

Public Law 73

CHAPTER 132

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and for other purposes.

June 18, 1953
[H. R. 5174]

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

Treasury and
Post Office De-
partments App-
ropriation Act, 1954.

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, 1954, namely:

Treasury De-
partment App-
ropriation Act, 1954.

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; \$2,400,000.

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Accounts, \$1,800,000: *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, \$11,000,000.

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC DEBT

For necessary expenses connected with any public-debt or currency issues of the United States, \$50,000,000 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, \$17,000,000.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES, PUBLIC MONIES

For the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public money and securities of the United States, \$350,000.

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

60 Stat. 810.

46 Stat. 741.

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Customs, including examination of estimates of appropriations in the field; expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the purposes of this appropriation; purchase of fifty passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; arms and ammunition; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); and not to exceed \$1,220,000 for personal services in the District of Columbia exclusive of ten persons from the field force authorized to be detailed under law (19 U. S. C. 1525); \$40,500,000.

BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

60 Stat. 810.

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, including expenses, when specifically authorized by the Commissioner, of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with internal-revenue matters; purchase (not to exceed one hundred for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; examination of estimates of appropriations in the field; 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; \$266,000,000: *Provided*, That the amount for personal services in the District of Columbia shall not exceed \$18,410,000.

BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

60 Stat. 810.

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; \$2,790,000.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Secret Service, including purchase (not to exceed twenty for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and arms and ammunition; \$2,500,000.

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, \$630,000.

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; \$375,000.

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); examination of estimates of appropriations in the field; and not to exceed \$1,000 for the expenses of the annual assay commission; \$4,700,000.

COAST GUARD

OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, not otherwise provided for, including 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; recreation and welfare; and examination of estimates of appropriations in the field; \$188,250,000: *Provided*, That the number of aircraft on hand at any one time shall not exceed one hundred and thirty-seven 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 1953 for "Operating expenses" shall be transferred on July 1, 1953, 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, 1953, against the appropriation "Operating expenses", fiscal year 1953, and the appropriation for "Operating expenses" for the fiscal year 1952 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, 1954, there shall be transferred from such merged appropriation to the appropriation for payment of certified claims (1) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1952 appropriation so transferred, and (2) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1953 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.

Transfer of funds.

63 Stat. 407.
31 USC 712a
note.

66 Stat. 291.

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

60 Stat. 810. by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a) ; \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended.

RETIRED PAY

For retired pay, including the payment of obligations therefor incurred during prior fiscal years, \$18,600,000.

RESERVE TRAINING

63 Stat. 551, 804. 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; \$2,500,000: *Provided*, That (a) the unobligated balance of appropriation to the Coast Guard for the fiscal year 1953 for "Reserve training" shall be transferred on July 1, 1953, 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, 1953, against the appropriation "Reserve training", fiscal year 1953, and the appropriation "Reserve training", fiscal year 1952 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, 1954, there shall be transferred from such merged appropriation to the appropriation for payment of certified claims (1) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1952 appropriation so transferred and (2) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1953 appropriation so transferred which is in excess of the obligations then remaining unliquidated against such appropriation.

66 Stat. 292. Citation of title. SEC. 102. This title may be cited as the "Treasury Department Appropriation Act, 1954".

Post Office Department Appropriation Act, 1954.

TITLE II—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

64 Stat. 461. 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, 1954, 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:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

60 Stat. 810. For expenses necessary for general administration of the postal service, operation of the inspection service, and the conduct of a research and development program, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a) ; at least \$250,000 to be available exclusively for procurement by contract of things and services related to design, development, and construction of equipment used in postal operations, and for contracts for management studies; 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 the expenses of delegates provided for herein and not to exceed \$20,000 for rewards, as provided for herein, shall be paid in the discretion of the Postmaster General and accounted for solely on his certificate; \$22,000,000.

POSTAL OPERATIONS

For expenses necessary for postal operations, not otherwise provided for, and for other activities conducted by the Post Office Department pursuant to law, including at least \$500,000 to be available exclusively for manufacture and procurement of improved devices for postal operations and other activities; 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, and not in excess of \$500,000 to carry out the purposes of Public Law 513, approved July 11, 1952; \$2,229,450,000: *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 "General Administration" shall not be increased by more than \$10,000,000 as a result of such transfers: *Provided further*, That functions financed by the appropriations for the current fiscal year for "General Administration" and for "Postal Operations," 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.

Mail Equipment
Shops, D. C.
66 Stat. 589.

TRANSPORTATION OF MAILS

For 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; and for expenses, exclusive of personal services, necessary for operation of Government-owned highway post office transportation service; \$573,620,000.

CLAIMS

For settlement of claims, pursuant to law, current and prior fiscal years, for damages (28 U. S. C. 2672; 31 U. S. C. 224c); losses resulting from unavoidable casualty (39 U. S. C. 49); loss of or damage to mail, and failure to remit collect-on-delivery charges (5 U. S. C. 372; 39 U. S. C. 244, 245a-1, 245b-1, 245d-1, 381, 382, 387); and domestic money orders more than one year old (31 U. S. C. 725k); \$7,180,000.

62 Stat. 983; 48
Stat. 1207.

22 Stat. 29.

37 Stat. 558; 65
Stat. 675, 676; 41
Stat. 581; 62 Stat.
1265.
48 Stat. 1229.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 202. Appropriations made in this title for general administration and for postal operations shall be available for examination of estimates of appropriations in the field.

SEC. 203. Appropriations made in this title, except those for payment of claims, shall be available for expenditures in connection with accident prevention.

SEC. 204. Appropriations made in this title available for expenses of travel shall be available, under regulations prescribed by the Post-

master General, 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.

Citation of title. SEC. 205. This title may be cited as the "Post Office Department Appropriation Act, 1954".

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

SEC. 301. No part of any appropriation contained 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 advocates, 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.

Short title.

SEC. 302. This Act may be cited as the "Treasury and Post Office Departments Appropriation Act, 1954".

Approved June 18, 1953.

Public Law 74

CHAPTER 146

June 20, 1953
[H. R. 3795]

AN ACT

To adjust the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force, the United States Park Police, the White House Police, and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953.

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 "District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953".

TITLE I—METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE

Basic salaries. Officers and members.

SEC. 101. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) or (c), the annual basic salaries of the officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force shall be at the rates set forth in the following table: