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June 30, 1954
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AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of Defense and related independent agency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes.

Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1955.

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 fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, for military functions administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

NATIONAL SECURITY TRAINING COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the National Security Training Commission, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates for individuals not in excess of $50 per diem and contracts with temporary or part-time employees may be renewed annually; and expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the purposes of this appropriation; $55,000.

60 Stat. 810.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TITLE II

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; and not to exceed $60,000 for emergency and extraordinary expenses, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Defense for such purposes as he deems proper, and his determination thereon shall be final and conclusive; $12,250,000.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

For salaries and expenses necessary for the Office of Public Information, $500,000.

TITLE III

INTERSERVICE ACTIVITIES

CLAIMS

For payment of claims by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Army (except as provided in appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army), Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, as authorized by law; claims (not to exceed $1,000 in any one case) for damages to or loss of private property incident to the operation of Army and Air National Guard camps of instruction, either during the stay of units of said organizations at such camps or while en route thereto or therefrom; claims, as authorized by law, for damage to property of railroads under training contracts; and repayment of amounts determined by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, or officers designated by them, to have been erroneously collected from military

and civilian personnel of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force or from States, Territories, or the District of Columbia, or members of National Guard units thereof; $7,680,000.

CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS, MILITARY SEA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

For expenses necessary for the construction, acquisition, or conversion of vessels, including armament therefor, for the Military Sea Transportation Service; designs for such vessels to be constructed or converted in the future; and plant equipment, appliances, and machine tools, and installation thereof in public or private plants; $50,000,000, to remain available until expended and to be allocated to the Secretary of the Navy.

CONTINGENCIES

For emergencies and extraordinary expenses arising in the Department of Defense, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of Defense and such expenses may be accounted for solely on his certificate that the expenditures were necessary for confidential military purposes, $40,000,000: *Provided*, That a report of disbursements under this item of appropriation shall be made quarterly to the Appropriations Committees of the Congress.

Report to Congressional Committees.

EMERGENCY FUND

For transfer by the Secretary of Defense, with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, to any appropriation for military functions under the Department of Defense available for research and development, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as the appropriation to which transferred, $25,000,000.

RESERVE TOOLS AND FACILITIES

Amounts, not exceeding $100,000,000, made available under this head for the fiscal year 1954 but not transferred to other appropriations during that year shall remain available for such transfer during the current fiscal year.

RETIRED PAY

For retired pay and retirement pay, as authorized by law, of military personnel on the retired lists of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Air Force, including the reserve components thereof; retainer pay for personnel of the inactive Fleet Reserve, and payments under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953; $404,500,000.

67 Stat. 501.
37 USC 371 note.

COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS

For salaries and expenses necessary for the Court of Military Appeals, $320,000.

TITLE IV

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MILITARY PERSONNEL

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, interest on deposits, and permanent change of station travel, for members of the Army on active duty (except those undergoing reserve training); expenses incident to movement of troop detachments, including rental of camp sites and procurement of utility and other services; expenses of appre-

hension and delivery of deserters, prisoners, and soldiers absent without leave, including payment of rewards (not to exceed $25 in any one case), and costs of confinement of military prisoners in nonmilitary facilities; donations of not to exceed $25 to each prisoner upon each release from confinement in an Army prison (other than a disciplinary barracks) and to each person discharged for fraudulent enlistment; authorized issues of articles to prisoners, other than those in disciplinary barracks; subsistence of enlisted personnel, selective service registrants called for induction and applicants for enlistment while held under observation, and prisoners (except those at disciplinary barracks), or reimbursement therefor while such personnel are sick in hospitals; and subsistence of supernumeraries necessitated by emergent military circumstances; $4,150,479,000: *Provided*, That section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (5 U. S. C. 59a), shall not apply to retired military personnel on duty at the United States Soldiers' Home: *Provided further*, That the duties of the librarian at the United States Military Academy may be performed by a retired officer detailed on active duty.

47 Stat. 406.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Army, including administration and rentals at the seat of government; medical and dental care of personnel entitled thereto by law or regulation (including charges of private facilities for care of military personnel on duty or leave, except elective private treatment), and other measures necessary to protect the health of the Army; disposition of remains, including those of all Army personnel who die while on active duty; chaplains' activities; awards and medals; welfare and recreation; information and educational services for the Armed Forces; recruiting expenses; subsistence of prisoners at disciplinary barracks, and of civilian employees as authorized by law; expenses of apprehension and delivery of prisoners escaped from disciplinary barracks, including payment of rewards not exceeding $25 in any one case, and expenses of confinement of such prisoners in nonmilitary facilities; donations of not to exceed $25 to each prisoner upon each release from confinement in a disciplinary barracks; military courts, boards, and commissions; authorized issues of articles for use of applicants for enlistment and persons in military custody; civilian clothing, not to exceed $30 in cost, to be issued each person upon each release from confinement in an Army prison and to each soldier discharged otherwise than honorably, or sentenced by a civil court to confinement in a civil prison, or interned or discharged as an alien enemy; transportation services; communications services, including construction of communication systems; maps and similar data for military purposes; military surveys and engineering planning; alteration, extension, and repair of structures and property; acquisition of lands (not exceeding $5,000 for any one parcel), easements, rights-of-way, and similar interests in land, and, in administering the provisions of 43 U. S. C. 315q, rentals may be paid in advance; utility services for buildings erected at private cost, as authorized by law (10 U. S. C. 1346), and buildings on military reservations authorized by Army regulations to be used for a similar purpose; purchase of ambulances; hire of passenger motor vehicles; tuition and fees incident to training of military personnel at civilian institutions; field exercises and maneuvers, including payments in advance for rentals or options to rent land; expenses for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and other units at educational institutions, as authorized by law; exchange fees, and losses in the accounts of

56 Stat. 654.

32 Stat. 282.

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disbursing officers or agents in accordance with law; expenses of inter-American cooperation, as authorized for the Navy by law (5 U. S. C. 421f) for Latin-American cooperation; not to exceed $4,396,400 for emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of the Army, and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential military purposes, and his determination shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government; $2,795,722,986.

60 Stat. 858.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE FORCES

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the reserve components, including contributions therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 11, 1950 (64 Stat. 829), without regard to sections 1136 and 3734, Revised Statutes, as amended, and land and interests therein may be acquired and construction prosecuted thereon prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General as required by section 355 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; and hire of passenger motor vehicles; $15,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $1,000,000 shall be available for the construction of buildings and facilities other than armories without regard to the 75 per centum restriction on contributions contained in section 4 (d) of the Act of September 11, 1950: *Provided*, That not to exceed $18,000,000 may be transferred to this appropriation from the appropriation "Procurement and Production, Army" for National Guard armory and non-armory construction in accordance with the Act of September 11, 1950, when such transfers are determined by the Secretary of Defense to be in the national interest: *Provided further*, That such portion of the amount so transferred as may be applied to the construction of buildings and facilities other than armories shall be without regard to the 75 per centum restriction on contributions contained in section 4 (d) of the Act of September 11, 1950.

50 USC 881 note.
10 USC 1339; 40 USC 259, 267.
33 USC 733.
50 USC 883.
Transfer of funds.

RESERVE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, transportation, travel and related expenses, as authorized by law, for personnel of the Army Reserve while on active duty undergoing Reserve training or while performing drills or equivalent duty, and for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; subsistence for members of the Army Reserve for drills of eight or more hours duration in any one calendar day; $90,000,000.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, transportation, and travel, as authorized by law, for personnel of the Army National Guard while undergoing training or while performing drills or equivalent duties; expenses of training, organizing and administering the Army National Guard, including maintenance, operation, and alterations to structures and facilities; hire of passenger motor vehicles; personal services in the National Guard Bureau and services of personnel of the National Guard employed as civilians without regard to their military rank, and the number of caretakers authorized to be employed under provisions of law (32 U. S. C. 42) may be such as is deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Army; subsistence for officers attending drills of eight or more hours duration in any one calendar day; travel expenses (other than mileage), as authorized by law for

54 Stat. 1134.

Army personnel on active duty, for Army National Guard division, regimental, and battalion commanders while inspecting units in compliance with National Guard regulations when specifically authorized by the Chief, National Guard Bureau; supplying and equipping the Army National Guard of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, as authorized by law; and expenses of repair, modification, maintenance, and issue of supplies and equipment (including aircraft); $218,530,000: *Provided*, That in addition, the Secretary of the Army may transfer not to exceed $25,000,000 to this appropriation from the appropriation "Procurement and Production, Army": *Provided further*, That obligations may be incurred under this appropriation for installation, maintenance, and operation of facilities for antiaircraft defense without regard to section 67 of the National Defense Act.

39 Stat. 199.
32 USC 21, 22, 49.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For expenses necessary for basic and applied scientific research and development, including maintenance, rehabilitation, lease and operation of facilities and equipment, as authorized by law, $345,000,000, to remain available until expended.

NATIONAL BOARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE, ARMY

For necessary expenses of construction, equipment and maintenance of rifle ranges, the instruction of citizens in marksmanship, and promotion of rifle practice, in accordance with law, including travel of rifle teams, military personnel, and individuals attending regional, national, and international competitions, and not to exceed $18,000 for incidental expenses of the National Board, $100,000: *Provided*, That travel expenses of civilian members of the National Board shall be paid in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended.

Travel expenses.

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Alaska Communication System, including purchase (not to exceed two for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles, $4,235,000, to remain available until the close of the fiscal year 1956, and, in addition, not to exceed 15 per centum of the current fiscal year receipts of the Alaska Communication System may be merged with and used for the purposes of this appropriation.

REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS

PROCUREMENT AND PRODUCTION

The sum of $500,000,000 of funds heretofore appropriated under this head is hereby rescinded, such sum to be covered into the Treasury immediately upon approval of this Act.

ARMY STOCK FUND

The amount available in the Army Stock Fund is hereby reduced by $300,000,000, such sum to be covered into the Treasury immediately upon approval of this Act.

TITLE V

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For pay, allowances, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, clothing, permanent change of station travel (including expenses of temporary duty between permanent duty stations), training duty travel of midshipmen paid hereunder, and transportation of dependents, household effects, and privately owned automobiles, as authorized by law, for regular and reserve personnel on active duty (except those on active duty while undergoing reserve training), midshipmen at the Naval Academy, and aviation cadets, $2,417,000,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVAL RESERVE

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, and travel, as authorized by law, for personnel of the Naval Reserve on active duty while undergoing reserve training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty, regular and contract enrollees in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and retainer pay authorized by the Act of August 13, 1946 (34 U. S. C. 1020h), $78,100,000.

60 Stat. 1060.

NAVY PERSONNEL, GENERAL EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for general training, education and administration of regular and reserve personnel, including tuition, cash book allowances of not to exceed $50 for each Naval Aviation College program student, and other costs incurred at civilian schools, general training aids and devices, procurement of military personnel, and authorized annuity premiums and retirement benefits for civilian members of teaching staffs; maintenance and operation of Navy training and personnel facilities, including the Naval Academy, Naval Postgraduate School, Naval War College, Naval Home, Navy training schools and facilities, disciplinary barracks, and retraining commands; rent; hire of motor vehicles; not to exceed $30 per person for civilian clothing, including an overcoat when necessary, for enlisted personnel discharged otherwise than honorably; welfare and recreation; medals and other awards; and departmental salaries; $75,030,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For pay, allowances, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, clothing, permanent change of station travel (including expenses of temporary duty between permanent duty stations), and transportation of dependents, household effects, and privately owned automobiles, as authorized by law, for regular and reserve personnel on active duty (except those on active duty while undergoing reserve training), $612,180,600.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS RESERVE

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, and travel, as authorized by law, for personnel of the Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Corps platoon leaders class on active duty while undergoing reserve training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty, $16,750,000.

MARINE CORPS TROOPS AND FACILITIES

For necessary expenses of troops and facilities of the Marine Corps not otherwise provided for, including maintenance and operation of equipment and facilities, and procurement of military personnel; training and education of regular and reserve personnel, including tuition and other costs incurred at civilian schools; welfare and recreation; not to exceed $30 per person for civilian clothing, including an overcoat when necessary, for enlisted personnel discharged otherwise than honorably; procurement and manufacture of military supplies, equipment and clothing; hire of passenger motor vehicles; transportation of things; industrial mobilization; rent; medals, awards, emblems and other insignia; care of the dead; and departmental salaries; $167,994,500.

MARINE CORPS PROCUREMENT

For expenses necessary for the procurement, manufacture, and modification of armament, ammunition, military equipment and vehicles for the Marine Corps, including purchase of passenger motor vehicles; $129,974,000, to remain available until expended.

AIRCRAFT AND FACILITIES

For expenses necessary for maintenance, operation, and modification of aircraft; maintenance, operation, and lease of air stations and facilities, testing laboratories, fleet and other aviation activities; procurement of services, supplies, special clothing, tools, materials, and equipment, including rescue boats; industrial mobilization; aerological services, supplies, and equipment for the Navy and Marine Corps; and departmental salaries; $780,895,500.

AIRCRAFT AND RELATED PROCUREMENT

For construction, procurement, and modernization of aircraft and equipment, including ordnance, spare parts, and accessories therefor; expansion of public and not to exceed $10,000,000 for expansion of private plants, including the land necessary therefor, without regard to section 3734, Revised Statutes, as amended, and such land, and interests therein, may be acquired and construction prosecuted thereon prior to approval of title by the Attorney General as required by section 355, Revised Statutes, as amended; procurement and installation of equipment in public or private plants; and departmental salaries necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, to remain available until expended; $1,973,568,000: *Provided*, That $700,000 of the foregoing amount shall be transferred to the appropriation "Salaries and expenses, Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce", fiscal year 1955.

40 USC 259, 267.

33 USC 733 and note.

SHIPS AND FACILITIES

For expenses necessary for design, maintenance, operation, and alteration of vessels; maintenance and operation of facilities; procurement of plant equipment, appliances, and machine tools, and installation thereof in public or private plants; procurement of equipment, supplies, special clothing and services; installation, maintenance, and removal of ships' ordnance; lease of facilities and docks; charter and hire of vessels; relief of vessels in distress; maritime salvage services; industrial mobilization; and departmental salaries; $818,681,000, of which $15,675,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation "Coast Guard Operating Expenses, 1955" for the operation of ocean stations.

CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS

For an additional amount for "Construction of Ships", $57,600,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the total of obligations incurred under this head for construction, conversion, or replacement, approved after July 17, 1947, shall not exceed $1,251,861,000.

SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION

For expenses necessary for the construction, acquisition, or conversion of vessels as authorized by law, including armor and armament therefor, plant equipment, appliances, and machine tools, and installation thereof in public or private plants; designs for vessels to be constructed or converted in the future; and departmental salaries necessary for the purposes of this appropriation; $1,042,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the total of obligations incurred under the heads "Shipbuilding and conversion" and "Ordnance for shipbuilding and conversion", including those incurred against reimbursements credited to these appropriations pursuant to section 403 (b) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended (22 U. S. C. 1574 (b)), shall not exceed $4,370,504,000.

63 Stat. 717.

ORDNANCE AND FACILITIES

For expenses necessary for the production and procurement of Navy ordnance and ammunition (except ordnance for new aircraft, new ships, and ships authorized for conversion); alteration, preservation, and handling of ordnance and ammunition; maintenance of ordnance (except installation, maintenance, and removal of ships' ordnance, and line maintenance of ordnance installed in aircraft); maintenance and operation of ordnance facilities; procurement of equipment, supplies, special clothing and services; procurement of plant equipment, appliances, and machine tools, and installation thereof in naval or private plants; lease of facilities; industrial mobilization; and departmental salaries; $457,436,000.

ORDNANCE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

For liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority heretofore granted under this head, $34,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this amount may be disbursed through the appropriation "Ordnance for New Construction, Navy".

MEDICAL CARE

For expenses necessary for maintenance and operation of naval hospitals, medical centers, clinics, schools, and other medical activities; technical medical support of the supply system and other naval activities; procurement of ambulances, medical and dental supplies, equipment and services; rent; instruction of medical personnel in naval hospitals, naval schools, and civilian schools; industrial mobilization; care of the dead; and departmental salaries; $63,600,000.

CIVIL ENGINEERING

For expenses necessary for maintenance and operation of district public works offices, public works centers, construction battalion centers, defense housing projects, other civil engineering facilities, and shore activities not otherwise provided for; procurement of services, supplies, and equipment for the foregoing activities; purchase and

hire of passenger motor vehicles; engineering services; industrial mobilization; and departmental salaries; $104,294,000.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVAL RESERVE FORCES

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the reserve components of the Navy and Marine Corps, including contributions therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 11, 1950 (64 Stat. 829), without regard to section 3734, Revised Statutes, as amended, and land and interests therein may be acquired and construction prosecuted thereon prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General as required by section 355, Revised Statutes, as amended; $15,000,000, to remain available until expended.

50 USC 881 note.
40 USC 259, 267.
33 USC 733 and note.

FACILITIES

For expenses necessary for acquisition, construction, and installation of production facilities and equipment, and test facilities and equipment (other than those for research and develpment), including the land necessary therefor, without regard to section 3734, Revised Statutes, as amended, and such land, and interests therein, may be acquired and construction prosecuted thereon prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General as required by section 355, Revised Statutes, as amended, such amounts as may be determined by the Secretary of the Navy, and approved by the Secretary of Defense and the Bureau of the Budget, and said amounts shall be derived by transfer from any appropriations available to the Department of the Navy, during the current fiscal year for procurement of equipment for installation or use in private plants: *Provided*, That the total amount so transferred shall not exceed $25,000,000.

40 USC 259, 267.
33 USC 733 and note.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For expenses necessary for basic and applied scientific research and development, including maintenance, rehabilitation, lease, and operation of facilities and equipment, as authorized by law, $419,874,900, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the unexpended balances appropriated for research and development under the heads "Naval Personnel, General Expenses", "Marine Corps, Troops and Facilities", "Aircraft and Facilities", "Ships and Facilities", "Ordnance and Facilities", "Medical Care", "Civil Engineering", "Service-wide Supply and Finance, Navy" for the fiscal years 1953 and 1954 and the unexpended balance of appropriations under the head "Research" are hereby transferred to and merged with this appropriation, in such amounts as may be recommended by the Secretary of Defense and approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, except that the total unobligated portions of such balances so transferred and merged shall not exceed $8,703,100.

