriation.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for basic and applied scientific research, development, test, and evaluation; maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of facilities and equipment, as authorized by law; \$18,800,000, to remain available until expended.

STATE BOATING SAFETY ASSISTANCE

For financial assistance for State boating safety programs in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.), \$5,790,000, to remain available until expended.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses for research and development and for establishment of air navigation facilities, and carrying out the provisions of the Airport and Airway Development Act; purchase of four passenger motor vehicles for replacement only and purchase and repair of skis and snowshoes: \$1,666,000,000 of which \$250,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, for the purposes of subsection (e) of section 14 of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970, as amended, and subject to the conditions of that subsection: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the maintenance and operation of air navigation facilities.

49 USC 1701
note.

49 USC 1714.

FACILITIES, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration, not otherwise provided for and for acquisition and modernization of facilities and equipment and service testing in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Aviation Act (49 U.S.C. 1301-1542), including construction of experimental facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant, \$15,500,000, to remain available until expended; and, in addition, not to exceed \$1,900,000 from unobligated balances in the appropriations for "Civil Supersonic Aircraft Development" and "Civil Supersonic Aircraft Development Termination" may be transferred to this account for necessary expenses to conduct a study of high altitude pollution: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred for engineering and development.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for; for acquisition, establishment, and improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of air navigation and experimental facilities, including initial acquisi-

tion of necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service testing including construction of test facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Administration stationed at remote localities where such accommodations are not available; \$200,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until September 30, 1979: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the establishment and modernization of air navigation facilities: *Provided further*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be available for the construction of a new wind tunnel, or to purchase any land for or in connection with the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center, or to decommission in excess of five flight service stations.

RESEARCH, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided, for research, engineering and development in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Aviation Act (49 U.S.C. 1301-1542), including construction of experimental facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; \$74,350,000 to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred for research, engineering and development.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

49 USC 1714.

For liquidation of obligations incurred for airport development under authority contained in section 14 of Public Law 91-258, as amended, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended, \$355,000,000; and for airport planning grants \$15,000,000 to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the sum appropriated for airport planning grants shall be available for obligation upon the date of enactment of this Act.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS

For expenses incident to the care, operation, maintenance, improvement, and protection of the federally owned civil airports in the vicinity of the District of Columbia, including purchase of ten passenger motor vehicles for police type use, for replacement only; and purchase of two motor bikes for replacement only; purchase, cleaning, and repair of uniforms; and arms and ammunition; \$20,700,000.

CONSTRUCTION, METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS

For necessary expenses for construction at the federally owned civil airports in the vicinity of the District of Columbia, \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1979.

AVIATION WAR RISK INSURANCE REVOLVING FUND

The Secretary of Transportation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available pursuant to section 1306 of the Act of August 23, 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1536), and in accordance with section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended (31 U.S.C. 849), as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for aviation war risk insurance activities under said Act.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

LIMITATION ON GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Necessary expenses for administration, operation, and research of the Federal Highway Administration not to exceed \$150,400,000 shall be paid, in accordance with law, from appropriations made available by this Act to the Federal Highway Administration together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Administration: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$32,170,000 of the amount provided herein shall remain available until expended.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

For necessary expenses to carry out motor carrier safety functions of the Secretary, as authorized by the Department of Transportation Act (80 Stat. 939-40), \$6,949,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$400,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall remain available until expended and not to exceed \$799,000, shall be available for "Limitation on general operating expenses."

HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses in carrying out provisions of title 23, United States Code, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund \$9,000,000, to remain available until expended.

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, sections 131 and 136, and the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976, section 105(a)(11), \$28,000,000 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1,085,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall be available for "Limitation on general operating expenses".

Ante, p. 427.

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT
AUTHORIZATION)

For payment of obligations, authorized for 1976 and prior years, incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, sections 131, 136, and 319(b), to remain available until expended, \$33,600,000.

HIGHWAY-RELATED SAFETY GRANTS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, section 402, administered by the Federal Highway Administration, to remain available until expended, \$26,820,000 of which \$20,320,000 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$556,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall be available for "Limitation on general operating expenses".

RAILROAD-HIGHWAY CROSSINGS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

For necessary expenses of railroad-highway crossings demonstration projects, as authorized by section 163 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, as amended, and Title III of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, to remain available until expended, \$10,000,000 of which \$6,666,667 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund: *Provided*, That section 163 of Public Law 93-87 is hereby amended to include projects at Terre Haute, Indiana.

23 USC 130 note.
49 USC 1605
note.
23 USC 130 note.

TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, sections 215, 402, and 405, \$3,560,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$228,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall be available for "Limitation on general operating expenses".

