

Public Law 176

CHAPTER 302

July 31, 1953
[H. R. 4663]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and for other purposes.

First Independent Offices
Appropriation Act,
1954.

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 Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, namely:

TITLE I

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT

63 Stat. 4.

For compensation of the President, including an expense allowance at the rate of \$50,000 per annum, as authorized by the Act of January 19, 1949 (3 U. S. C. 102), \$150,000.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

60 Stat. 810.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for The White House Office, including not to exceed \$120,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at such per diem rates for individuals as the President may specify, and other personal services without regard to the provisions of law regulating the employment and compensation of persons in the Government service; and travel and official entertainment expenses of the President, to be accounted for solely on his certificate; \$1,800,000.

EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL DEFENSE

For expenses necessary to enable the President, through such officers or agencies of the Government as he may designate, and without regard to such provisions of law regarding the expenditure of Government funds or the compensation and employment of persons in the Government service as he may specify, to provide in his discretion for emergencies affecting the national interest, security, or defense which may arise at home or abroad during the current fiscal year, \$300,000, together with the unobligated balance in such fund on June 30, 1953: *Provided,* That no part of this appropriation shall be available for allocation to finance a function or project for which function or project a budget estimate of appropriation was transmitted pursuant to law during the Eighty-third Congress and such appropriation denied after consideration thereof by the Senate or House of Representatives or by the Committee on Appropriations of either body.

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS

For the care, maintenance, repair and alteration, refurnishing, improvement, heating and lighting, including electric power and fixtures, of the Executive Mansion and the Executive Mansion grounds, and traveling expenses, to be expended as the President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other Act, \$356,184.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Bureau of the Budget, including newspapers and periodicals (not exceeding \$200); teletype news service (not exceeding \$900); not to exceed \$70,000 for expenses of travel; and not to exceed \$20,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed \$50 per diem for individuals; \$3,412,000: *Provided*, That the title of the position of the Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget is changed to Deputy Director: *Provided further*, That two positions of Assistant Director are hereby authorized at a salary of \$15,000 each per annum in lieu of two positions in grade GS-18.

60 Stat. 810.
Deputy Director.

Assistant Direc-
tors.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, as authorized by the Act of June 26, 1946 (36 U. S. C. 121, 123-132, 138), including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchase and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its Territories and possessions at a cost not exceeding \$500; not to exceed \$12,000 for expenses of travel; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries when required by law of such countries; \$750,000: *Provided*, That where station allowance has been authorized by the Department of the Army for officers of the Army serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same allowance shall be authorized for officers of the Armed Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby made available for the payment of such allowance: *Provided further*, That when traveling on business of the Commission, officers of the Armed Forces serving as members or as secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commission.

60 Stat. 317.

Station al-
lowance.

CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIALS AND CEMETERIES

Construction of memorials and cemeteries: For expenses necessary for the permanent design and construction of memorials and cemeteries in foreign countries as authorized by the Act of June 26, 1946 (36 U. S. C. 121, 123-132, 138b), and the Act of August 5, 1947 (50 U. S. C. App. 1819), including not to exceed \$41,276 for expenses of travel, \$8,500,000, to remain available until expended.

60 Stat. 317.

61 Stat. 779.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including not to exceed \$29,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); not to exceed \$10,000 for medical examinations performed for veterans by private physicians on a fee basis; travel expenses of examiners acting under the direction of the Commission, and expenses of examinations and investigations held in Washington and elsewhere; not to exceed \$100 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals (excluding scientific, technical, trade or traffic periodicals, for official use); payment in advance for library membership in societies whose publications are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public; not

60 Stat. 810.

5 U S C 118i,
118k-118n.

41 USC 5.

Emergency trans-
fers, etc.

Loyalty Review
Board.

63 Stat. 166.
5 USC 835 note.

62 Stat. 697.

Federal Per-
sonnel Council.

Legal Examin-
ing Unit.

3CFR 1943 Supp.
p. 30.
Compensation of
certain board mem-
bers.

60 Stat. 237.
5 USC 1001.

Compensation of
officers allocating
supervisory posi-
tions.

to exceed \$65,000 for performing the duties imposed upon the Commission by the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767); reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services for protection of confidential files; not to exceed \$476,670 for expenses of travel; and not to exceed \$5,000 for actuarial services by contract, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, as amended; \$17,000,000: *Provided*, That no details from any executive department or independent establishment in the District of Columbia or elsewhere to the Commission's central office in Washington or to any of its regional offices shall be made during the current fiscal year, but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of the boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the Commission in Washington or of the regional directors, nor shall it affect the making of details of persons qualified to serve as expert examiners on special subjects: *Provided further*, That the Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees to or from its office or field force: *Provided further*, That members of the Loyalty Review Board in Washington and of the regional loyalty boards in the field may be paid actual transportation expenses, and per diem in lieu of subsistence authorized by the Travel Expense Act of 1949 while traveling on official business away from their homes or regular places of business, and while en route to and from and at the place where their services are to be performed: *Provided further*, That nothing in section 281 or 283 of title 18, United States Code, or in section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99) shall be deemed to apply to any person because of his appointment for part-time or intermittent service as a member of the Loyalty Review Board or a regional loyalty board in the Civil Service Commission: *Provided further*, That, effective July 1, 1953, or on the date of enactment of this Act if such date is subsequent to July 1, 1953, the Federal Personnel Council, Civil Service Commission, is hereby abolished, and its personnel (at a cost not exceeding \$25,000 for the current fiscal year), files, records, and other property are transferred to the Office of the Executive Director, Civil Service Commission.