Transfer of funds.

SERVICE-WIDE SUPPLY AND FINANCE

For expenses necessary for maintenance and operation of service-wide supply and finance activities, including supply depots and centers, area provision supply and purchasing offices, supply demand control points, fleet fueling facilities, overseas air cargo terminals, regional accounting and disbursing offices, the material catalog office, and other service-wide supply and finance facilities, as designated by the Secretary; procurement of supplies, services, special clothing, and equipment; rent, intra-Navy transportation of things; transportation of household effects of civilian employees; industrial

mobilization; losses in exchange and in the accounts of disbursing officers, as authorized by law; and departmental salaries; $340,300,000.

SERVICE-WIDE OPERATIONS

For expenses necessary for maintenance and operation of the Naval Observatory, the Hydrographic Office, Service-wide Communications, Naval Records Centers, Naval District Headquarters (except training officers), River Commands, the cost inspection service, and other service-wide operations and functions not otherwise provided for; procurement of supplies, services and equipment for activities financed hereunder; Latin-American cooperation; not to exceed $8,405,000 for emergencies and extraordinary expenses as authorized by section 6 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 419c), to be expended on the approval and authority of the Secretary, and his determination shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government; and departmental salaries; $104,570,000.

60 Stat. 853.

NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES

For expenses necessary for exploration, prospecting, conservation, development, use, and operation of the naval petroleum reserves, as authorized by law, $3,575,000.

REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS

NAVY STOCK FUND

The amount available in the Navy Stock Fund is hereby reduced by $200,000,000, such sum to be covered into the Treasury immediately upon approval of this Act.

MARINE CORPS STOCK FUND

The amount available in the Marine Corps Stock Fund is hereby reduced by $25,000,000, such sum to be covered into the Treasury immediately upon approval of this Act.

TITLE VI

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIRCRAFT AND RELATED PROCUREMENT

For construction, procurement, and modification of aircraft and equipment, armor and armament, spare parts and accessories therefor; specialized equipment; expansion of public and private plants, Government-owned equipment and installation thereof in such plants, erection of structures, and acquisition of land without regard to section 1136, Revised Statutes, as amended, for the foregoing and other purposes, and such land, and interests therein, may be acquired and construction prosecuted thereon prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General as required by section 355, Revised Statutes, as amended; industrial mobilization, including maintenance of reserve plants and equipment and procurement planning; and other expenses necessary for the foregoing purposes, including rents and transportation of things; $2,760,000,000, to remain available until expended.

10 USC 1339.

33 USC 733 and note.

MAJOR PROCUREMENT OTHER THAN AIRCRAFT

For procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment, and spare parts therefor, not otherwise provided for; electronic and communication equipment; and the purchase of passenger motor vehicles; $674,364,000, to remain available until expended.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For expenses necessary for basic and applied scientific research and development, including maintenance, rehabilitation, lease and operation of facilities and equipment, as authorized by law, $418,070,000, to remain available until expended.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

For expenses necessary for the maintenance, operation, and administration of the activities of the Air Force, including the Air Force Reserve and the Air Reserve Officers' Training Corps; maintenance, operation, and modification of aircraft; transportation of things; rents at the seat of government and elsewhere, and in administering the provisions of 43 U. S. C. 315q payments of rents may be made in advance; repair of facilities; field printing plants; procurement of ambulances; hire of passenger motor vehicles; recruiting advertising expenses; training and instruction of military personnel of the Air Force, including tuition and related expenses; pay, allowances, and travel expenses of contract surgeons; utility services for buildings erected at private cost as authorized by law (10 U. S. C. 1346), and buildings on military reservations authorized by Air Force regulations to be used for welfare and recreational purposes; rental of land or purchase of options to rent land without reference to section 3648, Revised Statutes, as amended, use or repair of private property, and other necessary expenses of combat maneuvers; organizational clothing and equipage; civilian clothing not to exceed $30 in cost for each person upon each release from a military prison, each enlisted man discharged other than honorably, each enlisted man sentenced by a civil court to confinement in a civil prison, and each enlisted man interned, or discharged without internment as an alien enemy; authorized issues of articles for use of applicants for enlistment and persons in military custody; payment of exchange fees and exchange losses incurred by Air Force disbursing officers or their agents; losses in the accounts of Air Force disbursing officers as authorized by law (31 U. S. C. 95a; 50 U. S. C. 1705–1707); burial of the dead as authorized by law (10 U. S. C. 916–916d; 5 U. S. C. 103a), including remains of personnel of the Air Force of the United States who die while on active duty, travel allowances of attendants accompanying remains, and acquisition by lease or otherwise of temporary burial sites; chaplain and other welfare and morale supplies and equipment; conduct of schoolrooms, service clubs, chapels, and other instructional, entertainment, and welfare expenses for enlisted men and patients not otherwise provided for; awards and decorations; expenses of courts, boards and commissions; expenses for inter-American cooperation as authorized for the Navy by the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 421f), for Latin-American cooperation; and special services by contract or otherwise; $3,502,792,000.

56 Stat. 654.

32 Stat. 282.

31 USC 529.

58 Stat. 800, 921. 50 USC app. 1705-1707.

52 Stat. 398; 54 Stat. 743.

60 Stat. 858.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, transportation, interest on deposits of enlisted personnel, and travel in kind for cadets and permanent change of station travel for all other personnel of the Air Force of the United States on active duty including duty under section 5, National Defense Act, as amended, or section 252 of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952 (50 U. S. C. 1003) (other than personnel of the reserve components, including the Air National Guard, on active duty while undergoing reserve training), including commutation of quarters, subsistence supplies for issue as rations to enlisted personnel, and clothing allowances, as authorized by law; and, in connection with personnel paid from this appropriation, for rental of camp sites and local procurement of utility services and other necessary expenses incident to individual or troop movements (including packing and unpacking and transportation of organizational equipment); ice, meals for recruiting parties, monetary allowances for liquid coffee for troops when supplied cooked or travel rations, and commutation of rations, as authorized by law, to enlisted personnel, including those sick in hospitals; transportation, as authorized by law, of dependents, baggage, and household effects of personnel paid from this appropriation; rations for applicants for enlistment, prisoners of war, and general prisoners; subsistence supplies for resale, as authorized by law; commutation of rations, as authorized by regulations, to applicants for enlistment, and general prisoners, while sick in hospitals; subsistence of supernumeraries necessitated by emergent military circumstances; expenses of apprehension and delivery of deserters, prisoners, and members of the Air Force absent without leave, including payment of rewards (not to exceed $25 in any one case); confinement of military prisoners in nonmilitary facilities; and donations of not to exceed $25 to each civilian prisoner upon each release from a military prison, to each enlisted man discharged otherwise than honorably upon each release from confinement under court-martial sentence, and to each person discharged for fraudulent enlistment; $3,356,704,000.

39 Stat. 167.
10 USC 38.
66 Stat. 496.

RESERVE PERSONNEL

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, and travel for personnel of the Air Force Reserve and the Air Reserve Officers' Training Corps, while on active duty undergoing reserve training or while performing drills or equivalent duty, as authorized by law; and the procurement and issue of uniforms to institutions necessary for the training of the Air Reserve Officers' Training Corps, as authorized by law; $28,000,000: *Provided*, That in addition, the Secretary of the Air Force may transfer not to exceed $5,000,000 to this appropriation from any appropriation available to the Department of the Air Force which is limited for obligation to fiscal year 1955.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, transportation (including mileage, actual and necessary expenses, or per diem in lieu thereof), medical and hospital treatment and related expenses, for members of the Air National Guard while undergoing Reserve training or while performing drills or equivalent duty, as authorized by law; travel expenses (other than mileage) on the same basis as authorized by law for Air National Guard personnel on active Federal duty, of Air National Guard commanders while inspecting units in compliance with National Guard regulations when specifically authorized by the Chief,

National Guard Bureau; establishment, maintenance, operation, repair, and other necessary expenses of facilities for the training and administration of the Air National Guard, including construction of facilities, and additions, extensions, alterations, improvements, and rehabilitation of existing facilities, as authorized by the Act of September 11, 1950 (Public Law 783); maintenance, operation, and modification of aircraft; transportation of things; purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; procurement and issue to the Air National Guard of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia of supplies, materials, and equipment, as authorized by law; and expenses incident to the maintenance and use of supplies, materials, and equipment, including such as may be furnished from stocks under the control of agencies of the Department of Defense; $160,000,000: *Provided*, That in addition, the Secretary of the Air Force may transfer not to exceed $9,000,000 to this appropriation from any appropriation available to the Department of the Air Force which is limited for obligation to fiscal year 1955: *Provided further*, That the number of caretakers authorized to be employed under the provisions of law (32 U. S. C. 42) may be such as is deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Air Force.

64 Stat. 829.
50 USC 881 note.
Supplies, etc.

39 Stat. 205; 54 Stat. 1134.

CONTINGENCIES

For emergencies and military expenses, to be expended on the authority or approval of the Secretary of the Air Force, and such expenses may be accounted for solely on his certificate, $28,000,000.

REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION

AIR FORCE STOCK FUND

The amount available in the Air Force Stock Fund is hereby reduced by $25,000,000, such sum to be covered into the Treasury immediately upon approval of this Act.

TITLE VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 701. During the current fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Air Force, Army, and Navy, respectively, if they should deem it advantageous to the national defense, and if in their opinions, the existing facilities of the Department of Defense are inadequate, are authorized to procure services in accordance with section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates for individuals not in excess of $50 per day, and to pay in connection therewith travel expenses of individuals, including actual transportation and per diem in lieu of subsistence while traveling from their homes or places of business to official duty station and return as may be authorized by law: *Provided*, That such contracts may be renewed annually.

Experts or consultants.

60 Stat. 810.

SEC. 702. Section 3648, Revised Statutes, shall not apply in the case of payments made from appropriations contained in this Act, (1) to payments made in compliance with the laws of foreign countries or their ministerial regulations, (2) to payments for rent in such countries for such periods as may be necessary to accord with local custom, or (3) to payments made for tuition.

Advance of public moneys.
31 USC 529.

SEC. 703. During the current fiscal year, provisions of law prohibiting the payment of compensation to, or employment of, any person not a citizen of the United States shall not apply to personnel of the Department of Defense.

Noncitizens.

Detailed personnel.

SEC. 704. Such military and naval personnel as may be detailed for duty with agencies not a part of the Department of Defense on a reimbursement basis may be employed in addition to the numbers otherwise authorized and appropriated for.

Availability of appropriations.

SEC. 705. Appropriations contained in this Act shall be available for insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required by laws of such countries; payments in advance of expenses determined by the investigating officer to be necessary and in accord with local custom for conducting investigations in foreign countries incident to matters relating to the activities of the department concerned; reimbursement of General Services Administration for security guard services for protection of confidential files; and all necessary expenses, at the seat of government of the United States of America or elsewhere, in connection with (1) instruction and training, including tuition, specifically approved by the Secretary of the Department concerned and not otherwise provided for, of civilian employees, and (2) communication and other services and supplies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That no appropriation contained in this Act, and no funds available from prior appropriations to component departments and agencies of the Department of Defense, shall be used to pay tuition or to make other payments to educational institutions in connection with the instruction or training of file clerks, stenographers, and typists receiving, or prospective file clerks, stenographers, and typists who will receive compensation at a rate below the minimum rate of pay for positions allocated to grade GS-5 under the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

Tuition payments, etc., restriction.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Prisoners of war, etc.

SEC. 706. Any appropriation available to the Air Force, Army, or the Navy may, under such regulations as the Secretary concerned may prescribe, be used for expenses incident to the maintenance, pay, and allowances of prisoners of war, other persons in Air Force, Army, or Navy custody whose status is determined by the Secretary concerned to be similar to prisoners of war, and persons detained in such custody pursuant to Presidential proclamation.

Minor construction.

SEC. 707. Appropriations available to the Department of Defense for the current fiscal year for construction or maintenance shall be available for minor construction (except family quarters), conversion of and extensions to existing structures, and improvements, at facilities of the Department concerned, but the cost of any project authorized under this section which is not otherwise authorized shall not exceed the following cost limitations, but only one allotment shall be made for any one project or unit: (a) any such project determined by the Secretary of Defense to be urgently required in the interests of national defense, $200,000; (b) any such project determined by the Secretary of the Department concerned to be urgently required in the interests of national defense, $50,000; and (c) any other such project, $25,000: *Provided*, That the cost limitations of this section shall not apply to amounts authorized to be expended for emergency expenses on the approval of the Secretary concerned: *Provided further*, That the cost of converting existing structures to family quarters pursuant to the authority contained in this section shall not exceed $50,000 during the current fiscal year at any single facility of the Department concerned.

Cost limitation.

Emergency expenses.

Family quarters.

SEC. 708. During the current fiscal year, appropriations otherwise available for construction of family quarters for personnel shall not be obligated for such construction at a cost per family unit in excess of $14,040 on housing units for generals; $12,040 on housing units for majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels, or equivalent; $11,040 on housing units for second lieutenants, lieutenants, captains, and war-

rant officers, or equivalent; or $10,040 on housing units for enlisted personnel, except that when such units are constructed outside the continental United States or in Alaska, the average cost per unit of all such units shall not exceed $25,850 and in no event shall the individual cost exceed $35,000, except units for the Alaska Communications System the individual cost of which shall not exceed $40,000.

Schooling for dependents.

SEC. 709. Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the current fiscal year shall be available, (a) except as authorized by the Act of September 30, 1950 (20 U. S. C. 236–244), for primary and secondary schooling for dependents of military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense residing on military or naval installations or stationed in foreign countries, as authorized for the Navy by section 13 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 421d) in amounts not exceeding an average of $235 per student, when the Secretary of the Department concerned finds that schools, if any, available in the locality, are unable to provide adequately for the education of such dependents; (b) for expenses in connection with administration of occupied areas; (c) for payment of rewards as authorized for the Navy by the Act of August 2, 1946, for information leading to the discovery of missing naval property or the recovery thereof; (d) for payment of deficiency judgments and interest thereon arising out of condemnation proceedings.

64 Stat. 1100.

60 Stat. 854.

Occupied areas.

Rewards, Navy.

60 Stat. 858.
5 USC 421f.

Canal Zone.
Citizenship requirements.

SEC. 710. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used directly or indirectly except for temporary employment in case of emergency, for the payment of any civilian for services rendered by him on the Canal Zone while occupying a skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory position unless such person is a citizen of the United States of America or of the Republic of Panama: *Provided however*, (1) That, notwithstanding the provision in the Act approved August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1409), limiting employment in the above-mentioned positions to citizens of the United States from and after the date of approval of said Act, citizens of Panama may be employed in such positions; (2) that at no time shall the number of Panamanian citizens employed in the above-mentioned positions exceed the number of citizens of the United States so employed, if United States citizens are available in continental United States or on the Canal Zone; (3) that nothing in this Act shall prohibit the continued employment of any person who shall have rendered fifteen or more years of faithful and honorable service on the Canal Zone; (4) that in the selection of personnel for skilled, technical, administrative, clerical, supervisory, or executive positions the controlling factors in filling these positions shall be efficiency, experience, training, and education; (5) that all citizens of Panama and the United States rendering skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory service on the Canal Zone under the terms of this Act (a) shall normally be employed not more than forty hours per week, (b) may receive as compensation equal rates of pay based upon rates paid for similar employment in continental United States plus 25 per centum; (6) this entire section shall apply only to persons employed in skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory positions on the Canal Zone directly or indirectly by any branch of the United States Government or by any corporation or company whose stock is owned wholly or in part by the United States Government: *Provided further*, That the President may suspend from time to time in whole or in part compliance with this section if he should deem such course to be in the public interest.

Panamanian citizens.
48 USC 1307 note.

Employee with 15 or more years of service.

Hours of employment; pay rate.

Applicability of section.

Suspension of compliance.

Assistance to American small business.

SEC. 711. Insofar as practicable, the Secretary of Defense shall assist American small business to participate equitably in the furnishing of commodities and services financed with funds appropriated under this

Act by making available or causing to be made available to suppliers in the United States, and particularly to small independent enterprises, information, as far in advance as possible, with respect to purchases proposed to be financed with funds appropriated under this Act, and by making available or causing to be made available to purchasing and contracting agencies of the Department of Defense information as to commodities and services produced and furnished by small independent enterprises in the United States, and by otherwise helping to give small business an opportunity to participate in the furnishing of commodities and services financed with funds appropriated by this Act.

Messes. Operation.

SEC. 712. No appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for expenses of operation of messes (other than organized messes the operating expenses of which are financed principally from nonappropriated funds) at which meals are sold to officers or civilians except under regulations approved by the Secretary of Defense, which shall (except under unusual or extraordinary circumstances) establish rates for such meals sufficient to provide reimbursement of operating expenses and food costs to the appropriations concerned: *Provided*, That officers and civilians in a travel status receiving a per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence shall be charged at the rate of not less than $2.25 per day: *Provided further*, That for the purposes of this section payments for meals at the rates established hereunder may be made in cash or by deductions from the pay of civilian employees.

Travel-status rate.

Availability of appropriations.

SEC. 713. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available until expended unless expressly so provided elsewhere in this or some other appropriation Act.

Tableware, etc., in officers' quarters.

SEC. 714. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for or on account of the supply or replacement of table linen, dishes, glassware, silver, and kitchen utensils for use in the residences or quarters of officers on shore (other than for field messes, messes temporarily set up on shore for bachelor officers and officers attached to seagoing or district defense vessels, to aviation units based on seagoing vessels, to the fleet air bases, to the submarine bases, or to landing forces and expeditions), except in accordance with regulations approved by the Secretary of Defense, which shall provide for uniform practices among all of the services.

Proceeds from sale of scrap.

SEC. 715. Not more than $40,000,000 of the amounts received during the current fiscal year by the Department of Defense as proceeds from the sale of scrap or salvage materials, shall be available during the current fiscal year for expenses of transportation, demilitarization, and other preparation for sale or salvage of military supplies, equipment, and matériel: *Provided*, That a report of receipts and disbursements under this limitation shall be made quarterly to the Committees on Appropriations of the Congress: *Provided further*, That no funds available to agencies of the Department of Defense shall be used for the operation, acquisition or construction of new facilities or equipment for new facilities in the continental limits of the United States for metal scrap baling or shearing or for melting or sweating aluminum scrap unless the Secretary of Defense or an Assistant Secretary of Defense designated by him determines, with respect to each facility involved, that the operation of such facility is in the national interest.