ALASKA HIGHWAY

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 218 of title 23, United States Code, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OFF-SYSTEM ROADS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, section 219, \$70,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$2,610,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall be available for "Limitation on general operating expenses".

NATIONAL SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL HIGHWAY

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, section 148, to remain available until expended, \$22,500,000, of which \$14,300,000 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund.

ACCESS HIGHWAYS TO PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS ON CERTAIN LAKES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses not otherwise provided, to carry out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, section 155, \$4,767,000, to be derived from the appropriation for "Darien Gap Highway" and to remain available until September 30, 1979.

**FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
(TRUST FUND)**

For carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, which are attributable to Federal-aid highways, not otherwise provided, including reimbursement for sums expended pursuant to the provisions of section 308, title 23, United States Code, \$6,143,100,000 or so much thereof as may be available in and derived from the "Highway trust fund", to remain available until expended.

HIGHWAY SAFETY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, sections 130, 144, 151, 152, 153, and 405, \$385,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended.

RIGHT-OF-WAY REVOLVING FUND (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, section 108(c), as authorized by section 7(c) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1968, to remain available until expended, \$35,000,000, to be derived from the "Highway Trust Fund" at such times and in such amounts as may be necessary to meet current withdrawals.

HIGHWAYS CROSSING FEDERAL PROJECTS

For necessary expenses in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, section 156, \$35,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1979.

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PARKWAY

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided, to carry out the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1970, for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, to remain available until expended, \$1,500,000 to be derived from the "Highway Trust Fund" and to be withdrawn therefrom at such times and in such amounts as may be necessary.

23 USC 101 note.

OVERSEAS HIGHWAY

For necessary expenses for construction of the Overseas Highway in accordance with the provisions of section 118, "Federal-Aid Highway Amendments of 1974", to remain available until expended, \$12,500,000, to be derived from the "Highway Trust Fund".

88 Stat. 2288.

PROJECT ACCELERATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to enable the Secretary to conduct demonstration projects authorized by section 141 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976, \$10,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended.

Ante, p. 444.
23 USC 124 note.

ALASKA ROADS STUDY

Ante, p. 448.
23 USC 218 note.

For necessary expenses not otherwise provided to carry out the provisions of section 151, "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976," \$200,000 to remain available until expended.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

15 USC 1901
note.

For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of the Secretary with respect to traffic and highway safety and functions under the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act (Public Law 92-513), \$72,326,000, of which \$26,746,000 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$29,876,000 shall remain available until expended, of which \$8,616,000 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund for contractual requirements of Research and Analysis activities.

STATE AND COMMUNITY HIGHWAY SAFETY (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, sections 402 and 406, to remain available until expended, \$88,500,000, of which \$83,360,000 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Administration, not otherwise provided for, \$6,300,000.

RAILROAD SAFETY

For necessary expenses in connection with railroad safety, not otherwise provided for, \$18,300,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR RAILROAD SAFETY

For grants-in-aid to carry out a railroad safety program \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for railroad research and development, \$52,900,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, funds received from State and local governments, other public authorities, private sources and foreign countries for expenses incurred for engineering, testing and development.

RAIL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Ante, p. 130.
45 USC 762.

For necessary expenses for rail service assistance authorized by section 803 of Public Law 94-210, section 402 of Public Law 93-236, as amended, and for necessary administrative expenses in connection

with Federal rail assistance programs not otherwise provided for, \$75,000,000, together with \$5,000,000 for the programs authorized by section 11(c) (6) and (7) of the Department of Transportation Act, as amended, and \$3,000,000 for the Minority Resource Center, as authorized by section 906 of Public Law 94-210, to remain available until expended.

Ante, p. 149.
49 USC 1657a.
Ante, p. 149.

NORTHEAST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses related to Northeast Corridor improvements, \$150,000,000, to remain available until expended.

GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, \$575,700,000, to remain available until expended, of which not more than \$482,600,000 shall be available for operating losses incurred by the Corporation, including \$62,600,000 which shall be available for the payment of additional operating expenses of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, resulting from the operation, maintenance, and ownership or control of the Northeast Corridor pursuant to title VII of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, and not more than \$93,100,000 shall be available for capital improvements: *Provided, however*, That none of the funds herein appropriated shall be used for the lease or purchase of passenger motor vehicles or for the hire of vehicle operators for any officer or employee, other than the President, of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, excluding the lease of passenger motor vehicles for those officers or employees while in official travel status.

Ante, p. 119.