No part of the appropriations herein made to the Civil Service Commission shall be available for the salaries and expenses of the Legal Examining Unit in the Examining and Personnel Utilization Division of the Commission, established pursuant to Executive Order Numbered 9358 of July 1, 1943, or for the compensation or expenses of any member of a board of examiners (1) who has not made affidavit that he has not appeared in any agency proceeding within the preceding two years, and will not thereafter while a board member appear in any agency proceeding, as a party, or in behalf of a party to the proceeding, before an agency in which an applicant is employed who has been rated or will be rated by such member; or (2) who, after making such affidavit, has rated an applicant who at the time of the rating is employed by an agency before which the board member has appeared as a party, or in behalf of a party, within the preceding two years: *Provided*, That the definitions of "agency", "agency proceeding", and "party" in section 2 of the Administrative Procedure Act shall apply to these terms as used herein.

No part of appropriations herein shall be used to pay the compensation of officers and employees of the Civil Service Commission who allocate or reallocate supervisory positions in the classified civil service solely on the size of the group, section, bureau, or other organization unit, or on the number of subordinates supervised. References to size of the group, section, bureau, or other organization unit or the number of subordinates supervised may be given effect only to the extent warranted by the workload of such organization unit and then

only in combination with other factors, such as the kind, difficulty, and complexity of work supervised, the degree and scope of responsibility delegated to the supervisor, and the kind, degree, and value of the supervision actually exercised.

Annuities, Panama Canal construction employees and Lighthouse Service widows: For payment of annuities authorized by the Act of May 29, 1944, as amended (48 U. S. C. 1373a), and the Act of August 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 465), \$2,500,000.

Payment to the civil-service retirement and disability fund for increases in annuities provided by the Act of July 16, 1952: For payment to the "civil-service retirement and disability fund" for the cost, as heretofore determined by the Civil Service Commission, of increases in annuities provided by the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 723), for the fiscal year 1954, \$31,397,000.

Annuities.

58 Stat. 258.
33 USC 771-775.

5 USC 736c.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses in performing the duties of the Commission as authorized by law, including newspapers (not to exceed \$175), land and structures (not to exceed \$13,000), special counsel fees, improvement and care of grounds and repairs to buildings (not to exceed \$17,500), services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), purchase of not to exceed eight passenger motor vehicles, for replacement only, in the event adequate vehicles cannot be obtained by transfer from other departments or agencies, and not to exceed \$88,000 for expenses of travel, \$7,400,000, of which not less than \$1,018,496 shall be available for personal services necessary for application processing and hearings in connection with the issuance and renewal of television licenses, and not less than \$809,271 shall be available for personal services necessary for application processing and hearings in connection with the issuance of licenses in the safety and special radio services.

60 Stat. 810.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the work of the Commission, as authorized by law, including not to exceed \$210,000 for expenses of travel; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and not to exceed \$500 for newspapers; \$4,300,000, of which not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for special counsel and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates not exceeding \$50 per diem for individuals.

60 Stat. 810.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Federal Trade Commission, including contract stenographic reporting services, not to exceed \$500 for newspapers, and not to exceed \$163,035 for expenses of travel, \$4,053,800: *Provided*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be expended upon any investigation hereafter provided by concurrent resolution of the Congress until funds are appropriated subsequently to the enactment of such resolution to finance the cost of such investigation: *Provided further*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be available for a statistical analysis of the consumer's dollar.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, including newspapers and periodicals (not exceeding \$500), and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), \$31,981,000.

60 Stat. 810.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Operating expenses, Public Buildings Service: For necessary expenses of real property management and related activities as provided by law; including the salary of the Commissioner of Public Buildings at the rate of \$16,500 per annum so long as the position is held by the present incumbent; repair and improvement of public buildings and grounds (including furnishings and equipment) under the control of the General Services Administration; rental of buildings in the District of Columbia; restoration of leased premises; moving Government agencies in connection with the assignment, allocation, and transfer of building space; demolition of buildings; acquisition by purchase or otherwise and disposal by sale or otherwise of real estate and interests therein; and not to exceed \$184,750 for expenses of travel; \$98,826,070: *Provided*, That the foregoing appropriation shall not be available to effect the moving of Government agencies from the District of Columbia into buildings acquired to accomplish the dispersal of departmental functions of the executive establishment into areas outside of but accessible to the District of Columbia.

Commissioner of
Public Buildings.Dispersal of
departmental func-
tions.

Emergency operating expenses: For necessary emergency expenses of the General Services Administration not otherwise provided for, for operation, maintenance, protection, repair, alterations, and improvements of public buildings and grounds (including furnishings and equipment) to the extent that such buildings and grounds are under the control of the General Services Administration for such purposes as are provided for in Public Law 152, Eighty-first Congress, as amended; rental of buildings or parts thereof in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including repairs, alterations, and improvements necessary for proper use by the Government, without regard to section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932, as amended (40 U. S. C. 278a); restoration of leased premises; moving Government agencies in connection with the assignment, allocation, and transfer of building space; and not to exceed \$24,300 for expenses of travel; \$20,000,000: *Provided*, That of this amount, such sums as may be determined by the General Services Administrator to be necessary may be paid into other appropriations of the General Services Administration only for purposes of accounting: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available to effect the moving of Government agencies from the District of Columbia to accomplish the dispersal of departmental functions.

63 Stat. 377.
40 USC 471 note.

47 Stat. 412.

Restrictions.

Buildings o u t-
side D. C.

63 Stat. 198.

Repair, improvement, and equipment of federally owned buildings outside the District of Columbia: For expenses necessary for the repair, alteration, preservation, renovation, improvement, equipment, and demolition of federally owned buildings outside the District of Columbia, not otherwise provided for, including grounds, approaches and appurtenances, wharves and piers, together with the necessary dredging adjacent thereto; acquisition of land as authorized by title III of the Act of June 16, 1949 (40 U. S. C. 297); not to exceed \$146,700 for expenses of travel; and care and safeguarding of sites acquired for Federal buildings; \$14,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Buildings management fund: For working capital for the "Buildings management fund", authorized by the Act approved July 12, 1952 (66 Stat. 594), \$3,000,000, to remain available without fiscal year limitation.

40 USC 490.

Remodeling the Congress Street Post Office, Chicago, Illinois: For remodeling the Congress Street Post Office building and facilities in Chicago, Illinois, including ramps and approach roadways, as authorized by section 408 of the Public Buildings Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 176), to permit Congress Street to be developed, by the City of Chicago, as a superhighway through said post office, and including not to exceed \$800 for expenses of travel, \$576,200, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available until the city of Chicago shall have paid to the United States the sum of \$600,000 as its contribution to the cost of the project appropriated for herein, and said amount may be credited to this appropriation and shall be available for the purposes thereof.

63 Stat. 200.

Operating expenses, Federal Supply Service: For necessary expenses of personal property management and related activities as provided by law; including not to exceed \$300 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed \$80,430 for expenses of travel; \$2,605,000.

Federal Supply Service.

Expenses, general supply fund: For expenses necessary for operation of the general supply fund (except those authorized by law to be charged to said fund), including contractual services incident to receiving, handling, and shipping warehouse items; not to exceed \$250 for purchase of newspapers and periodicals; and not to exceed \$157,450 for expenses of travel; \$13,924,500: *Provided*, That funds available to the General Services Administration for the current fiscal year shall be available for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

NARS.

Operating expenses, National Archives and Records Service: For necessary expenses in connection with Federal records management and related activities as provided by law; and not to exceed \$30,750 for expenses of travel; \$5,625,000, of which \$200,000 shall remain available until expended for nitrate film conversion.

Administrative operations: For necessary expenses of executive direction for activities under the control of the General Services Administration, of administrative operations for activities under regular appropriations for "Operating expenses," and of processing and determining renegotiation rebates; including not to exceed \$93,400 for expenses of travel; and not to exceed \$250 for purchase of newspapers and periodicals; \$4,200,000.

Refunds under Renegotiation Act: For refunds under section 201 (f) of the Renegotiation Act of 1951, \$9,000,000, which, together with the unobligated balance of the appropriations granted under this head for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953, shall remain available until June 30, 1955: *Provided*, That to the extent refunds are made from this appropriation of excessive profits collected under the Renegotiation Act and retained by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or the appropriate subsidiary shall reimburse this appropriation.

65 Stat. 23.
50 USC app.
1231.58 Stat. 78.
50 USC app.
1191.

Strategic and critical materials: Funds available for this purpose during the current fiscal year shall be available for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), and not to exceed \$176,275 of such funds shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided*, That any funds received as proceeds from sale or other disposition of materials on account of the rotation of stocks under said Act shall be deposited to the credit, and be available for expenditure for the purposes, of this appropriation: *Provided further*, That during the current fiscal year, there shall be no limitation on the value

60 Stat. 810.

60 Stat. 598.

of surplus strategic and critical materials which, in accordance with subsection 6 (a) of the Act of July 23, 1946 (50 U. S. C. 98e (a)), may be transferred to stockpiles established in accordance with said Act.

60 Stat. 596.
50 USC 98 note.

Strategic and critical materials (liquidation of contract authorization): For liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority heretofore granted under this head, to enter into contracts for the purpose of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of July 23, 1946, not to exceed \$30,000,000 may be expended from funds previously appropriated under the title "Strategic and critical materials": *Provided*, That this amount may be disbursed through the appropriation "Strategic and critical materials" but shall be accounted for separately therein.

61 Stat. 584.

The appropriate foregoing appropriation to the General Services Administration shall be credited with (1) advances or reimbursements for salaries and administrative expenses chargeable against other appropriations of the General Services Administration, and such salaries and expenses may be paid from such foregoing appropriation; (2) cost of maintenance, upkeep, and repair included as part of rentals received from Government corporations pursuant to law (40 U. S. C. 129); (3) reimbursements for services performed in respect to bonds and other obligations under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration, issued by public authorities, States, or other public bodies, and such services in respect to such bonds or obligations as the Administrator deems necessary and in the public interest may, upon the request and at the expense of the issuing agencies, be provided from the appropriate foregoing appropriation; and (4) appropriations or funds available to other agencies, and transferred to the General Services Administration, in connection with property transferred to the General Services Administration pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1948 (50 U. S. C. 451ff), and such appropriations or funds may, with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, be so transferred.

62 Stat. 1225.
Typewriting machines.

During the current fiscal year, no part of any money appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used during any quarter of such fiscal year to purchase within the continental limits of the United States typewriting machines (except bookkeeping and billing machines) at a price which exceeds 90 per centum of the lowest net cash price, plus applicable Federal excise taxes, accorded the most-favored customer (other than the Government, the American National Red Cross, and the purchasers of typewriting machines for educational purposes only) of the manufacturer of such machines during the six-month period immediately preceding such quarter: *Provided*, That the purchase, utilization, and disposal of typewriting machines shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

63 Stat. 377.
40 USC 471 note.

REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS

Amounts available to the General Services Administration from appropriations and other funds are hereby reduced in the sums hereinafter set forth, such sums to be carried to the surplus fund and covered into the Treasury immediately upon the approval of this Act:

Construction of public buildings, \$160,000.

Geophysical Institute, Alaska, \$49,000.

Acquisition of additional land in the District of Columbia, \$1,075,000.

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Office of the Administrator, including rent in the District of Columbia; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); not to exceed \$193,550 for expenses of travel; expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the agency; and transportation expenses and not to exceed \$25 per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 73b-2), for persons serving without compensation as members of any advisory committee established pursuant to title VI of the Housing Act of 1949; \$3,215,550, of which not to exceed \$125,000 shall be available for liquidation of the housing research program not later than April 30, 1954: *Provided*, That necessary expenses of inspections and of providing representatives at the site of projects being undertaken by local public agencies pursuant to title I of the Housing Act of 1949 and of projects financed through loans to educational institutions authorized by title IV of the Housing Act of 1950, shall be compensated by such agencies or institutions by the payment of fixed fees which in the aggregate will cover the costs of rendering such services, and expenses for such purpose shall be considered nonadministrative; and for the purpose of providing such inspections, the Administrator may utilize any agency and such agency may accept reimbursement or payment for such services from such institutions or the Administrator, and shall credit such amounts to the appropriations or funds against which such charges have been made, but such nonadministrative expenses shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided further*, That the Administrator is authorized without regard to any other provisions of law to transfer without reimbursement any project or facility, or part thereof, constructed or provided under title II of the Act of October 14, 1940, as amended (including any personal property related to such project or facility), to any other department or agency, whenever the head of such department or agency so requests after determining that such project or facility is required for the continued operation of or is an integral part of a project or facility under the jurisdiction of such department or agency.

Defense Community Facilities and Services: During the current fiscal year not to exceed \$112,500 of the appropriations granted under this head in the Second and Third Supplemental Appropriation Acts, 1952, shall be available for administrative expenses in connection with the construction of facilities under such appropriations.

Capital grants for slum clearance and urban redevelopment: For an additional amount for payment of capital grants as authorized by title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1453, 1456), \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That before approving any local slum clearance program under title I of the Housing Act of 1949, the Administrator shall give consideration to the efforts of the locality to enforce local codes and regulations relating to adequate standards of health, sanitation, and safety for dwellings and to the feasibility of achieving slum clearance objectives through rehabilitation of existing dwellings and areas: *Provided further*, That the authority under title I of the National Housing Act shall be used to the utmost in connection with slum rehabilitation needs.

60 Stat. 810.

60 Stat. 808.

63 Stat. 439.
12 USC 1701h.63 Stat. 414.
42 USC 1451-1460.64 Stat. 77.
12 USC 1749-1749c.55 Stat. 361.
42 USC 1531-1535.

65 Stat. 762; 66 Stat. 108.

63 Stat. 416, 417.

42 USC 1451-1460.

PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Administrative expenses: For administrative expenses of the Public Housing Administration, \$6,950,000, to be merged with and expended under the authorization for such expenses contained in title II of this Act.

50 Stat. 891.

42 Stat. 20.
31 USC 1.

Annual contributions: For the payment of annual contributions to public housing agencies in accordance with section 10 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1410), \$32,500,000: *Provided*, That except for payments required on contracts entered into prior to April 18, 1940, no part of this appropriation shall be available for payment to any public housing agency for expenditure in connection with any low-rent housing project, unless the public housing agency shall have adopted regulations prohibiting as a tenant of any such project by rental or occupancy any person other than a citizen of the United States, but such prohibition shall not be applicable in the case of a family of any serviceman or the family of any veteran who has been discharged (other than dishonorably) from, or the family of any serviceman who died in, the Armed Forces of the United States within four years prior to the date of application for admission to such housing: *Provided further*, That all expenditures of this appropriation shall be subject to audit and final settlement by the Comptroller General of the United States under the provisions of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, as amended: *Provided further*, That unless the governing body of the locality agrees to its completion, no housing shall be authorized by the Public Housing Administration, or, if under construction continue to be constructed, in any community where the people of that community, by their duly elected representatives, or by referendum, have indicated they do not want it, and such community shall negotiate with the Federal Government for the completion of such housing, or its abandonment, in whole or in part, and shall agree to repay to the Government the moneys expended prior to the vote or other formal action whereby the community rejected such housing project for any such projects not to be completed plus such amount as may be required to pay all costs and liquidate all obligations lawfully incurred by the local housing authority prior to such rejection in connection with any project not to be completed: *Provided further*, That, in any case where the Public Housing Administration (after the approvals on the part of the governing body of the locality required by law) has entered into a financial assistance contract with a local housing authority covering any low-rent housing projects to be constructed in such locality and, (a) thereafter but prior to the effective date of this Act, a majority of the members of the governing body of the locality, and the people of the locality have voted against any such low-rent housing projects, and (b) the local housing authority and the governing body of the locality agree to a modification of the agreement providing the required local cooperation in connection with such low-rent housing projects, the preceding proviso shall not be applicable and: (1) the Public Housing Administration shall not, unless the governing body of the locality shall, by resolution, request such action, (a) authorize the award of any contract for the construction of any such low-rent housing project, or (b) make any further advance of funds on account of any such project for which the main construction contract has not heretofore been awarded, excepting only such funds as may be required by the local housing authority (i) to pay all costs and liquidate all obligations heretofore properly incurred by it in connection with any such project which pursuant to such modification is to be terminated and (ii) to pay costs in connection with the liquidation (including the sale of land or other assets) of any such terminated project; (2) in

the liquidation of any such terminated project no claim shall be made by the local housing authority or the Public Housing Administration against the locality or its governing body on account of such termination; (3) the Public Housing Administration shall absorb as a loss, and shall release the local housing authority from, all claims, if any, of said Administration in connection with such terminated project in excess of the net amount realized from the sale by the local housing authority of all land (which if sold to other than a public agency shall be after public advertisement to the highest responsible bidder but if sold to a public agency may be at a price equal to the purchase price of the land, exclusive of improvements, as approved by the Public Housing Commissioner) and other assets acquired and held in connection with such terminated project; and (4) the Secretary of the Treasury shall credit as a payment upon the note or notes of the Public Housing Administration executed and delivered in connection with funds obtained pursuant to section 20 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, an amount equal to such loss as certified by the Public Housing Commissioner: *Provided further*, That the record of expenditure of the Public Housing Administration and of the local housing authority on any public housing project shall be open to examination by the responsible authorities of any community in which such project is located, or by the local public housing authority, or by any firm of public accountants retained by either of the foregoing: *Provided further*, That no housing unit constructed under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, shall be occupied by a person who is a member of an organization designated as subversive by the Attorney General: *Provided further*, That the foregoing prohibition shall be enforced by the local housing authority, and that such prohibition shall not impair or affect the powers or obligations of the Public Housing Administration with respect to the making of loans and annual contributions under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the Public Housing Administration shall not, with respect to projects initiated after March 1, 1949, (1) authorize during the fiscal year 1954 the commencement of construction of in excess of twenty thousand dwelling units or (2) after the date of approval of this Act, enter into any new agreements, contracts, or other arrangements, preliminary or otherwise, which will ultimately bind the Public Housing Administration during fiscal year 1954 or for any future years with respect to loans or annual contributions for any additional dwelling units or projects unless hereafter authorized by the Congress to do so, and during the fiscal year 1954 the Housing and Home Finance Administrator shall make a complete analysis and study of the low-rent public housing program and, on or before February 1, 1954, shall transmit to the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate his recommendations with respect to such low-rent public housing program.

REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS

Defense housing: The sum of \$17,500,000 of funds heretofore appropriated under this head is hereby rescinded, and such amount shall be covered into the Treasury promptly upon enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That the amount hereby rescinded may be reduced by an amount determined by the Administrator to be required as a reserve for overruns and contingencies in connection with projects heretofore assigned for construction pursuant to Public Law 139 (Eighty-second Congress).

50 Stat. 898.
42 USC 1420.

42 USC 1430.

65 Stat. 293.
42 USC 1591
note.

63 Stat. 57.
48 USC 484 note.

Alaska housing: Of amounts heretofore appropriated under this head for the revolving fund authorized by the Alaska Housing Act, Public Law 52 (Eighty-first Congress), the Administrator shall cause to be covered into the Treasury a total of \$5,000,000 in one or more deposits as soon as practicable, but not later than June 30, 1954.

Advance planning of non-Federal public works: The sum of \$4,600,000 of funds heretofore appropriated under this head is hereby rescinded, and such amount shall be covered into the Treasury promptly upon enactment of this Act.

INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

60 Stat. 1049.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act of August 13, 1946 (25 U. S. C. 70), creating an Indian Claims Commission, \$117,020, of which not to exceed \$3,560 shall be available for expenses of travel.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Government
transportation re-
quests.

General expenses: For expenses necessary in performing the functions vested by law in the Commission (49 U. S. C. 1-24, 301-327, 901-923, 1001-1022), except those otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, and for general administration, including not to exceed \$5,000 for the employment of special counsel; contract stenographic reporting services; newspapers (not to exceed \$200); purchase of not to exceed four passenger motor vehicles, for replacement only, in the event adequate vehicles cannot be obtained by transfer from other departments or agencies; and not to exceed \$251,650 for expenses of travel; \$9,600,000, of which \$100,000 shall be available for valuations of pipe lines: *Provided*, That Joint Board members and cooperating State commissioners may use Government transportation requests when traveling in connection with their duties as such.

34 Stat. 838.

35 Stat. 325.

41 Stat. 498.

Railroad safety: For expenses necessary in performing functions authorized by law (45 U. S. C. 1-15, 17-21, 35-46, 61-64; 49 U. S. C. 26) to insure a maximum of safety in the operation of railroads, including authority to investigate, test experimentally, and report on the use and need of any appliances or systems intended to promote the safety of railway operation, including those pertaining to block-signal and train-control systems, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and the Sundry Civil Act of May 27, 1908 (45 U. S. C. 35-37), and to require carriers by railroad subject to the Act to install automatic train-stop or train-control devices as prescribed by the Commission (49 U. S. C. 26), including the employment of inspectors and engineers, and including not to exceed \$163,050 for expenses of travel, \$974,500.

36 Stat. 913.

Locomotive inspection: For expenses necessary in the enforcement of the Act of February 17, 1911, entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto", as amended (45 U. S. C. 22-34), including not to exceed \$112,620 for expenses of travel, \$709,500.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Contribution to Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin: To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay in advance to the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin the Federal con-

tribution toward the expenses of the Commission during the current fiscal year in the administration of its business in the conservancy district established pursuant to the Act of July 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 748), \$5,000.

33 USC 567b.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Committee, including one Director at not to exceed \$17,500 per annum so long as the position is held by the present incumbent; contracts for the making of special investigations and reports and for engineering, drafting and computing services; equipment; not to exceed \$310,000 for expenses of travel; maintenance and operation of aircraft; not to exceed \$100 for newspapers and periodicals; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); \$51,000,000.

60 Stat. 810.

Construction and equipment: For construction and equipment at laboratories and research stations of the Committee, including the acquisition of not to exceed ten acres of land adjacent to the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, Cleveland, Ohio, \$7,239,000, to remain available until expended.

Construction and equipment (liquidation of contract authorization): For liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority heretofore granted under this head to enter into contracts for construction and equipment, \$4,200,000.

NATIONAL CAPITAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Maintenance and operation of properties: For the maintenance and operation of properties under title I of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Authority Act, \$43,000: *Provided*, That all receipts derived from sales, leases, or other sources shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States monthly: *Provided further*, That so long as funds are available from appropriations for the foregoing purposes, the provisions of section 507 of the Housing Act of 1950 (Public Law 475, Eighty-first Congress), shall not be effective.

52 Stat. 1186.
D. C. Code 5-103
to 5-111.

64 Stat. 81.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, as authorized by the National Capital Planning Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 781), including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); not to exceed \$100 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals; not to exceed \$5,630 for expenses of travel; payment in advance for membership in societies whose publications or services are available to members only or to members at a price lower than to the general public; and transportation and not to exceed \$15 per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 73b-2), for members of the Commission serving without compensation; \$125,000.