Report.

Metal scrap baling, etc.

SEC. 716. During the current fiscal year, the President may exempt appropriations, funds, and contract authorizations, available for military functions under the Department of Defense, from the provisions of subsection (c) of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, whenever he deems such action to be necessary in the interest of national defense.

31 USC 665.

Commissary stores.

SEC. 717. No appropriation contained in this Act shall be available in connection with the operation of commissary stores of the agencies of the Department of Defense for the cost of purchase (including commercial transportation in the United States to the place of sale but excluding all transportation outside the United States) and maintenance of operating equipment and supplies, and for the actual or estimated cost of utilities as may be furnished by the Government and of shrinkage, spoilage, and pilferage of merchandise under the control of such commissary stores, except as authorized under regulations promulgated by the Secretaries of the military departments concerned, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, which regulations shall provide for reimbursement therefor to the appropriations concerned and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, shall provide for the adjustment of the sales prices in such commissary stores to the extent necessary to furnish sufficient gross revenue from sales of commissary stores to make such reimbursement: *Provided*, That under such regulations as may be issued pursuant to this section all utilities may be furnished without cost to the commissary stores outside the continental United States and in Alaska: *Provided further*, That no appropriation contained in this Act shall be available in connection with the operation of commissary stores within the continental United States unless the Secretary of Defense has certified that items normally procured from commissary stores are not otherwise available at a reasonable distance and a reasonable price in satisfactory quality and quantity to the military and civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

Restriction.

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

SEC. 718. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

Gratuities.
Contract provisions.

SEC. 719. Hereafter, no part of any money appropriated to the Department of Defense shall be expended under any contract (other than a contract for personal services) entered into after the enactment of this Act unless such contract provides—

(1) that the Government may, by written notice to the contractor, terminate the right of such contractor to proceed under

such contract if it is found, after notice and hearing, by the Secretary of the military department with which the contract is made, or his designee, that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by such contractor, or any agent or representative of such contractor, to any officer or employee of the Government with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing, of such contract: *Provided*, That the existence of the facts upon which such Secretary makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in any competent court,

(2) that in the event any such contract is so terminated the Government shall be entitled, (a) to pursue the same remedies against the contractor as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the contract by the contractor, and (b) as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, to exemplary damages in an amount not less than three nor more than ten times (as determined by the Secretary or his designee) the costs incurred by any such contractor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee.

Civilian employee ceiling.

SEC. 720. No funds appropriated in titles II, IV, V, and VI of this Act shall be used for the payment in excess of 475,000 full-time graded civilian employees (including (a) the full-time equivalent of part-time employment, (b) persons who are described as "consultants" or who are compensated on a "when actually employed" basis if such persons are employed on a contract basis or are paid on a per diem basis, and (c) persons employed without compensation if they are reimbursed for expenses) at any one time during the current fiscal year: *Provided*, That whenever, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, the direct substitution of civilian personnel for an equivalent or greater number of military personnel will result in economy without adverse effect upon national defense, such substitution may be accomplished without regard to the foregoing limitation, and such funds as may be required to accomplish the substitution may be transferred from the appropriate military personnel appropriation to, and merged with, the appropriation charged with compensation of such civilian personnel.

Exception.

Proficiency flying.

SEC. 721. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, executive order, or regulation, no part of the appropriations in this Act shall be available for any expenses of operating aircraft under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces for the purpose of proficiency flying except in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretaries of the Departments concerned and approved by the Secretary of Defense which shall establish proficiency standards and maximum and minimum flying hours for this purpose: *Provided*, That during the fiscal year, without regard to any provision of law or executive order prescribing minimum flight requirements, such regulations may provide for the payment of flight pay at the rates prescribed in section 204 (b) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 802) to certain officers of the Armed Forces otherwise entitled to receive flight pay (1) who have held aeronautical ratings or designations for not less than twenty years, or (2) whose particular assignment outside the United States makes it impractical to participate in regular aerial flights.

Flight pay for certain officers.

63 Stat. 810.
37 USC 235.

Household goods.

SEC. 722. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for expense of transportation, packing, crating, temporary storage, drayage, and unpacking of household goods and personal effects in excess of eleven thousand pounds net in any one shipment: *Provided*, That the limitations imposed herein shall not be applicable in the case of members transferred to or serving in stations outside the

Nonapplicability.

continental United States or in Alaska under orders relieving them from a duty station within the United States prior to July 10, 1952, and who are returned to the United States under orders relieving them from a duty station beyond the United States or in Alaska on or after July 1, 1953.

Transfer of vessels.

SEC. 723. Vessels under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Air Force, or the Department of the Navy may be transferred or otherwise made available without reimbursement to any of such agencies upon the request of the head of one agency and the approval of the agency having jurisdiction of the vessels concerned.

Legal training.

SEC. 724. None of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for training in any legal profession nor for the payment of tuition for training in such profession: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit persons now attending law courses from completing same: *Provided further*, That this limitation shall not apply to the off-duty training of military personnel as prescribed by section 730 of this Act.

Public information and relations.

SEC. 725. Funds provided in this Act for public information and public relations shall not exceed $3,500,000.

Obligated funds, 1955.

SEC. 726. Not more than 20 per centum of the appropriations in this Act which are limited for obligation during fiscal year 1955 shall be obligated during the last two months of the fiscal year: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to active duty training of civilian components.

Acceptance of property, etc., from foreign countries.

SEC. 727. During the fiscal year 1955, the agencies of the Department of Defense may accept the use of real property from foreign countries for the United States in accordance with mutual defense agreements or occupational arrangements and may accept services furnished by foreign countries as reciprocal international courtesies or as services customarily made available without charge; and such agencies may use the same for the support of the United States forces in such areas without specific appropriation therefor.

In addition to the foregoing, agencies of the Department of Defense may accept real property, services, and commodities from foreign countries for the use of the United States in accordance with mutual defense agreements or occupational arrangements and such agencies may use the same for the support of the United States forces in such areas without specific appropriation therefor: *Provided*, That within thirty days after the end of each quarter the Secretary of Defense shall render to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives and to the Bureau of the Budget a full report of such property, supplies, and commodities received during such quarter.

