

Public Law 374

CHAPTER 242

AN ACT

May 28, 1954
[H. R. 7893]

Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, Export-Import Bank of Washington, and Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes.

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

Treasury, Post Office, Export-Import Bank, and RFC appropriations, 1955.
Treasury Department Appropriation Act, 1955.

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, 1955, namely:

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; \$2,600,000.

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Accounts, \$2,548,700: *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, \$14,500,000.

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC DEBT

For necessary expenses connected with any public-debt or currency issues of the United States, \$44,997,300, 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, \$15,499,000: *Provided*, That Federal Reserve banks and branches may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incident to the verification and destruction of unfit United States paper currency.

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Customs, including 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, awards of compensation to informers as authorized by the Act of August 13, 1953 (22 U. S. C. 401); \$39,996,300.

60 Stat. 810.

67 Stat. 577.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service, 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; 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; \$265,912,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$400,000 of the amount appropriated herein shall be available for expenses by contract for private facilities and instruction for training of employees under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

60 Stat. 810.

BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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; \$2,770,000.

60 Stat. 810.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Secret Service, including purchase (not to exceed ten for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and arms and ammunition; \$2,438,000.

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, \$712,000.

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; \$268,000.

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; and not to exceed \$1,000 for the expenses of the annual assay commission; \$4,450,000.

COAST GUARD

OPERATING EXPENSES

60 Stat. 810. 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; and recreation and welfare; \$155,889,300: *Provided*, That the number of aircraft on hand at any one time shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-six 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 1954 for "Operating expenses" shall be transferred on July 1, 1954, 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, 1954, against the appropriation "Operating expenses", fiscal year 1954, and the appropriation for "Operating expenses" for the fiscal year 1953 which was merged therewith pursuant to the Treasury Department Appropriation Act, 1954, 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, 1955, there shall be transferred from such merged appropriation to the appropriation for payment of certified claims (1) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1953 appropriation so transferred, and (2) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1954 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.

Transfer of funds.

63 Stat. 407, 31 USC 712 a note.

67 Stat. 69.

64 Stat. 1100.

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

60 Stat. 810. 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 by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer into this appropriation not to exceed \$2,000,000 from

Transfer of funds.

other Coast Guard appropriations for the replacement of one additional seaplane, such funds transferred to remain available until expended.

RETIRED PAY

For retired pay, including the payment of obligations therefor incurred during prior fiscal years, and payments under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953, \$19,775,000.

67 Stat. 501.
37 USC 371 note.

RESERVE TRAINING

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 1954 for "Reserve training" shall be transferred on July 1, 1954, 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, 1954, against the appropriation "Reserve training", fiscal year 1954, and the appropriation "Reserve training", fiscal year 1953 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, 1955, there shall be transferred from such merged appropriation to the appropriation for payment of certified claims (1) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1953 appropriation so transferred and (2) any remaining unexpended balance of the 1954 appropriation so transferred which is in excess of the obligations then remaining unliquidated against such appropriation.

63 Stat. 551, 804.

63 Stat. 407.
31 USC 712 a
note.

66 Stat. 292.

Sec. 102. This title may be cited as the "Treasury Department Appropriation Act, 1955".

Citation of title.

TITLE II—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Post Office Department Appropriation Act, 1955.

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, 1955, 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:

64 Stat. 461.

CURRENT AUTHORIZATIONS OUT OF POSTAL SERVICE FUND

ADMINISTRATION

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for 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);

60 Stat. 810.

management studies; not to exceed \$25,000 for miscellaneous and emergency expenses; 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 not to exceed \$6,000 of such expenses to be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Postmaster General; and not to exceed \$20,000 for rewards for information, as provided for herein, shall be paid in the discretion of the Postmaster General and accounted for solely on his certificate; and settlement of claims, pursuant to law, current and prior fiscal years, for damages, and for losses resulting from unavoidable casualty (39 U. S. C. 49); \$19,491,100.

59 Stat. 603.

OPERATIONS

For expenses necessary for the operation and administration of post offices, not otherwise provided for, and for other activities conducted by the Post Office Department pursuant to law, \$1,899,776,000: *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 "Administration" shall not be increased by more than \$2,000,000 as a result of such transfers: *Provided further*, That functions financed by the appropriations available to the Post Office Department for the current fiscal year 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.

TRANSPORTATION

For expenses necessary for the administration and operation of the postal transportation service, including 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; \$702,219,000: *Provided*, That the Post Office Department shall report not less than once every three months to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives all substantial transportation changes, such report to include the total cost of the eliminated and replacement service for airline, truck, and railroad transportation.

FINANCE

For expenses necessary for the administration of the financial services of the Post Office Department, including the procurement of stamps and accountable paper; \$8,501,000.

