

Provisos.
Limitation.

No back pay, etc.

centum for each year of active duty and a fractional year of six months or more shall be considered a full year in computing the number of years: *Provided further*, That the increased retired pay of such retired officers shall in no case exceed 75 per centum of the active-duty pay as authorized by existing law: *Provided further*, That no back pay or allowances shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act."

Approved, June 25, 1941.

[CHAPTER 254]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain former certifying and disbursing officers of the Department of the Interior.

June 25, 1941
[H. R. 3846]
[Public Law 133]

Department of the Interior.
Credit in accounts of certain disbursing officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers for payments made in good faith on behalf of the Federal Subsistence Homesteads Corporation, or any of its subsidiaries, notwithstanding the failure to comply with the requirements of existing law or regulations: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General shall find that such payments appear to be free from fraud or collusion on the part of the disbursing officer making the payment.

Proviso.

Release from liability.

SEC. 2. No charge shall be raised against the certifying officer for the amount of any payment for which credit shall be allowed under the preceding section where the Comptroller General finds that the payment appears to have been made without fraud or collusion on the part of the certifying officer.

Approved, June 25, 1941.

[CHAPTER 255]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To permit travel by a ship of Canadian registry between American ports.

June 26, 1941
[S. J. Res. 65]
[Public Law 134]

Travel of vessel of Canadian registry in certain U. S. waters.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of any of the coastwise laws of the United States, one passenger ship of Canadian registry shall be permitted to travel between Cleveland, Ohio, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the purpose of transporting members of the American Legion and their guests to and from that organization's twenty-third annual national convention to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15-18, 1941, inclusive; and such passenger ship shall be further permitted to remain at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the period of such national convention of the American Legion: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any provision of section 4488, Revised Statutes, or regulations issued thereunder, any passenger vessels, American or Canadian, which transport members of the American Legion and their guests to and from that organization's twenty-third annual national convention, to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15-18, 1941, inclusive, shall not be required to carry accommodation for more than 50 per centum of persons on board in lifeboats and pontoon life rafts: *Provided further*, That not less than two-fifths of such accommodation shall be in lifeboats and three-fifths may be in collapsible boats or rafts, under regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors, approved by the Secretary of Commerce, applicable to such vessels during the interval May 15 to September 15, inclusive.

Provisos.
Lifeboat regulations.
46 U. S. C. § 481.

Proportion of lifeboats and rafts.

Approved, June 26, 1941.

[CHAPTER 258]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Judiciary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, and for other purposes.

June 28, 1941
[H. R. 4276]
[Public Law 135]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Judiciary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Department of State
Appropriation Act,
1942.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Salaries: For Secretary of State; Under Secretary of State, \$10,000; counselor, \$10,000; and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including temporary employees, and not to exceed \$6,500 for employees engaged on piece work at rates to be fixed by the Secretary of State; \$2,724,440: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment of personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, with the exception of the four Assistant Secretaries of State and the Legal Adviser of the Department of State, the Assistant to the Attorney General, the Assistant Solicitor General, and six Assistant Attorneys General, the Assistant Secretaries of Commerce, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade, except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, or (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and is specifically authorized by other law, or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated.

Post, pp. 764, 834.

Provisos.
Salary restriction.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.
Post, p. 613.
Exceptions.

Restriction not applicable in designated cases.

42 Stat. 1490.
5 U. S. C. § 666.

National defense activities.

54 Stat. 714.
50 U. S. C., app. § 701.

54 Stat. 377.

National defense activities: For all necessary expenses to enable the Secretary of State during the fiscal year 1942 to continue to perform functions or activities contemplated by section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the strengthening of the national defense", approved July 2, 1940, for the performance of which, during the fiscal year 1941, the Secretary of State received allocations of funds from the appropriation "Emergency fund for the President" contained in the Military Appropriation Act, 1941, including the objects for which and subject to the conditions under which such allocations were expended during the fiscal year 1941, \$150,000.