Sec. 508. During the current fiscal year, any foreign currencies held by the United States which have been or may be reserved or set aside for specified programs or activities of any agency may be carried on the books of the Treasury in unfunded accounts.

Sec. 509. No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act, or of the funds available for expenditure by any corporation or agency, shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes designed to support or defeat legislation pending before Congress.

This Act may be cited as the “Public Works Appropriation Act, 1966”.


Public Law 89-300

AN ACT

To amend title 38 of the United States Code to authorize the administrative settlement of tort claims arising in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) subchapter III of chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding a new section 236 as follows:

"§ 236. Administrative settlement of tort claims arising in foreign countries

(1) The Administrator may pay tort claims, in the manner authorized in the first paragraph of section 2672 of title 28, when such claims arise in foreign countries in connection with Veterans' Administration operations abroad. A claim may not be allowed under this section unless it is presented in writing to the Administrator or his designee within two years after the claim accrues."

(b) The analysis of chapter 3 of such title 38, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"236. Administrative settlement of tort claims arising in foreign countries.”

(c) Section 235 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: “The Administrator may, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the President or his designee, provide to personnel of the Veterans' Administration who are United States citizens and are assigned by the Administrator to the Veterans' Administration offices in the Republic of the Philippines or to the Veterans' Administration office in Europe, established pursuant to section 230(c) of this title, allowances and benefits similar to those provided by the following provisions of law:

(1) Section 1131 of title 22 (relating to allowances to provide for the proper representation of the United States).

(2) Section 1136 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (7) of title 22 (relating to travel expenses).

(3) Section 1138 of title 22 (relating to transportation of automobiles).

(4) Section 1148 of title 22 (relating to the return of personnel to the United States on leave of absence).

(5) Section 1156 of title 22 (relating to payments by the United States of expenses for treating illness or injury of officers or employees and dependents requiring hospitalization).

The foregoing authority supplements, but is not in lieu of, other allowances and benefits for overseas employees of the Veterans Administration provided by titles 5 and 22.”
(d) All delegations of authority, orders, regulations, directives, or other official actions, with respect to the benefits and allowances provided by such section 235 of title 38, United States Code, shall continue in full force and effect until modified, amended, superseded, or revoked.


Public Law 89-301

AN ACT
To adjust the rates of basic compensation of certain officers and employees of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Employees Salary Act of 1965".

EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 1949

SEC. 2. (a) Section 603(b) of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended (78 Stat. 400; 5 U.S.C. 1113(b)), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The compensation schedule for the General Schedule shall be as follows:

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(b) Except as provided in section 504(d) of the Federal Salary Reform Act of 1962 (78 Stat. 412; 5 U.S.C. 1173(d)), the rates of basic compensation of officers and employees to whom the compensation schedule set forth in subsection (a) of this section applies shall be initially adjusted as of the effective date of this section, as follows:

(1) If the officer or employee is receiving basic compensation immediately prior to the effective date of this section at one of the rates of a grade in the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, he shall receive a rate of basic compensation at the corresponding rate in effect on and after such date.

(2) If the officer or employee is receiving basic compensation immediately prior to the effective date of this section at a rate between two rates of a grade in the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, he shall receive a rate of basic compensation at the higher of the two corresponding rates in effect on and after such date.