

March 3, 1917.  
[H. R. 20748.]

[Public, No. 388.]

**CHAP. 170.**—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes.

Pensions appropri-  
ations.

*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 payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes, namely:

Invalid, etc., pen-  
sions.

Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, Army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, \$160,000,000: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

*Provisos.*  
Navy pensions.

Accounts.

Examining surgeons.  
Fees, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Increased if at claim-  
ant's residence.  
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amended.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen, \$60,000: *Provided*, That hereafter the fee for each examination made at the claimant's residence by an examining surgeon of the Bureau of Pensions for use in a pension claim shall be \$4 and in lieu of actual traveling expenses there shall be paid 10 cents per mile for the distance actually traveled each way, but not exceeding the distance by the most direct route between the surgeon's office and the claimant's home.

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[H. R. 20755.]

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**CHAP. 171.**—An Act To provide a temporary government for the West Indian Islands acquired by the United States from Denmark by the convention entered into between said countries on the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and ratified by the Senate of the United States on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and for other purposes.

West Indian Islands.  
Temporary govern-  
ment for, acquired  
from Denmark.

Governor.

*Provisos.*  
Assignment of Army  
or Navy officer.  
Concurrence of Sen-  
ate.  
Pay, etc.

Laws, etc., not con-  
flicting, continued in  
force.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, except as hereinafter provided, all military, civil, and judicial powers necessary to govern the West Indian Islands acquired from Denmark shall be vested in a governor and in such person or persons as the President may appoint, and shall be exercised in such manner as the President shall direct until Congress shall provide for the government of said islands: *Provided*, That the President may assign an officer of the Army or Navy to serve as such governor and perform the duties appertaining to said office: *And provided further*, That the governor of the said islands shall be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate: *And provided further*, That the compensation of all persons appointed under this Act shall be fixed by the President.

**SEC. 2.** That until Congress shall otherwise provide, in so far as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and six, and the other local laws, in force and effect in said islands on the seventeenth day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall remain in force and effect in said islands, and the same shall be administered by the civil officials and through the local judicial tribunals established in said islands, respectively; and the orders, judgments, and decrees of said judicial tribunals shall be duly enforced. With the approval of the President, or under such rules and regulations as the President may

Repeal, etc., with  
approval of President.

prescribe, any of said laws may be repealed, altered, or amended by the colonial council having jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the judicial tribunals of said islands shall extend to all judicial proceedings and controversies in said islands to which the United States or any citizen thereof may be a party. In all cases arising in the said West Indian Islands and now reviewable by the courts of Denmark, writs of error and appeals shall be to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and, except as provided in sections two hundred and thirty-nine and two hundred and forty of the Judicial Code, the judgments, orders, and decrees of such court shall be final in all such cases.

SEC. 3. That on and after the passage of this Act there shall be levied, collected, and paid upon all articles coming into the United States or its possessions, from the West Indian Islands ceded to the United States by Denmark, the rates of duty and internal-revenue taxes which are required to be levied, collected, and paid upon like articles imported from foreign countries: *Provided*, That all articles, the growth or product of, or manufactured in such islands from materials the growth or product of such islands or of the United States, or of both, or which do not contain foreign materials to the value of more than twenty per centum of their total value, upon which no drawback of customs duties has been allowed therein, coming into the United States from such islands shall hereafter be admitted free of duty.

SEC. 4. That until Congress shall otherwise provide all laws now imposing taxes in the said West Indian Islands, including the customs laws and regulations, shall, in so far as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not otherwise herein provided, continue in force and effect, except that articles the growth, product, or manufacture of the United States shall be admitted there free of duty: *Provided*, That upon exportation of sugar to any foreign country, or the shipment thereof to the United States or any of its possessions, there shall be levied, collected, and paid thereon an export duty of \$8 per ton of two thousand pounds irrespective of polariscope test, in lieu of any export tax now required by law.

SEC. 5. That the duties and taxes collected in pursuance of this Act shall not be covered into the general fund of the Treasury of the United States, but shall be used and expended for the government and benefit of said islands under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe.

SEC. 6. That for the purpose of taking over and occupying said islands and of carrying this Act into effect and to meet any deficit in the revenues of the said islands resulting from the provisions of this Act the sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States.

SEC. 7. That the sum of \$25,000,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid in the city of Washington to the diplomatic representative or other agent of His Majesty the King of Denmark duly authorized to receive said money, in full consideration of the cession of the Danish West Indian Islands to the United States made by the convention between the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Denmark entered into August fourth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and ratified by the Senate of the United States on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

SEC. 8. That this Act, with the exception of section seven, shall be in force and effect and become operative immediately upon the payment by the United States of said sum of \$25,000,000. The fact and date of such payment shall thereupon be made public by a proclamation issued by the President and published in the said

Judicial proceedings.

Cases to circuit court of appeals.

Effect of judgments, etc.  
Vol. 36, p. 1157.

Imports from, subject to taxes.

*Proviso.*  
Articles of native, or United States, origin, admitted free.

Conditions.

Continuance of local tax laws.

Except on articles of United States.

*Proviso.*  
Export duty on sugar.

Duties, etc., collected to be used for insular expenses.

Appropriation for expenses of taking possession, etc.

Appropriation for payment to Denmark.

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In effect upon payment of consideration.

Payment immediately. Danish West Indian Islands and in the United States. Section seven shall become immediately effective and the appropriation thereby provided for shall be immediately available.

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[H. J. Res. 334.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 53.]

**CHAP. 172.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the President to appoint delegates to attend the Tenth International Congress of the World's Purity Federation, to be held in the city of Louisville, State of Kentucky, November eighth to fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

World's Purity Federation.  
Delegates to congress of, authorized.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint delegates to attend and represent the United States at the Tenth International Congress of the World's Purity Federation, to be held in the city of Louisville, State of Kentucky, November eighth to fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen: *Provided,* That no appropriation shall be granted at any time for expenses of delegates or for other expenses incurred in connection with said congress.

*Proviso.*  
No appropriation.

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[H. J. Res. 335.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 54.]

**CHAP. 173.**—Joint Resolution For the appointment of four members of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.  
Appointment of four members of Board of Managers.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That John W. West, of Maine; James W. Wadsworth, of New York; H. H. Markham, of California; and George Black, of Kansas, be, and they are hereby, appointed members of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers of the United States, to succeed Frederick J. Close, of Kansas; James W. Wadsworth, of New York; H. H. Markham, of California; and Thomas S. Bridgman, of Maine, whose terms of office expired April twenty-first, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

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March 4, 1917.  
[H. R. 19359.]  
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**CHAP. 179.**—An Act Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Agricultural Department appropriations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, in full compensation for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the purposes and objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Pay of Secretary, Assistant, Solicitor, etc.

**SALARIES, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE:** Secretary of Agriculture, \$12,000; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, \$5,000; solicitor, \$5,000; chief clerk, \$3,000, and \$500 additional as custodian of buildings; private secretary to the Secretary of Agriculture, \$2,500; executive clerk, \$2,250; executive clerk, \$2,100; stenographer and executive clerk to the Secretary of Agriculture, \$2,250; private secretary to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, \$2,250; one appointment clerk, \$2,000; one assistant in charge of information, \$3,000; one