

[CHAPTER 228]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for war agencies in the Executive Office of the President for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for other purposes.

July 12, 1943
[H. R. 2968]
[Public Law 139]

National War Agen-
cies Appropriation
Act, 1944.

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 support of war agencies in the Executive Office of the President for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for other purposes, namely:

Ante, p. 169.
Post, pp. 538, 613.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

Salaries and expenses: For all expenses necessary to enable the Board of Economic Warfare to carry out its functions and activities, including salaries of an Executive Director at \$10,000 per annum and four assistants to the Executive Director at \$9,000 per annum each, and other personal services (including aliens) in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; the acceptance and utilization of voluntary and uncompensated services; the temporary employment of persons or organizations by contract or otherwise without regard to the civil-service and classification laws or section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5); procurement of services, supplies, and equipment (1) outside the United States without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, and 3648, Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 529), including the rental of office space and contracts for utility services for periods of two years in any foreign country where required by local custom or practice, and (2) within the United States without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, when the amount involved in any one case does not exceed \$300; travel expenses (not exceeding \$300,000 for travel within the continental limits of the United States), including (1) expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Board, (2) actual transportation and other necessary expenses, and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence of persons serving while away from their homes without other compensation from the United States, in an advisory capacity to the Board, (3) payment to the Chairman and the Executive Director of the Board of actual and necessary transportation, subsistence, and other expenses incidental to the performance of their duties, and (4) expenses outside the United States without regard to the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended (5 U. S. C. 821), and section 901 of the Act of June 29, 1936 (46 U. S. C. 1241), and (5) when specifically authorized or approved by the Executive Director of the Board or such other official as he may designate for the purpose, expenses of employees of the Board, including the transportation of their effects (in accordance with the Act of October 10, 1940), to their first post of duty in a foreign country, or when transferred from one official station to another, and return to the United States; payment of living and quarters allowances to personnel stationed outside the United States in accordance with the regulations approved by the President on December 30, 1942; advances of money, upon the furnishing of bond, to employees of the Board traveling in a foreign country, in such sums as the Executive Director of the Board shall direct; reimbursement of employees of the Board for loss of personal effects in case of marine or aircraft disaster; preparation and transportation of the remains of officers and employees who die abroad

Executive Director and assistants.

Services, supplies, and equipment.

Minor purchases.

Travel expenses.

44 Stat. 688,
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 823.
49 Stat. 2015.

54 Stat. 1105,
5 U. S. C. § 73c-1.

Reimbursement.
Transportation of remains of officers and employees.

or in transit while in the dispatch of their official duties, to their former homes in this country or to a place not more distant for interment, and for the ordinary expenses of such interment; purchase and exchange of lawbooks and books of reference; the rental of news-reporting services; the purchase of, or subscription to, commercial and trade reports, newspapers, and periodicals: maintenance, operation, repair, and hire of motor-propelled or horse-drawn passenger-carrying vehicles; and printing and binding (not exceeding \$100,000); \$36,150,000, of which amount such sums as may be authorized by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may be transferred to other departments or agencies of the Government for the performance by them of any of the functions or activities for which this appropriation is made, but no other agency of the Government shall perform work or render services for the Board of Economic Warfare, whether or not the performance of such work or services involves the transfer of funds or reimbursement of appropriations, unless authority therefor, in accordance with regulations issued by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall have been obtained in advance: *Provided*, That such sums as are included in this appropriation for special projects (classified in the estimates submitted to Congress as or under "Other contractual services") may be expended for travel expenses, printing and binding, and purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles without regard to the limitations specified for such objects under this appropriation but within such amounts as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may approve therefor and such Director shall report to Congress each such limitation determined by him: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$10,000,000 of this appropriation shall be available to meet emergencies of a confidential character to be expended under the direction of the Executive Director, who shall make a certificate of the amount of such expenditure which he may think it advisable not to specify, and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified.