FACILITIES

For expenses necessary for the administration and operation of postal facilities, buildings, vehicles, and field postal communication service; procurement of postal supplies and equipment; 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; \$124,890,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SEC. 201. Appropriations made in this title shall be available for expenditures in connection with accident prevention.

Accident prevention.

SEC. 202. Appropriations made in this title available for expenses of travel shall be available, under regulations prescribed by the Postmaster 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.

Travel expenses.

SEC. 203. During the current fiscal year, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Postmaster General, not to exceed an aggregate of \$100,000 shall be available from any funds available to the Post Office Department, as may be determined by him, for expenses necessary to enable the Department to participate in Federal or non-Federal training programs and for necessary expenses of training officers and employees (both departmental and field postal services) in such subjects or courses of instruction in either Federal or non-Federal facilities as will contribute to the improved performance of their official duties: *Provided*, That not more than forty-five of such officers and employees may participate in any training program in a non-Federal facility which is of more than ninety days duration.

Training programs.

SEC. 204. Hereafter, indemnities for the loss of or damage to registered, insured and collect-on-delivery mail and the expense of manufacturing embossed stamped envelopes (printed or unprinted) shall be paid from postal revenues.

Lost or damaged mail, etc.

SEC. 205. Hereafter, money orders shall be paid from the receipts representing the face value of money orders heretofore or hereafter issued.

Money orders.

SEC. 206. Not exceeding \$5,000,000 of appropriations in this title shall be available for payment to the General Services Administration of such additional sums as may be necessary for the repair, alteration, preservation, renovation, improvement, and equipment of federally owned property used for postal purposes of which not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be available for improved lighting, color, and ventilation for the specialized conditions in workroom areas.

Property improvement.

SEC. 207. This title may be cited as the "Post Office Department Appropriation Act, 1955".

Citation of title.

TITLE III—GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

The following corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to such corporation, and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the fiscal year 1955 for such corporation, except as hereinafter provided:

Export-Import Bank of Washington and Reconstruction Finance Corporation Appropriation Act, 1955.

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF WASHINGTON

LIMITATION ON EXPENSES

60 Stat. 810.

Not to exceed \$1,070,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds of the Export-Import Bank of Washington shall be available during the current fiscal year for all administrative expenses of the bank, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a): *Provided*, That necessary expenses (including special services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of any real or personal property belonging to the bank or in which it has an interest including expenses of collections of pledged collateral, or the investigation or appraisal of any property in respect to which an application for a loan has been made, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof.

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

61 Stat. 584.
31 USC 849.

The Treasury Department is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to it from Reconstruction Finance Corporation activities, and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the fiscal year 1955 for each such activity, except as hereinafter provided:

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF LIQUIDATING THE RECONSTRUCTION
FINANCE CORPORATION64 Stat. 1257.
50 USC app.
2261.

Definition.

Not to exceed \$3,500,000 (to be computed on an accrual basis) of the funds derived from Reconstruction Finance Corporation activities (except those conducted under Section 409 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950), shall be available during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses incident to the liquidation of said Corporation, including use of the services and facilities of the Federal Reserve banks: *Provided*, That as used herein the term "administrative expenses" shall be construed to include all salaries and wages, services performed on a contract or fee basis, and travel and other expenses, including the purchase of equipment and supplies, of administrative offices: *Provided further*, That the limiting amount heretofore stated for administrative expenses shall be increased by an amount which does not exceed the aggregate cost of salaries, wages, travel, and other expenses of persons employed outside the continental United States; the expenses of services performed on a contract or fee basis in connection with the termination of contracts or in the performance of legal services, and all administrative expenses reimbursable from other Government agencies: *Provided further*, That the distribution of administrative expenses to the accounts of the Corporation shall be made in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and practices.

Not to exceed \$50,000 of the funds available pursuant to section 409 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 (50 U. S. C. App. 2261), shall be available during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the functions, powers, duties, and authority of the Treasury Department under said section.

SEC. 301. This title may be cited as the Export-Import Bank of Washington, and Reconstruction Finance Corporation Appropriation Act, 1955.

Citation of title.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. 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.

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

Approved May 28, 1954.

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CHAPTER 243

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant a preference right to users of withdrawn public lands for grazing purposes when the lands are restored from the withdrawal.

May 28, 1954
[H. R. 6186]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act (43 U. S. C., 1946 edition, sec. 315 (m)) is amended by adding the following proviso: "*Provided further*, That when public lands are restored from a withdrawal, the Secretary may grant an appropriate preference right for a grazing lease, license, or permit to users of the land for grazing purposes under authority of the agency which had jurisdiction over the lands immediately prior to the time of their restoration."

Grazing lands. Preference rights.
49 Stat. 1978.
43 USC 315m.

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269), as amended by the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1976, 43 U. S. C., 1946 edition, sec. 315), is further amended by striking out the following language: "not exceeding in the aggregate an area of one hundred and forty-two million acres".

Approved May 28, 1954.