Reports to Congress and Bureau of the Budget.

Research and development.

5 USC 235e, 475j, 628e.

SEC. 728. During the current fiscal year, appropriations available to the Department of Defense for research and development may be used for the purposes of section 4 of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 725).

Foreign duty pay, restrictions.

SEC. 729. Hereafter, no part of the funds appropriated to the Department of Defense shall be available for the payment to any person in the military service who is resident of a United States Territory or possession, of any foreign duty pay as prescribed in section 206 of the Career Compensation Act (Public Law 351, Eighty-first Congress), unless such person is serving in an area outside the Territory or possession of which he is a resident.

63 Stat. 811. 37 USC 237.

Tuition payments, etc.

SEC. 730. No appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for the payment of more than 75 per centum of charges of educational institutions for tuition or expenses for off-duty training of military personnel, nor for the payment of any part of tuition or expenses for

such training for commissioned personnel who do not agree to remain on active duty for two years after completion of such training.

ROTC. Loyalty requirement.

SEC. 731. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the support of any formally enrolled student in basic courses of the senior division, Reserve Officers Training Corps, who has not executed a certificate of loyalty or loyalty oath in such form as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

Availability of funds. Time extension.

SEC. 731½. Those appropriations or funds available to the Department of Defense or any agency thereof which would otherwise lapse for expenditure purposes on June 30, 1954, and designated by the Secretary of Defense not later than July 31, 1954, shall remain available until June 30, 1955, to such department or agency solely for expenditure for the liquidation of obligations legally incurred against such appropriation during the period for which such appropriation was legally available for obligation: *Provided*, That the Department of Defense shall make a review of all contracts entered into under such appropriations or funds and outstanding on June 30, 1954, and report to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by January 31, 1955, (a) the total value of contracts cancelled, (b) the total value of contracts adjusted and the resultant savings therefrom, and (c) the total value of contracts continued on the basis of determined need: *Provided further*, That any such contract shall be terminated no later than June 30, 1955, unless the Secretary of the Department concerned certifies prior to January 1, 1955, that continuation is necessary for reasons of economy or in the national interest.

Contract review. Report.

Termination date.

Board of Visitors. 10 USC 1058; 34 USC 1086.

SEC. 732. Section 4 of the Act of June 29, 1948 (62 Stat. 1094), is amended by striking the words "in April".

Procurement of U. S. products.

SEC. 733. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for the procurement of any article of food, clothing, cotton or wool (whether in the form of fiber or yarn or contained in fabrics, materials, or manufactured articles) not grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States or its possessions, except to the extent that the Secretary of the Department concerned shall determine that a satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity of any articles of food or clothing or any form of cotton or wool grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States or its possessions cannot be procured as and when needed at United States market prices and except procurements outside the United States in support of combat operations, procurements by vessels in foreign waters and emergency procurements or procurements of perishable foods by establishments located outside the continental United States, except the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, for the personnel attached thereto: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall preclude the procurement of foods manufactured or processed in the United States or its possessions: *Provided further*, That no funds herein appropriated shall be used for the payment of a price differential on contracts hereafter made for the purpose of relieving economic dislocations.

Restriction.

Fallbrook Public Utility District.

SEC. 734. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used in the preparation or prosecution of the pending suit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Southern Division, by the United States of America against Fallbrook Public Utility District, a public service corporation of the State of California, and others: *Provided*, That this section shall have no force or effect after the effective date of H. R. 5731, Eighty-third Congress, as finally enacted into law.

Post, p. 575.

Passenger automobiles.

SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the purchase of passenger automobiles except for replacement.

SEC. 736. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the construction, replacement, or reactivation of any bakery, laundry, or dry-cleaning facility in the United States, its Territories, or possessions, as to which the Secretary of Defense does not certify, in writing, giving his reasons therefor, that the services to be furnished by such facilities are not obtainable from commercial sources at reasonable rates.

Bakeries, laundries, etc.

SEC. 737. In order more effectively to administer the funds appropriated to the Department of Defense, the President, to the extent he deems it necessary and appropriate in the interest of national defense, may authorize positions in the Department of Defense to be placed temporarily in grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949 in accordance with the procedures and standards of that Act, and such positions shall be additional to the number authorized by section 505 of that Act. Under authority herein, grades 16, 17, and 18 in the Department of Defense may be increased only to the extent that the total of such grades in the Department of Defense shall not exceed two hundred.

Grades 16-18. Temporary positions.

63 Stat. 954. 5 USC 1071 note.

5 USC 1105.

SEC. 738. During the fiscal year 1955, appropriations of the Department of Defense shall be available for reimbursement to the Post Office Department for payment of costs of commercial air transportation of military mail between the United States and foreign countries.

Post Office Department.

SEC. 739. This Act may be cited as the "Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1955."

Short title.

Approved June 30, 1954.

Public Law 459 CHAPTER 433

AN ACT

June 30, 1954 [S. 932]

To equalize the treatment accorded to commissioned officers of the Veterinary Corps with that accorded to commissioned officers of other corps of the Army Medical Service, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first proviso contained in numbered paragraph (1) of subsection 505 (b) of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 is amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, and chaplains promotion lists there shall be no second lieutenants, and the numbers authorized in the grade of first lieutenant in such promotion lists shall be all those not authorized in higher grades:".

Veterinary Corps officers. Service credit.

61 Stat. 888. 10 USC 559.

(b) The third clause of the second sentence of subsection 506 (c) of such Act is amended to read as follows: "each person appointed and commissioned an officer of the Veterinary Corps shall, at the time of appointment, be credited with an amount of service equal to three years;".

10 USC 506c.

(c) The third sentence of subsection 506 (g) of such Act is amended to read as follows: "Effective December 31, 1947, each commissioned officer of the Medical Corps who on that date has less than four years' service credit, each commissioned officer of the Dental Corps, each Regular Army Chaplain, each commissioned officer of the Judge Advocate General's Department, and each commissioned officer of the Veterinary Corps, who as of that date had less than three years' service credit, shall, for promotion, seniority, and promotion-list-position purposes, be credited as of that date with four years' service and three years' service, respectively."

(d) Each person appointed and commissioned an officer of the Veterinary Corps subsequent to December 31, 1947, who, at time of