Payments for articles and materials requisitioned: For the purpose of making payments to the owners thereof for articles requisitioned under authority of the Acts of October 10, 1940, and October 16, 1941, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 711 and 721), the unexpended balance as of June 30, 1943, of the fund consisting of (1) the allocation of \$200,000 to the Economic Defense Board from the emergency fund for the President by letter of November 26, 1941, and (2) the receipts credited to said appropriation by said Act of October 10, 1940, as amended and reallocated for the same purpose by said letter of allocation, is hereby continued available to the Board of Economic Warfare for the fiscal year 1944: *Provided*, That receipts of the sales of articles requisitioned by said Board under authority of said Act of October 16, 1941, shall be deposited to the credit of this fund and be immediately available for the purposes thereof.

No part of any funds appropriated or made available herein to the Board of Economic Warfare shall be used after August 15, 1943, directly or indirectly for the procurement of services, supplies, or equipment outside the United States except for the purpose of executing general economic programs or policies formally approved in writing by a majority of the Board and such writing has been filed with the Secretary of State prior to any such expenditure.

OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP

Salaries and expenses: For all expenses necessary to enable the Office of Censorship to perform the functions and duties prescribed by the President, including personal services in the District of

Vehicles.

Printing and binding.

Transfer of funds.

Authority for work by other agencies.

Use of sums for special projects.

Report to Congress.

Emergencies of a confidential character.

Payments for requisitioned articles.

54 Stat. 1090; 55 Stat.

742.

50 U. S. C. app.

§ 712; Supp. II, §§ 711,

713, 721-724.

Ante, p. 271.

Receipts from sales.

Procurement outside U. S. after Aug. 15, 1943.

Director and Deputy Director.

Traveling expenses.

Minor purchases.
41 U. S. C. § 5.

Columbia and elsewhere; the employment of aliens as examiners or translators; the employment of a Director and a Deputy Director at not exceeding \$10,000 and \$9,000 per annum respectively; the acceptance and utilization of voluntary and uncompensated services; not to exceed \$20,000 for temporary employment, without regard to civil-service and classification laws; expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Office; traveling expenses (not to exceed \$175,500), including not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence and other expenses of persons serving as advisers while away from their homes without other compensation from the United States; payment of living and quarters allowances to personnel stationed outside the continental limits of the United States in accordance with the Standardized Regulations Dated December 30, 1942; printing and binding (not to exceed \$355,000); hire, maintenance, and repair of automobiles; purchase of guard uniforms, law-books, books of reference, newspapers, and periodicals; purchase of gloves, aprons, and other items necessary for protection from chemicals and other laboratory materials and equipment; \$27,800,000: *Provided*, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes shall not be construed to apply to any purchase made by or service rendered for the Office of Censorship outside the continental limits of the United States when the aggregate amount involved in such case does not exceed \$500.

PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION FOR WAR

7 F. R. 10091.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

Salaries and Expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Petroleum Administration for War in performing its functions as prescribed by the President (Fed. Reg., December 4, 1942), including personal services in the District of Columbia; not to exceed \$600,000 for personal services without regard to the civil service and classification laws; printing and binding not to exceed \$15,000; traveling expenses not to exceed \$320,000, including attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the purposes of this appropriation, and actual transportation and other necessary expenses and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence of persons serving in an advisory capacity to the Administrator while away from their homes without other compensation from the United States; contract stenographic reporting services; books of reference, newspapers, and periodicals; purchase (not to exceed \$12,000), maintenance, repair, and operation of passenger-carrying automobiles; \$5,473,000: *Provided*, That section 3709, Revised Statutes, shall not apply to any purchase or service rendered under this appropriation when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$300.

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

Administrative expenses.
56 Stat. 23, 765.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. §§ 901-946, 961-971.
Ante, p. 63; *post*, p. 566.
56 Stat. 177.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 1152.

