

organization shall perform such work: *Provided*, That in the event construction work to be accomplished by any one repayment organization, pursuant to contract with the United States, exceeds a total cost of \$200,000, such contract shall not be executed by the Secretary prior to the expiration of sixty calendar days (which sixty days, however, shall not include days on which either the House of Representatives or the Senate is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three days to a day certain) from the date on which it has been submitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate for reference to the appropriate Committees, except that such contract may be executed prior to expiration of such sixty days in any case in which both such Committees approve said contract and notify the Secretary in writing of such approval.

Approved June 13, 1956.

Public Law 576

CHAPTER 383

AN ACT

June 13, 1956
[H. R. 5268]

To amend section 303 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 to authorize the payment of mileage allowances for overland travel by private conveyance outside the continental limits of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 303 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 is amended by deleting in clause (3) of the fifth sentence thereof the words "for travel within the continental limits of the United States".

63 Stat. 813-
37 USC 253.

Approved June 13, 1956.

Public Law 577

CHAPTER 384

AN ACT

June 13, 1956
[H. R. 7679]

To provide for the conveyance of certain lands by the United States to the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed to the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land containing approximately eight and sixteen one-hundredths acres located north of the existing Veterans' Administration hospital reservation situate in Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma, likewise being a portion of certain lands conveyed to the United States by the city of Muskogee by warranty deed dated March 17, 1945, recorded in the office of the clerk of Muskogee County on June 23, 1945, in book 839, pages 432 to 434, the exact courses and distances of the perimeter of which shall be determined and approved by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. The city of Muskogee shall pay the cost of surveys as may be required by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs in determining the required legal description.

Muskogee, Okla-
homa.
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. There shall be reserved to the United States all minerals, including oil and gas, in the lands authorized for conveyance by section 1, and the deed of conveyance shall contain such additional terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions as may be determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to be necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

Reservation.

Restriction.

SEC. 3. The deed of conveyance shall provide that the tract of land authorized to be conveyed by section 1 of this Act shall be used by the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, for such purposes as will not, in the judgment of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs or his designate, interfere with the care and treatment of patients in the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and that if such provision is violated, title to the tract shall revert to the United States.

Approved June 13, 1956.

Public Law 578

CHAPTER 385

AN ACT

June 13, 1956
[H. R. 9536]

Making appropriations for the Executive Office of the President and sundry general Government agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and for other purposes.

General Govern-
ment Matters Ap-
propriation Act,
1957.

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 of the President and sundry general Government agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, namely:

TITLE I

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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.

63 Stat. 4.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for The White House Office, including not to exceed \$215,000 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; expenses of attendance at meetings; newspapers, periodicals, teletype news service, and travel and official entertainment expenses of the President, to be accounted for solely on his certificate; \$1,875,000.

60 Stat. 810.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

For expenses necessary to provide staff assistance for the President in connection with special projects, to be expended in his discretion 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, \$1,500,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed 10 per centum of this appropriation may be used to reimburse the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses", The White House Office, for administrative services.