Public Law 51 CHAPTER 113

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AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, and the Tax Court of the United States, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Act, 1956.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses in the Office of the Secretary, including the operation and maintenance of the Treasury Building and Annex thereof; and the purchase of uniforms for elevator operators; $2,680,000.

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Accounts, $2,600,000: *Provided*, That Federal Reserve banks and branches may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incident to the deposit of taxes in Government depositories.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, DIVISION OF DISBURSEMENT

For necessary expenses of the Division of Disbursement, $15,475,000.

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

For necessary expenses connected with any public-debt issues of the United States, $44,500,000, to be expended as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, and the Secretary is authorized to accept services without compensation: *Provided*, That Federal Reserve banks and branches may be reimbursed for expenditures as fiscal agents of the United States on account of public-debt transactions for the account of the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided further*, That the indefinite appropriation provided by section 10 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended (31 U. S. C. 760), shall not be available for obligation during the current fiscal year.

40 Stat. 292.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Treasurer, $15,000,000: *Provided*, That Federal Reserve banks and branches may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incident to the verification and destruction of unfit United States paper currency.

AUTHENTICATED U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION GPO

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Customs, including purchase of seventy-five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; arms and ammunition; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); and, awards of compensation to informers as authorized by the Act of August 13, 1953 (22 U. S. C. 401); $41,200,000.

Ante, p. 49.

5 USC 2131 note.
60 Stat. 810.
67 Stat. 577.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service, including purchase (not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five of which one hundred are for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), and of expert witnesses at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner; and ammunition; $282,250,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed $400,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall be available for expenses by contract for private facilities and instruction for training of employees under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

60 Stat. 810.

BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Narcotics, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); hire of passenger motor vehicles; arms and ammunition; and not to exceed $10,000 for services or information looking toward the apprehension of narcotic law violators who are fugitives from justice; $2,990,000.

60 Stat. 810.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Secret Service, including purchase (not to exceed thirty for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and arms and ammunition; $2,960,000.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, WHITE HOUSE POLICE

For necessary expenses of the White House Police, including uniforms and equipment, and arms and ammunition, purchases to be made in such manner as the President may determine, $800,000.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GUARD FORCE

For necessary expenses of the guard force for Treasury Department buildings in the District of Columbia, including purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms; and arms and ammunition; $268,000.

BUREAU OF THE MINT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of the Mint, including arms and ammunition; purchase and maintenance of uniforms and accessories for guards; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle (for replacement only); and not to exceed $1,000 for the expenses of the annual assay commission; $3,650,000.

COAST GUARD

OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, not otherwise provided for, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); purchase of not to exceed thirty-two passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; maintenance, operation, and repair of aircraft; and recreation and welfare; $153,750,000: *Provided*, That the number of aircraft on hand at any one time shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-six exclusive of planes and parts stored to meet future attrition: *Provided further*, That (a) the unobligated balance of appropriation to the Coast Guard for the fiscal year 1955 for "Operating expenses" shall be transferred on July 1, 1955, to the account established by the Surplus Fund-Certified Claims Act of 1949 for payment of certified claims; (b) amounts equal to the unliquidated obligations on July 1, 1955, against the appropriation "Operating expenses", fiscal year 1955, and the appropriation for "Operating expenses" for the fiscal year 1954 which was merged therewith pursuant to the Treasury Department Appropriation Act, 1955, shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation, and such merged appropriation shall be available as one fund, except for accounting purposes of the Coast Guard, for the payment of obligations properly incurred against such prior year appropriations and against this appropriation, but on July 1, 1956, there shall be transferred from such merged appropriation to the appropriation for payment of certified claims (1) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1954 appropriation so transferred, and (2) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1955 appropriation so transferred which is in excess of the obligations then remaining unliquidated against such appropriation: *Provided further*, That except as otherwise authorized by the Act of September 30, 1950 (20 U. S. C. 236–244), this appropriation shall be available for expenses of primary and secondary schooling for dependents of Coast Guard personnel stationed outside the continental United States in amounts not exceeding an average of $250 per student, when it is determined by the Secretary that the schools, if any, available in the locality are unable to provide adequately for the education of such dependents, and the Coast Guard may provide for the transportation of said dependents between such schools and their places of residence when the schools are not accessible to such dependents by regular means of transportation.

60 Stat. 810.

53 Stat. 407. 31 USC 712a note.

68 Stat. 146.

64 Stat. 1100.

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For necessary expenses of acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment related thereto; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); $7,000,000, to remain available until expended.

60 Stat. 810.

RETIRED PAY

For retired pay, including the payment of obligations therefor otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropriations for this purpose, and payments under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953, $21,300,000.

67 Stat. 501.
37 USC 371 note.

RESERVE TRAINING

For all necessary expenses for the Coast Guard Reserve, as authorized by law (14 U. S. C. 751–762; 37 U. S. C. 231–319), including expenses for regular personnel, or reserve personnel while on active duty, engaged primarily in administration of the reserve program; and the maintenance, operation, and repair of aircraft; $3,175,000: *Provided*, That (a) the unobligated balance of appropriation to the Coast Guard for the fiscal year 1955 for "Reserve training" shall be transferred on July 1, 1955, to the account established by the Surplus Fund-Certified Claims Act of 1949 for payment of certified claims; (b) amounts equal to the unliquidated obligations on July 1, 1955, against the appropriation "Reserve training", fiscal year 1955, and the appropriation "Reserve training", fiscal year 1954 which was merged therewith pursuant to the Treasury Department Appropriation Act, 1953, shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation, and such merged appropriation shall be available as one fund, except for accounting purposes of the Coast Guard, for the payment of obligations properly incurred against such prior year appropriations and against this appropriation, but on July 1, 1956, there shall be transferred from such merged appropriation to the appropriation for payment of certified claims (1) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1954 appropriation so transferred and (2) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1955 appropriation so transferred which is in excess of the obligations then remaining unliquidated against such appropriation.

63 Stat. 551, 804.

63 Stat. 407.
31 USC 712a note.

66 Stat. 292.

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 1956 for each such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided:

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.

FEDERAL FACILITIES CORPORATION FUND

Not to exceed $800,000 shall be available during the fiscal year 1956 for all administrative expenses of the Corporation (including use of the services and facilities of Federal Reserve Banks), to be computed on an accrual basis, and to be exclusive of interest paid, depreciation, capitalized expenditures, expenses in connection with the acquisition, protection, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest, 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.

LIQUIDATION OF RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

Not to exceed $1,400,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds derived from Reconstruction Finance Corporation activities (except those conducted under Section 409 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950), shall be available during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses incident to the liquidation of said Corporation, including use of the services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks: *Provided*, That as used herein the term "administrative expenses" shall be construed to include all salaries and wages, services performed on a contract or fee basis, and travel and other expenses, including the purchase of equipment and supplies, of administrative offices: *Provided further*, That the limiting amount heretofore stated for administrative expenses shall be increased by an amount which does not exceed the aggregate cost of salaries, wages, travel, and other expenses of persons employed outside the continental United States; the expenses of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with the termination of contracts or in the performance of legal services, and all administrative expenses reimbursable from other Government agencies: *Provided further*, That the distribution of administrative expenses to the accounts of the Corporation shall be made in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and practices.

64 Stat. 1257. 50 USC app. 2261.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Travel expenses.

SEC. 102. Hereafter, appropriations for the Treasury Department available for the expenses of travel shall be available, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the function or activity for which the applicable appropriation is made.

SEC. 103. Subsection (c) of Private Law 419 of the Eighty-third Congress is hereby amended as follows: In lieu of the last sentence of said subsection insert: "There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Public Health Service for each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary for care and treatment provided under the authority of this subsection.".

68 Stat. A75.

Halsford V. Sharpe.

TITLE II—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONTRIBUTION TO THE POSTAL FUND

For administration and operation of the Post Office Department and the postal service, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate amount of postal revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, as authorized by law (39 U. S. C. 786, 794a), together with an amount from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, equal to the difference between such revenues and the total of the appropriations hereinafter specified and the sum needed may be advanced to the Post Office Department upon requisition of the Postmaster General, for the following purposes, namely:

64 Stat. 461.

CURRENT AUTHORIZATIONS OUT OF POSTAL FUND

ADMINISTRATION

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for administration of the postal service, operation of the inspection service, uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114), and conduct of a research and development program, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August

Ante, p. 49. 5 USC 2131 note.

2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); management studies; not to exceed $25,000 for miscellaneous and emergency expenses; rewards for information and services concerning violations of postal laws and regulations, current and prior fiscal years, in accordance with regulations of the Postmaster General in effect at the time the services are rendered or information furnished; and expenses of delegates designated by the Postmaster General to attend meetings and congresses for the purpose of making postal arrangements with foreign governments pursuant to law, and not to exceed $6,500 of such expenses to be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Postmaster General; and not to exceed $20,000 for rewards for information and services, as provided for herein, shall be paid in the discretion of the Postmaster General and accounted for solely on his certificate; and settlement of claims, pursuant to law, current and prior fiscal years, for damages, and for losses resulting from unavoidable casualty (39 U. S. C. 49); $15,500,000.

60 Stat. 810.

59 Stat. 603.

OPERATIONS

For expenses necessary for the operation and administration of post offices, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114), and for other activities conducted by the Post Office Department pursuant to law, $1,870,000,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed 5 per centum of any appropriation available to the Post Office Department for the current fiscal year may be transferred, with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, to any other such appropriation or appropriations; but the appropriation "Administration" shall not be increased by more than $2,000,000 as a result of such transfers: *Provided further*, That functions financed by the appropriations available to the Post Office Department for the current fiscal year and the amounts appropriated therefor, may be transferred, in addition to the appropriation transfers otherwise authorized in this Act and with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, between such appropriations to the extent necessary to improve administration and operations.

Ante, p. 49.

5 USC 2131 note.

TRANSPORTATION

For expenses necessary for the administration and operation of the postal transportation service, including payments for transportation of domestic and foreign mails by air, land, and water transportation facilities, including current and prior fiscal years settlements with foreign countries for handling of mail; $661,620,500.

FINANCE

For expenses necessary for the administration of the financial services of the Post Office Department, including the procurement of stamps and accountable paper; $17,200,000.

FACILITIES

For expenses necessary for the administration and operation of postal facilities, buildings, vehicles, and field postal communication service; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); procurement of postal supplies and equipment; storage and repair of vehicles owned by, or under control of, units of the National Guard and departments and agencies of the Federal Government where repairs are made necessary because of utilization of such vehicles in the postal service; $157,400,000: *Provided*, That hereafter collections resulting from damage to Govern-

Ante, p. 49.

5 USC 2131 note.

ment-owned vehicles operated by the Post Office Department shall be credited to applicable appropriations and shall be available for meeting repair cost of such damaged vehicles: *Provided further*, That hereafter collections from the sale of leather, metal canvas cuttings and old canvas resulting from the manufacture and repair of mail bags and locks, shall be credited to applicable appropriations and shall be available for meeting the cost of such manufacture and repair: *Provided further*, That the aggregate of annual payments for amortization of principal and interest thereon required by all purchase contracts entered into during the fiscal year 1956 pursuant to the Post Office Department Property Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 521), shall not exceed the unused portion of the $3,000,000 limitation applicable prior to July 1, 1955, under section 202 (i) of said Act.

39 USC 901 note.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Attendance at meetings.

SEC. 202. Hereafter, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Postmaster General, any funds available to the Post Office Department by appropriation shall be available for expenses of attendance at meetings of technical, scientific, professional, or other similar organizations concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation concerned is made.

Training programs.

SEC. 203. During the current fiscal year, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Postmaster General, not to exceed an aggregate of $100,000 shall be available from any funds available to the Post Office Department, as may be determined by him, for expenses necessary to enable the Department to participate in Federal or non-Federal training programs and for necessary expenses of training officers and employees (both departmental and field postal services) in such subjects or courses of instruction in either Federal or non-Federal facilities as will contribute to the improved performance of their official duties: *Provided*, That not more than forty-five of such officers and employees may participate in any training program in a non-Federal facility which is of more than ninety days duration.

Property improvement.

SEC. 204. Not exceeding $12,000,000 of appropriations in this title shall be available for payment to the General Services Administration of such additional sums as may be necessary for the repair, alteration, preservation, renovation, improvement, and equipment of federally owned property used for postal purposes of which not to exceed $10,000,000 shall be available for improving lighting, color, and ventilation for the specialized conditions in workroom areas.

TITLE III

THE TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Salaries and expenses: For necessary expenses, including contract stenographic reporting services, $1,170,000: *Provided*, That travel expenses of the judges shall be paid upon the written certificate of the judge.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

SEC. 401. 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 ad-

vocates, 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.

SEC. 402. This Act may be cited as the "Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Act, 1956".

Short title.

Approved June 1, 1955.

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June 1, 1955
[S. 653]

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of Jackson Barracks, Louisiana, to the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to convey to the State of Louisiana all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to so much of the real property comprising Jackson Barracks, Louisiana, as is held by the State of Louisiana under lease numbered W-766-QM-6117 and a license issued by the Secretary of the Army on July 26, 1952, being in the aggregate one hundred four and six one-hundredths acres, more or less, in Orleans and Saint Bernard Parishes, Louisiana, together with improvements thereon, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, the property to be used for the training of the National Guard of Louisiana and for other military purposes, and the conveyance to be made without monetary consideration therefor, but subject to the reservation by the United States of all mineral rights, including oil and gas; the right of reentry and use by the United States in the event of need therefor during a national emergency; and the condition and limitation that if the property shall fail or cease to be used for the training of the National Guard of Louisiana or for other military purposes, the title to the property so conveyed shall revert to and revest in the United States, and, in addition, all improvements made during its occupancy by the State of Louisiana shall vest in the United States without payment of compensation therefor.

Jackson Barracks, La. Conveyance.

SEC. 2. The costs of any surveys necessary as an incident of the conveyance authorized herein shall be borne by the State of Louisiana.

Approved June 1, 1955.