Employment of aliens.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of Price Administration in carrying out the provisions of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended by the Act of October 2, 1942 (50 U. S. C. App. 901), and the provisions of the Act of May 31, 1941 (55 Stat. 236), as amended by the Second War Powers Act, 1942 (50 U. S. C. App. 622), and all other powers, duties, and functions which may be lawfully delegated to the Office of Price Administration, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; expenses of in-service training of employees, including salaries and traveling expenses of instructors; not to exceed \$55,000 for the employment of aliens; not to exceed \$30,000 for the temporary employment of persons or organizations, by contract or otherwise, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, or the civil-service

and classification laws; contract stenographic reporting services; witness fees; purchase of lawbooks, books of reference, newspapers, and periodicals; printing and binding (not to exceed \$1,830,815, which limitation shall not apply to the printing of forms, instructions, regulations, and coupon books incidental to the rationing of commodities); maintenance, repair, and operation of passenger-carrying vehicles; traveling expenses (not to exceed \$7,250,000), including (1) attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Office of Price Administration, (2) actual transportation and other necessary expenses and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence of persons serving while away from their homes in an advisory capacity without other compensation from the United States, or at \$1 per annum, (3) reimbursement, at not to exceed 3 cents per mile, of employees for expenses incurred by them in official travel in privately owned automobile within the limits of their official stations, (4) expenses of appointees from point of induction in continental United States to their first post of duty in the Territories, and (5) expenses to and from their homes or regular places of business in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, including travel in privately owned automobile (and including per diem in lieu of subsistence at place of employment), of persons employed intermittently away from their homes or regular places of business as consultants and receiving compensation on a per diem when actually employed basis: \$155,000,000, of which sum not less than \$56,000,000 shall be allocated for direct obligations of local war price and rationing boards; sums under such appropriation of \$155,000,000 may be transferred to other departments or agencies of the Government for the performance by them of any of the functions or activities for which this appropriation is made, but unless otherwise authorized by law no other agency of the Government shall perform work or render services for the Office of Price Administration, whether or not the performance of such work or services involves the transfer of funds or reimbursement of appropriations, unless authority therefor by the Bureau of the Budget shall have been obtained in advance: *Provided*, That sums set apart for special projects (classified in the estimates submitted to Congress as or under "Other contractual services") may be expended for travel expenses, and printing and binding without regard to the limitations herein specified for such objects, but within such amounts as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may approve therefor and such Director shall report to Congress each such limitation determined by him: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the compensation of any officer, agent, clerk, or other employee of the United States who shall divulge or make known in any manner whatever to any person the operations, style of work, or apparatus of any manufacturer or producer visited by him in the discharge of his official duties, or the amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or any particular thereof, set forth or disclosed in any questionnaire, report, return, or document, required or requested to be filed by order or regulation of the Administrator or to permit any questionnaire, report, return, or document or copy thereof or any book containing any abstract or particulars thereof to be seen or examined by any person except as provided by law; nor for any person who shall print or publish in any manner whatever, except as hereinafter provided, any questionnaire, report, return, or document or any part thereof or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or methods of doing business, appearing in any questionnaire, report, return, or document: *Provided further*, That the foregoing provisions shall not be construed to prevent or prohibit the publication or disclosure of studies,

Printing and binding.

Traveling expenses.

Allocations for local boards.

Transfer of funds.

Authority for work by other agencies.

Use of sums for special projects.

Report to Congress.

Divulging of confidential information.

Authorized disclosure of information.

