SEC. 104. No appropriation or fund made available or authority granted pursuant to this Act shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity which was not being conducted during the fiscal year 1956, except military construction projects otherwise authorized by law. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this Act shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity are available under this Act.

Approved July 3, 1956.

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AN ACT

July 9, 1956
[S. 977]

To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to duties of judges of the United States Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) subsection 291 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

Court of Claims.
62 Stat. 900.

"(a) The Chief Justice of the United States may designate and assign temporarily any circuit judge to act as circuit judge in another circuit, or any judge of the Court of Claims to serve as a circuit judge in any circuit, upon presentation of a certificate of necessity by the chief judge or circuit justice of the circuit wherein the need arises."

(b) Section 292 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

62 Stat. 901.

"(e) The Chief Justice of the United States may designate and assign any judge of the Court of Claims to serve as a judge of any district court, when requested so to do, upon presentation of a certificate of necessity by the chief judge or circuit justice of the circuit wherein the need arises."

(c) Subsection 294 (b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

62 Stat. 901.

Retired judges.

"Any retired judge of the Court of Claims (1) may be designated and assigned by the Chief Justice of the United States to perform such judicial duties in any circuit as he is willing to undertake, and (2) may be called upon by the chief judge of the Court of Claims to perform such judicial duties in such court as he is willing to undertake."

(d) Section 331 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting, immediately after the second paragraph thereof, the following new paragraph:

62 Stat. 902.

Judicial Conference.

"The Chief Justice of the United States shall also summon the chief judge of the Court of Claims, or if he is unable to attend, another judge of such court, to participate in the conference. Any judge summoned shall attend, and, unless excused by the Chief Justice, shall remain throughout the conference and advise as to the needs of such court and as to any matters in respect of which the administration of justice in the courts of the United States may be improved."

(e) The second paragraph of section 605 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 915.

Budget estimates, approval.

"Such estimates shall be approved, before presentation to the Bureau of the Budget, by the Judicial Conference of the United States, except that estimates with respect to the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the Customs Court shall be approved by such courts, respectively."

Approved July 9, 1956.