THE ALASKA RAILROAD

ALASKA RAILROAD REVOLVING FUND

The Alaska Railroad Revolving Fund shall continue available until expended for the work authorized by law, including operation and maintenance of oceangoing or coastwise vessels by ownership, charter, or arrangement with other branches of the Government service, for the purpose of providing additional facilities for transportation of freight, passengers, or mail, when deemed necessary for the benefit and development of industries or travel in the area served; and payment of compensation and expenses as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 8146, to be reimbursed as therein provided: *Provided*, That no employee shall be paid an annual salary out of said fund in excess of the salaries prescribed by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, for grade GS-15, except the general manager of said railroad, one assistant general manager at not to exceed the salaries prescribed by said Act for GS-17, and five officers at not to exceed the salaries prescribed by said Act for grade GS-16.

5 USC 5332 note.

PAYMENT TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD REVOLVING FUND

For payment to the Alaska Railroad Revolving Fund for capital replacements, improvements, and maintenance, \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT

FINANCING FUNDS

The Secretary of Transportation is hereby authorized to expend proceeds from the sale of Fund anticipation notes to the Secretary of the Treasury and any other monies deposited in the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Fund pursuant to sections 502, 505-507 and 509 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-210) for the uses authorized for the Fund, in amounts not to exceed \$70,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1978. The Secretary of Transportation is also authorized to issue to the Secretary of the Treasury notes or other obligations pursuant to section 512 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-210) in such amounts and at such time as may be necessary to pay any amounts required pursuant to the guarantee not to exceed \$400,000,000 principal amount of obligations under sections 511 through 513 of such act, such authority to exist as long as any such guaranteed obligation is outstanding: *Provided*, That the aggregate principal amount of guarantees and commitments to guarantee obligations under section 511 of Public Law 94-210 shall not exceed \$400,000,000.

Ante, pp. 67,
71-74, 76.

Ante, p. 79.

Ante, p. 76.

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION FUND

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For necessary administrative expenses of the urban mass transportation program authorized by the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., as amended by Public Law 91-453 and Public Law 93-503); the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-87) and the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-280) in connection with the activities, including uniforms and allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902); hire of passenger motor vehicle; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; \$12,600,000.

49 USC 1601b
note.
23 USC 101 note.
Ante, p. 425.
23 USC 101 note.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATIONS AND UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND TRAINING

For an additional amount for the urban mass transportation program, as authorized by the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), to remain available until expended; \$61,200,000: *Provided*, That \$58,700,000 shall be available for research, development, and demonstrations, \$2,000,000 shall be available for university research and training, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be available for managerial training as authorized under the authority of the said Act.

LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

For payment to the urban mass transportation fund, for liquidation of contractual obligations incurred under authority of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., as amended by Public Law 91-453 and Public Law 93-503) and section 142(c) of title 23, U.S.C., and of obligations incurred for projects substituted for Interstate System segments withdrawn prior to enactment of the Fed-

49 USC 1601b
note.

eral-Aid Highway Act of 1976; \$1,700,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of these funds shall be made available for the establishment of depreciation reserves or reserves for replacement accounts: *Provided further*, That amounts for highway projects substituted for Interstate System segments shall be transferred to the Federal Highway Administration.

Ante, p. 425.

RAIL SERVICE OPERATING PAYMENTS

For an additional payment to the Urban Mass Transportation Fund there is hereby appropriated to remain available until expended, for the purposes of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended by Public Law 94-210, \$55,000,000.

49 USC 1601
note.

Ante, p. 143.

PROJECTS SUBSTITUTED FOR INTERSTATE SYSTEM PROJECTS

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of title 23, U.S.C. 103(e)(4), to remain available until expended, \$400,000,000 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: *Provided*, That amounts for highway projects substituted for Interstate System segments shall be transferred to the Federal Highway Administration.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to such Corporation, 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 current fiscal year for such Corporation except as hereinafter provided.

31 USC 849.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Not to exceed \$982,000 shall be available for administrative expenses which shall be computed on an accrual basis, including not to exceed \$3,000 for official entertainment expenses to be expended upon the approval or authority of the Secretary of Transportation: *Provided*, That Corporation funds shall be available for the hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft, operation and maintenance of aircraft, uniforms or allowances therefor for operation and maintenance personnel, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902), and \$15,000 for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

TITLE II

RELATED AGENCIES

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-18; uni-

5 USC 5332 note.

forms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902), \$13,800,000, of which not to exceed \$300 shall be used for official reception and representation expenses.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Civil Aeronautics Board, including hire of aircraft; hire of passenger motor vehicles; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902); and not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$21,450,000.

PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

For payments to air carriers of so much of the compensation fixed and determined by the Civil Aeronautics Board under section 406 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1376), as is payable by the Board, \$80,007,000, to remain available until expended.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Interstate Commerce Commission, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$57,036,000, of which \$150,000 shall be available for valuation of pipelines, \$1,250,000 shall be available for necessary expenses of the Rail Services Planning Office, \$1,999,400 shall be available for necessary expenses of the Office of Rail Public Counsel: *Provided*, That Joint Board members and cooperating state commissioners may use Government transportation requests when traveling in connection with their official duties as such.

49 USC 305a.

THE PANAMA CANAL

CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT

OPERATING EXPENSES

For operating expenses necessary for the Canal Zone Government, including operation of the Postal Service of the Canal Zone; hire of passenger motor vehicles; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902); expenses incident to conducting hearings on the Isthmus; expenses of special training of employees of the Canal Zone Government as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101-4118, contingencies of the Governor, residence for the Governor; medical aid and support of the insane and of lepers and aid and support of indigent persons legally within the Canal Zone, including expenses of their deportation when practicable; and maintaining and altering facilities of other Government agencies in the Canal Zone for Canal Zone Government use, \$65,900,000.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

For acquisition of land and land under water and acquisition, construction, and replacement of improvements, facilities, structures, and equipment, as authorized by law (2 C.Z. Code, sec. 2; 2 C.Z. Code, sec. 371), including the purchase of not to exceed eighteen passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; improving facilities of other

Government agencies in the Canal Zone for Canal Zone Government use; and expenses incident to the retirement of such assets; \$3,150,000, to remain available until expended.

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY

CORPORATION

The Panama Canal Company is hereby authorized to make such expenditures within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to it and in accordance 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 (31 U.S.C. 849), as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for such corporation, including maintaining and improving facilities of other Government agencies in the Canal Zone for Panama Canal Company use.

LIMITATION ON GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Not to exceed \$25,285,000 of the funds available to the Panama Canal Company shall be available for obligation during the current fiscal year for general and administrative expenses of the Company, including operation of tourist vessels and guide services. Funds available to the Panama Canal Company for obligation shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed twenty-four passenger motor vehicles, for replacement only, and for uniforms or allowances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

INVESTMENT IN FUND ANTICIPATION NOTES

For the acquisition, in accordance with section 509 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-210), of fund anticipation notes, \$70,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1978.

Ante, p. 76.

UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For necessary administrative expenses to enable the United States Railway Association to carry out its functions under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, as amended, \$12,000,000.

45 USC 701 note.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION

To enable the Department of Transportation to pay the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, as part of the Federal contribution toward expenses necessary to design, engineer, construct, and equip a rail rapid transit system, as authorized by the National

D.C. Code
1-1441 note.

Capital Transportation Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-143), as amended, including acquisition of rights-of-way, land, and interest therein, to remain available until expended, \$15,421,779 and for the fiscal year 1978, and for the fiscal year 1977, \$6,800,000 for the design and construction of facilities for the handicapped as authorized by Public

23 USC 101 note. Law 93-87.

INTEREST SUBSIDY

86 Stat. 464.

To enable the Department of Transportation to pay the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority the interest subsidy authorized by Public Law 92-349, \$19,374,000, to remain available until expended.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY STUDY COMMISSION

Ante, p. 425.

For necessary expenses to enable the National Transportation Policy Study Commission to carry out its functions under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976, Public Law 94-280, the sum of \$1,000,000 to remain available until expended.

TITLE III

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. During the current fiscal year applicable appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign countries on official departmental business; and uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902).

SEC. 302. None of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the commitments for which are in excess of \$510,000,000 for Grants-in-aid for airports in fiscal year 1977.

SEC. 303. None of the funds provided under this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of \$21,000,000 for "Highway-related safety grants" in fiscal year 1977.

SEC. 304. None of the funds provided under this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of \$129,000,000 in fiscal year 1977 for "State and Community Highway Safety".

SEC. 305. None of the funds provided under this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of \$5,600,000 in fiscal year 1977 for "Territorial Highways".

SEC. 306. None of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for administrative expenses in connection with commitments for the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, aggregating more than \$2,077,700,000 in fiscal year 1977, except that amounts apportioned pursuant to section 5 of that Act and not committed in the year of apportionment may be committed notwithstanding this limitation.

49 USC 1601
note.

49 USC 1604.

SEC. 307. None of the funds provided under this Act shall be available for administrative expenses in connection with obligations against contract authority for interstate substitutions under 23 U.S.C. 103(e) (4) aggregating more than \$175,000,000 in fiscal year 1977.