D. C. Code 1-
1001 to 1-1113.
60 Stat. 810.

60 Stat. 808.

Land acquisition, National Capital park, parkway, and playground system: For necessary expenses for the National Capital Planning Commission in connection with the acquisition of land for the park, parkway, and playground system of the National Capital, as authorized by the Act of May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 482), as amended, \$100,000, to remain available until expended, to be used for carrying out the provisions of section 1 (a) of said Act: *Provided*, That not exceeding \$24,940 of the funds available for land acquisition purposes shall be

D. C. Code 8-102
note.

used during the current fiscal year for necessary expenses of the Commission (other than payments for land) in connection with land acquisition.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

64 Stat. 149.

60 Stat. 810.

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U. S. C. 1861-1875), including award of graduate fellowships; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed \$50 per diem for individuals; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$89,500 for expenses of travel; not to exceed \$150 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended.

RENEGOTIATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

60 Stat. 810.

For necessary expenses of the Renegotiation Board, including expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the purposes of this appropriation; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$272,150 for expenses of travel; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed \$50 per diem for individuals; \$5,192,800.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

60 Stat. 810.

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including not to exceed \$500 for the purchase of newspapers; not to exceed \$127,000 for expenses of travel; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); \$5,000,000.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

54 Stat. 724.
48 USC 1381-
1387.
60 Stat. 1101.
5 USC 133y-16
note.

60 Stat. 997.

60 Stat. 810.

Salaries and expenses, Smithsonian Institution: For all necessary expenses for the preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government and from other sources; for the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries; for anthropological researches among the American Indians and the natives of lands under the jurisdiction or protection of the United States, independently or in cooperation with State, educational, and scientific organizations in the United States, and the excavation and preservation of archeological remains; for maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory and making necessary observations in high altitudes; for the administration of the National Collection of Fine Arts; for the administration, construction and maintenance, of laboratory and other facilities on Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone, under the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1940, as amended by the provisions of Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1946; for the maintenance and administration of a national air museum as authorized by the Act of August 12, 1946 (20 U. S. C. 77); including not to exceed \$35,000 for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); not to exceed \$10,225 for expenses of travel; purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms for guards and elevator conductors; repairs and alterations of buildings and approaches; and preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications; \$3,000,000.

Salaries and expenses, National Gallery of Art: For the upkeep and operation of the National Gallery of Art, the protection and care of the works of art therein, and administrative expenses incident thereto, as authorized by the Act of March 24, 1937 (50 Stat. 51), as amended by the public resolution of April 13, 1939 (Public Resolution 9, Seventy-sixth Congress), including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); payment in advance when authorized by the treasurer of the Gallery for membership in library, museum, and art associations or societies whose publications or services are available to members only, or to members at a price lower than to the general public; purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms for guards and elevator operators; purchase or rental of devices and services for protecting buildings and contents thereof, and maintenance and repair of buildings, approaches, and grounds; not to exceed \$1,800 for expenses of travel; and not to exceed \$15,000 for restoration and repair of works of art for the National Gallery of Art by contracts made, without advertising, with individuals, firms, or organizations at such rates or prices and under such terms and conditions as the Gallery may deem proper; \$1,275,000.

53 Stat. 577.
20 USC 74.

60 Stat. 810.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Subversive Activities Control Board, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), not to exceed \$12,500 for expenses of travel, and not to exceed \$100 for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals, \$200,000, without regard to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

60 Stat. 810.

31 USC 665.

TARIFF COMMISSION

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses of the Tariff Commission, including subscriptions to newspapers (not to exceed \$200), not to exceed \$13,500 for expenses of travel, and contract stenographic reporting services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), \$1,291,375: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any proceedings under sections 336, 337, and 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930, wherein he or any member of his family has any special, direct, and pecuniary interest, or in which he has acted as attorney or special representative.

60 Stat. 810.

46 Stat. 701.
19 USC 1336-
1338.

THE TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including contract stenographic reporting services and not to exceed \$45,000 for travel expenses, \$970,000: *Provided*, That travel expenses of the judges shall be paid upon the written certificate of the judge.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

For payment of claims, as authorized by the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, from funds deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the war claims fund created by section 13 (a) of said Act, such sums as may be necessary, to be available to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment of claims under sections 4 (a), 4 (b) (2), 5 (a) through (e), 6, and 7 of said Act to the payees named and in the

62 Stat. 1240.
50 USC app. 2001
note.

amounts stated in certifications by the War Claims Commission and the Secretary of Labor or their duly authorized representatives, which certifications shall be in lieu of any vouchers which might otherwise be required: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That no claims shall be allowed or paid under the provisions of said War Claims Act of 1948 from any funds other than those covered into the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of section 39 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended, as provided by section 13 (a) of said War Claims Act of 1948.

62 Stat. 1246.
50 USC app. 39.
50 USC app. 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the War Claims Commission, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); expenses of attendance at meetings concerned with the purposes of this appropriation; not to exceed \$6,260 for expenses of travel; and advances or reimbursements to other Government agencies for use of their facilities and services in carrying out the functions of the Commission; \$850,000, to be derived from the war claims fund created by section 13 (a) of the War Claims Act of 1948 (Public Law 896, approved July 3, 1948).

60 Stat. 810.

50 USC app. 2012.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Travel expenses.

SEC. 102. Where appropriations in this title are expendable for travel expenses of employees and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures for such travel expenses may not exceed the amount set forth therefor in the budget estimates submitted for the appropriations.

Purchase of newspapers and periodicals.

SEC. 103. Where appropriations in this title are expendable for the purchase of newspapers and periodicals and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures therefor under each such appropriation may not exceed the amount of \$50: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to the purchase of scientific, technical, trade, or traffic periodicals necessary in connection with the performance of the authorized functions of the agencies for which funds are herein provided.

Position formerly held by employees entering Armed Forces.

SEC. 104. No part of any appropriation contained in this title shall be available to pay the salary of any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily completed his period of active military or naval service and has within ninety days after his release from such service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of not more than one year made application for restoration to his former position and has been certified by the Civil Service Commission as still qualified to perform the duties of his former position and has not been restored thereto.

Attendance at meetings.

SEC. 105. Appropriations contained in this title, available for expenses of travel shall be available, when specifically authorized by the head of the activity or establishment concerned, for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation concerned is made: *Provided*, That appropriations contained in this title shall be available for the examination of estimates of appropriations and activities in the field without regard to limitations on travel contained in such appropriations.

SEC. 106. No part of any appropriations made available by the provisions of this title shall be used for the purchase or sale of real estate or for the purpose of establishing new offices outside the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to programs which have been approved by the Congress and appropriations made therefor.

Real estate sales, etc., restriction.

SEC. 107. No part of any appropriation contained in this title shall be used to pay the compensation of any employee engaged in personnel work in excess of the number that would be provided by a ratio of one such employee to one hundred and thirty-five, or a part thereof, full-time, part-time, and intermittent employees of the agency concerned: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section employees shall be considered as engaged in personnel work if they spend half time or more in personnel administration consisting of direction and administration of the personnel program; employment, placement, and separation; job evaluation and classification; employee relations and services; training; wage administration; and processing, recording, and reporting.

Personnel work.

SEC. 108. None of the sections under the head "Independent offices, General provisions" in this title shall apply to the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Nonapplicability.

TITLE II—CORPORATIONS

The following corporations and agencies, respectively, are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency 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 fiscal year 1954 for each such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided:

59 Stat. 598.
31 USC 849.

HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY

Federal National Mortgage Association: Not to exceed \$3,250,000 shall be available for administrative expenses, which shall be on an accrual basis, and shall be exclusive of interest paid, depreciation, properly capitalized expenditures, fees for servicing mortgages, expenses (including services performed on a force account, contract, or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, protection, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to said Association or in which it has an interest, cost of salaries, wages, travel, and other expenses of persons employed outside of the continental United States, expenses of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with the performance of legal services, and all administrative expenses reimbursable from other Government agencies; and said Association may utilize and may make payment for services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That the distribution of administrative expenses to the accounts of the Association shall be made in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and practices: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$108,175 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That administrative expenses not under limitation for the purposes set forth in the budget schedules for the fiscal year 1954 shall not exceed \$151,000.

Office of the Administrator (housing loan programs) : Not to exceed \$525,625 shall be available for all administrative expenses, which shall be on an accrual basis, of carrying out the functions of the Office of the Administrator under the program of housing loans to educational institutions (title IV of the Housing Act of 1950, 12 U. S. C. 1749-1749d), the prefabricated housing program (sections 102, 102a, 102b, and 102c of the Housing Act of 1948, as amended, 12 U. S. C. 1701g-1701g-3), and the Alaska housing program (sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Alaska Housing Act, as amended, 48 U. S. C. 484, 484a, and 484b), but this amount shall be exclusive of costs of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with termination of contracts and legal services on a contract or fee basis and of payment for services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, the Federal home-loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Act creating the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Act of August 23, 1935, as amended, 12 U. S. C. 264) which has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a depository of public money of the United States: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$27,000 shall be available for expenses of travel.

Home Loan Bank Board: Not to exceed a total of \$775,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Home Loan Bank Board, and shall be derived from funds available to the Home Loan Bank Board, including those in the Home Loan Bank Board revolving fund and receipts of the Federal Home Loan Bank Administration, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, or the Home Loan Bank Board for the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years, and the Board may utilize and may make payment for services and facilities of the Federal home-loan banks, the Federal Reserve banks, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That all necessary expenses in connection with the conservatorship of institutions insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and all necessary expenses (including services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the handling, including the purchase, sale, and exchange, of securities on behalf of Federal home-loan banks, and the sale, issuance, and retirement of, or payment of interest on, debentures or bonds, under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, as amended, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, except for the limitation in amount hereinbefore specified, the administrative expenses and other obligations of the Board shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act of July 22, 1932, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1421-1449): *Provided further*, That the nonadministrative expenses for the examination of Federal and State chartered institutions shall not exceed \$2,085,000.

Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation: Not to exceed \$455,000 shall be available for administrative expenses, which shall be on an accrual basis and shall be exclusive of interest paid, depreciation, properly capitalized expenditures, expenses in connection with liquidation of insured institutions, liquidation or handling of assets of or derived from insured institutions, payment of insurance, and action for or toward the avoidance, termination, or minimizing of losses in the case of insured institutions, legal fees and expenses, and payments for administrative expenses of the Home Loan Bank Board determined by said Board to be properly allocable to said Corporation, and said Corporation may utilize and may make payment for services

64 Stat. 77.

62 Stat. 1275; 65
Stat. 312.
63 Stat. 58.49 Stat. 168; 64
Stat. 873.47 Stat. 725.
12 USC 1421.

and facilities of the Federal home-loan banks, the Federal Reserve banks, the Home Loan Bank Board, and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$5,450 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, except for the limitation in amount hereinbefore specified, the administrative expenses and other obligations of said Corporation shall be incurred, allowed and paid in accordance with title IV of the Act of June 27, 1934, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1724-1730).

48 Stat. 1255.

Expenses, liquidation of Home Owners' Loan Corporation: Not to exceed \$10,000 of the unobligated balance remaining of funds made available under this head in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1952, is hereby continued available until October 31, 1953.