graphs, charts, or other documents of like general character wherein individual statistics or the source thereof is not disclosed or identified directly or indirectly nor to prevent the furnishing in confidence to the War Department, the Navy Department, or the United States Maritime Commission, such data and information as may be requested by them for use in the performance of their official duties: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for making any subsidy payments: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to enforce any maximum price or prices on any agricultural commodity or any commodity processed or manufactured in whole or substantial part from any agricultural commodity, including milk and its products and livestock, unless and until (1) the Secretary of Agriculture has determined and published for such agricultural commodity the prices specified in section 3 (a) of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended by Public Law Numbered 729, approved October 2, 1942; (2) in case of a comparable price for such agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture has held public hearings and determined and published such comparable price in the manner prescribed by section 3 (b) of said Act as amended; and (3) the Secretary of Agriculture has determined after investigation and proclaimed that the maximum price or prices so established on any such agricultural commodity, including milk and its product and livestock, will reflect to the producer of such agricultural commodity a price in conformity with section 3 (c) of said Act as amended: *Provided further*, That such maximum price or prices shall conform in all respects to the provisions of section 3 of Public Law Numbered 729 approved October 2, 1942: *Provided further*, That any employee of the Office of Price Administration is authorized and empowered, when designated for the purpose by the head of the agency, to administer to or take from any person an oath, affirmation, or affidavit when such instrument is required in connection with the performance of the functions or activities of said Office: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be directly or indirectly used for the payment of the salary or expenses of any person who directs the formulation of any price policy, maximum price, or price ceiling with respect to any article or commodity unless, in the judgment of the Administrator, such person shall be qualified by experience in business, industry, or commerce; but this limitation shall not apply to the Administrator or Acting Administrator as the case may be, in considering, adopting, signing, and promulgating price policies, maximum prices, or price ceilings formulated and prepared in compliance herewith: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the promulgation or enforcement of orders requiring grade labelling or standardization of food products, wearing apparel or other processed or manufactured commodities or articles.

Subsidy payments.
Maximum prices on agricultural commodities.

56 Stat. 27, 765.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. §§ 903 (a), (b), (c), 961-971.
Ante, p. 63.

56 Stat. 766.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 963.
Administration of oaths.

Experience requirement for designated personnel.
Restriction on use of funds.
Post, p. 538.

Exception.

Grade labeling or standardization of products.
Post, p. 566.

Director, assistant and deputy directors.

41 U. S. C. § 5.
Travel expenses.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Salaries and expenses: For all expenses necessary to enable the Office of Strategic Services to carry out its functions and activities, including salaries of a Director at \$10,000 per annum, one assistant director and one deputy director at \$9,000 per annum each; utilization of voluntary and uncompensated services; procurement of necessary services, supplies and equipment without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes; travel expenses, including (1) expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the Office of Strategic Services, (2) actual transportation and other necessary expenses and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence of

persons serving while away from their homes without other compensation from the United States in an advisory capacity, and (3) expenses outside the United States without regard to the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended (5 U. S. C. 821-833), and section 901 of the Act of June 29, 1936 (46 U. S. C. 1241); preparation and transportation of the remains of officers and employees who die abroad or in transit, while in the dispatch of their official duties, to their former homes in this country or to a place not more distant for interment, and for the ordinary expenses of such interment; purchase and exchange of law-books and books of reference; rental of news-reporting services; purchase of or subscription to commercial and trade reports, newspapers, and periodicals; the rendering of such gratuitous services and the free distribution of such materials as the Director deems advisable; purchase or rental and operation of photographic, reproduction, duplicating and printing machines, equipment, and devices and radio-receiving and radio-sending equipment and devices; maintenance, operation, repair, and hire of motor-propelled or horse-drawn passenger-carrying vehicles and vessels of all kinds; printing and binding; payment of living and quarters allowances to employees with official headquarters located abroad in accordance with regulations approved by the President on December 30, 1942; exchange of funds without regard to section 3651, Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 543); purchase and free distribution of firearms, guard uniforms, special clothing, and other personal equipment; the use of and payment for compartments or other superior accommodations considered necessary by the Director of Strategic Services or his designated representatives for security reasons or the protection of highly technical and valuable equipment; \$35,000,000, of which amount such sums as may be authorized by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may be transferred to other departments or agencies of the Government, either as advance payment or reimbursement of appropriation, for the performance of any of the functions or activities for which this appropriation is made: *Provided*, That \$23,000,000 of this appropriation may be expended without regard to the provisions of law and regulations relating to the expenditure of Government funds or the employment of persons in the Government service, and \$21,000,000 of such \$23,000,000 may be expended for objects of a confidential nature, such expenditures to be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Director of the Office of Strategic Services and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified.

44 Stat. 638.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 823.
49 Stat. 2015.
Transportation of
remains of officers and
employees.

Vehicles and vessels.

Exchange of funds.

Transfer of funds.

Objects of a confi-
dential nature.

