Public Law 98–216

98th Congress

An Act

To codify without substantive change recent laws related to money and finance and transportation and to improve the United States Code.

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

AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 31

Section 1. Title 31, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) The first sentence of section 755 is amended to read as follows:

“A final decision under section 753(a) (1)-(3), (6), or (7) of this title may be reviewed by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or by the court of appeals of the United States for the circuit in which the petitioner resides.”.

(2) Section 1535 is amended by—

(A) inserting in subsection (a)(3) “or get by contract” after “provide”;
(B) inserting in subsection (a)(4) “by contract” after “provided”;
(C) striking out subsection (b);
(D) redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b); and
(E) inserting after subsection (b) (as redesignated) the following:

“(c) A condition or limitation applicable to amounts for procurement of an agency or unit placing an order or making a contract under this section applies to the placing of the order or the making of the contract.”.

(3) Section 3322 is amended by—

(A) redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and
(B) striking out subsection (a) and substituting the following:

“(a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer public money to a disbursing official only by draft or warrant written on the Treasury. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a disbursing official shall—

“(1) deposit public money as required by section 3302 of this title; and
“(2) draw public money from the Treasury or a depository only—

“(A) as necessary to make payments; and
“(B) payable to persons to whom payment is to be made.

“(b) In a place without a depository, the Secretary, on deciding it is essential to the public interest, may authorize specially in writing that public money be—

“(1) deposited in any other public depository; or
“(2) kept in another manner under regulations the Secretary decides are the safest and most effective in making a payment to a public creditor easier.”.
(4) Section 3528(b) is amended by—
   (A) inserting "(1)" after "(b)";
   (B) striking out "(1)" before "the certification" and substituting "(A)";
   (C) striking out "(2)(A)" and substituting "(B)(i)";
   (D) striking out "(B)" before "no law" and substituting "(ii)";
   (E) striking out "(C)" and substituting "(iii)"; and
   (F) adding at the end the following:
      "(2) The Comptroller General may deny relief when the Comptroller General decides the head of the agency did not carry out diligently collection action under procedures prescribed by the Comptroller General.".

(5) In section 3711(c)(2), strike out "(49 U.S.C. 26(h))" and substitute "(49 App. U.S.C. 26(h))".

(6) Section 3902(b) is amended—
   (A) in clause (1), by striking out "3903(2)(A)" and substituting "3903(2)"; and
   (B) in clause (2), by striking out "3903(2)(A)" and substituting "3903(3)".

(7) Section 5132(a)(1) is amended by striking out the last sentence.

(8) Section 6716(c)(1) is amended by striking out "Subsection" and substituting "Subsections".

### AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 49

**Transportation.** SEC. 2. Title 49, United States Code, is amended as follows:

1. (A) Section 308 is amended—
   1. in the catchline, by striking out "Annual reports" and substituting "Reports";
   2. in subsection (a), by striking out the last sentence; and
   3. by adding at the end the following:
      "(d) By the 90th day after the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report listing the specific assistance provided by the United States Government to the railroad industry during that fiscal year. The report shall include—
      "(1) the reasons for each Government loan or grant and explain the way in which the loan or grant contributed to the overall goal of providing a safe and efficient transportation system;
      "(2) information on the financial condition of each railroad having a loan guaranteed under the Emergency Rail Services Act of 1970 (45 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) throughout the duration of the loan; and
      "(3) information on the past and anticipated financial condition and operations during the fiscal year of the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Fund established under section 502(a) of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (45 U.S.C. 822(a)) and of the Obligation Guarantee Fund established under section 511(b) of that Act (45 U.S.C. 831(b))."

2. (e)(1) The Secretary shall submit a report to Congress in January of each even-numbered year of estimates by the Secretary on the current performance and condition of public mass transportation systems with recommendations for necessary administrative or legislative changes.