65 Stat. 288.

Federal Housing Administration: In addition to the amounts available by or pursuant to law (which shall be transferred to this authorization) for the administrative expenses of the Federal Housing Administration in carrying out duties imposed by or pursuant to law, not to exceed \$5,322,800 of the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration shall be available for expenditure, in accordance with the National Housing Act, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1701): *Provided*, That, except as herein otherwise provided, all expenses and obligations of said Administration shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of said Act: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$157,750 shall be available for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That funds available for expenditure shall be available for contract actuarial services (not to exceed \$1,500); and purchase of periodicals and newspapers (not to exceed \$500): *Provided further*, That expenditures for nonadministrative expenses classified by section 2 of Public Law 387, approved October 25, 1949, shall not exceed \$26,500,000: *Provided further*, That the position of Assistant Commissioner, established pursuant to section 213 (f) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is no longer authorized.

48 Stat. 1246.

63 Stat. 905.
12 USC 1702.64 Stat. 56.
12 USC 1715e.

Public Housing Administration: Of the amounts available by or pursuant to law for the administrative expenses of the Public Housing Administration in carrying out duties imposed by or pursuant to law including funds appropriated by title I of this Act and funds appropriated under the head "Defense Housing" not to exceed \$10,975,000 shall be available for such expenses, including not to exceed \$800,000 for expenses of travel; and expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Administration: *Provided*, That necessary expenses of providing representatives of the Administration at the sites of non-Federal projects in connection with the construction of such non-Federal projects by public housing agencies with the aid of the Administration, shall be compensated by such agencies by the payment of fixed fees which in the aggregate in relation to the development costs of such projects will cover the costs of rendering such services, and expenditures by the Administration for such purpose shall be considered nonadministrative expenses, and funds received from such payments may be used only for the payment of necessary expenses of providing representatives of the Administration at the sites of non-Federal projects: *Provided further*, That all expenses of the Public Housing Administration not specifically limited in this Act, in carrying out its duties imposed by or pursuant to law, shall not exceed \$35,962,600: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$15,000 of funds made available by the Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2035) shall be available for necessary expenses, including administrative expenses, of the Public Housing Administration in carrying out the provisions of the Act of May 19, 1949 (Public Law 65): *Provided further*, That during the fiscal year 1954 the Commissioner shall make

40 USC 431-434.

63 Stat. 68.

50 Stat. 888.
42 USC 1430.

every effort to refund all local bonds held by the Public Housing Administration under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

CORPORATIONS—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Personnel work.

SEC. 202. No part of the funds of, or available for expenditure by, any corporation or agency included in this title shall be used to pay the compensation of any employee engaged in personnel work in excess of the number that would be provided by a ratio of one such employee to one hundred and thirty-five, or a part thereof, full-time, part-time, and intermittent employees of the agency concerned: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section employees shall be considered as engaged in personnel work if they spend half-time or more in personnel administration consisting of direction and administration of the personnel program; employment, placement, and separation; job evaluation and classification; employee relations and services; training; committees of expert examiners and boards of civil-service examiners; wage administration; and processing, recording, and reporting.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Strikes or overthrow of U. S. Government.

SEC. 301. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act, or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation included 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 or fund 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.

Publicity or propaganda.

SEC. 302. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act, or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation or agency included in this Act, shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress.

Information and editorial functions.

SEC. 303. (a) No part of the money appropriated by this Act to any department, agency, or corporation or made available for expenditure by any department, agency, or corporation which is in excess of 75 per centum of the amount required to pay the compensation of all

persons the budget estimates for personal services heretofore submitted to the Congress for the fiscal year 1954 contemplated would be employed by such department, agency, or corporation during such fiscal year in the performance of—

(1) functions performed by a person designated as an information specialist, information and editorial specialist, publications and information coordinator, press relations officer or counsel, photographer, radio expert, television expert, motion picture expert, or publicity expert, or designated by any similar title, or

(2) functions performed by persons who assist persons performing the functions described in (1) in drafting, preparing, editing, typing, duplicating, or disseminating public information publications or releases, radio or television scripts, magazine articles, photographs, motion pictures, and similar material, shall be available to pay the compensation of persons performing the functions described in (1) or (2).

(b) This section shall not apply: To persons employed by the General Services Administration in the performance of functions or related assisting or supporting functions in connection with the publication of the Federal Register, or to persons engaged in functions of the Civil Service Commission related to (1) the preparation and issuance of materials relating to the recruitment of personnel for the Federal service, and (2) the compilation of the Official Register of the United States, or to any department, agency, or corporation which does not employ more than two persons at any one time in the performance of functions described in paragraphs (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

Nonapplicability.

SEC. 304. This Act may be cited as the "First Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1954".

Short title.

Approved July 31, 1953.

Public Law 177

CHAPTER 303

AN ACT

To further amend the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945 by extending the time for filing certain claims thereunder, and for other purposes.

August 1, 1953
[H. R. 2561]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (d) of the Act of May 29, 1945 (59 Stat. 225), as amended by Public Law 439 of the Eighty-second Congress, is hereby further amended by deleting therefrom the first proviso of that subsection and substituting therefor the following: "Provided, That, if a claim accrues in time of war or in time of armed conflict in which Armed Forces of the United States are engaged, or if war or such armed conflict intervenes within two years after it accrues, it may, on good cause shown, be presented within two years after such good cause ceases to exist, but not later than two years after peace is established or the armed conflict terminates. The dates of commencement and termination of an armed conflict for the purpose of this subsection shall be as established by concurrent resolution of the Congress or by determination of the President."

66 Stat. 322.
31 USC 222c.

Presentation of
claim.

SEC. 2. Effective as of July 3, 1952, section 2 (b) of the Emergency Powers Continuation Act (Public Law 450, Eighty-second Congress) is repealed.

Repeal.

66 Stat. 334.

Approved August 1, 1953.