SEC. 308. None of the funds provided under this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs for any further construction of the Miami jetport or of any other air facility in the State of Florida lying south of the Okeechobee Waterway and in the drainage basins contributing water to the Everglades National Park until it has been shown by an appropriate study made jointly by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation that such an airport will not have an adverse environmental effect on the ecology of the Everglades and until any site selected on the basis of such study is approved by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall affect the availability of such funds to carry out this study.

Everglades
National Park,
Fla.
Ecology study.

SEC. 309. The Governor of the Canal Zone is authorized to employ services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, in an amount not exceeding \$150,000.

SEC. 310. Funds appropriated for operating expenses of the Canal Zone Government may be apportioned notwithstanding section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 665), to the extent necessary to permit payment of such pay increases for officers or employees as may be authorized by administrative action pursuant to law which are not in excess of statutory increases granted for the same period in corresponding rates of compensation for other employees of the Government in comparable positions.

SEC. 311. No funds appropriated or made available by this Act shall be used to implement the provision of section 155 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code relating to the establishment of employment standards, pay levels and other conditions of employment within the Canal Zone.

SEC. 312. Funds appropriated under this Act for expenditure by the Federal Aviation Administration shall be available (1) except as otherwise authorized by the Act of September 30, 1950 (20 U.S.C. 236-244), for expenses of primary and secondary schooling for dependents of Federal Aviation Administration personnel stationed outside the continental United States at costs for any given area not in excess of those of the Department of Defense for the same area, when it is determined by the Secretary that the schools, if any, available in the locality are unable to provide adequately for the education of such dependents and (2) for transportation of said dependents between schools serving the area which they attend and their places of residence when the Secretary, under such regulations as he may prescribe, determines that such schools are not accessible by public means of transportation on a regular basis.

FAA dependents'
school expenses.
20 USC 241 note.

SEC. 313. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Transportation shall be available for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-18.

5 USC 5332 note.

SEC. 314. None of the funds in this Act shall be available for the implementation or execution of a program in the Department of Transportation to collect fees, charges or prices for approvals, tests, authorizations, certificates, permits, registrations, and ratings which are in excess of the levels in effect on January 1, 1973, or which did not exist as of January 1, 1973, until such program is reviewed and approved by the appropriate committees of the Congress.

49 USC 1601
note.
49 USC 1604.

SEC. 315. None of the funds provided in this Act for liquidation of contractual obligations under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, shall be made available for liquidation of obligations entered into under Section 5 of that Act, to support mass transit facilities, equipment or operating expenses unless the applicant for such assistance has given satisfactory assurances in such manner and form as the Secretary may require, and in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, that the rates charged elderly and handicapped persons during nonpeak hours shall not exceed one-half of the rates generally applicable to other persons at peak hours: *Provided*, That the Secretary, in prescribing the terms and conditions for the provision of such assistance shall (1) permit applicants to continue the use of preferential fare systems for elderly or handicapped persons where those systems were in effect on or prior to November 26, 1974, (2) allow applicants a reasonable time to expand the coverage of operating preferential fare systems as appropriate, and (3) allow applicants to define the eligibility of "handicapped persons" for the purposes of preferential fares in conformity with other Federal laws and regulations governing eligibility for benefits for disabled persons.

Fiscal year
limitation.

SEC. 316. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 317. None of the funds provided under or included in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs, the obligations for which are in excess of \$7,200,000,000 for "Federal-Aid Highways" and for "Highway Safety Construction Programs" in fiscal year 1977: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to obligations for emergency relief under section 125 of title 23 U.S.C., special urban high density traffic program under section 146 of title 23 U.S.C., and special bridge replacement program under section 144 of title 23 U.S.C.: *Provided further*, That this limitation shall not become effective if subsequent legislation containing an obligation limitation on the Federal-Aid Highways and Highway Safety Construction Programs for fiscal year 1977 is enacted into law by September 30, 1976.

Midway Airport
and O'Hare
Airport, Ill.

SEC. 318. Such funds as may be necessary shall be utilized from the appropriations hereinabove made available to the Federal Aviation Administration and to the Civil Aeronautics Board for the preparation of a plan to coordinate as promptly as possible the use of Midway Airport with O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Illinois, for service by airline carriers, in order to relieve air traffic congestion and to promote air safety in that area.

SEC. 319. Section 302 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1976, and the period ending September 30, 1976 (Public Law 94-134) is amended by striking out “\$350,000,000” and all that follows down through the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “\$437,500,000 in fiscal year 1976, including the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976.”

89 Stat. 695.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1977.”

Short title.

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