Post, pp. 538, 613.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT—OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Division of Central Administrative Services, including traveling expenses (not to exceed \$165,000); printing and binding (not to exceed \$100,000); \$8,817,200: *Provided*, That there may be transferred to this appropriation from appropriations available to the constituent agencies of the Office for Emergency Management and to the Office of Price Administration such amounts as may be necessary for the procurement of supplies, equipment, and services for such agencies and such Administration, and funds so transferred shall be consolidated with and shall be expendable in the same manner as this appropriation: *Provided further*, That the constituent agencies (except the War Shipping

Transfer of funds.

General services for
constituent agencies.

Administration) of the Office for Emergency Management and the Office of Price Administration shall not establish, in the District of Columbia or in the field, fiscal, procurement, space allocation or procurement, duplicating, distribution, communication, or other general services, wherever the Director of the Bureau of the Budget determines that the Division of Central Administrative Services can render any such service.

Central duplicating and photographic services.

Working capital fund: For the establishment of a working capital fund, \$750,000, without fiscal year limitation, for the payment of salaries and other expenses necessary to the maintenance and operation of central duplicating and office and laboratory photographic services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere for the constituent agencies of the Office for Emergency Management and the Office of Price Administration; said fund to be reimbursed from applicable funds of the agencies for which services are performed, on the basis of rates which shall include estimated or actual charges for personal services, materials, equipment (including maintenance, repairs, and depreciation) and other expenses: *Provided*, That a separate schedule of expenditures and reimbursements and a statement of the current assets and liabilities of the working capital fund as of the close of the last completed fiscal year shall be included in the annual Budget.

Financial statement.

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of Civilian Defense, including salary of the Director at not to exceed \$10,000 per annum; traveling expenses (not to exceed \$550,000); and printing and binding (not to exceed \$200,000); \$4,000,000.

56 Stat. 99.

Civilian Defense: Not to exceed \$10,500,000 of the unexpended balance of \$100,000,000 contained in the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1942, is hereby continued available until June 30, 1944, for the same objects and purposes, including the obligations chargeable to said appropriation, and subject to the same conditions and limitations: *Provided*, That the total amount available for administrative expenses for the fiscal year 1944 shall not exceed \$700,000.

The appropriations herein made for the Office of Civilian Defense shall constitute the total amount to be available for obligation by such agency during the fiscal year 1944 and shall not be supplemented by funds from any Federal source.

OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Temporary employment.

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs (hereafter referred to as the Coordinator), including not to exceed \$30,000 for the temporary employment of persons or organizations by contract or otherwise without regard to the civil-service and classification laws; employment of aliens; travel expenses, not to exceed \$150,000; printing and binding, not to exceed \$12,500; entertainment of officials and others of the other American republics; payment to employees with official headquarters outside the continental limits of the United States, in accordance with the Standardized Regulations prescribed by the President on December 30, 1942, of living and quarters allowances; grants of money or property to governmental and public or private nonprofit institutions and facilities in the United States and the other American republics; the free distribution, donation, or loan of publications, phonograph records, radio scripts, radio transcriptions, art works, motion-picture scripts, motion-picture films, educational material, and such material and equipment as the Coordinator may deem

Employees abroad.

Grants to institutions.

Free distribution of publications, educational material, etc.

necessary and appropriate to carry out his program: such other gratuitous assistance as the Coordinator deems advisable in the fields of the arts and sciences, education and travel, publications, the radio, the press, and the cinema; expenses of transporting employees of the Office of the Coordinator and their effects from their homes to their places of employment in the other American republics, or from their homes in the other American republics to their places of employment, and return, when specifically authorized by the Coordinator; travel expenses of dependents and transportation of personal effects, from their places of employment to their homes in the United States or in the possessions of the United States or in the other American republics, of employees for whom such expenses were paid by the Government on their assignment to posts in foreign countries; causing corporations to be created under the laws of the District of Columbia, any State of the United States, or any of the other American republics, to assist in carrying out the Coordinator's program and capitalizing such corporations: *Provided*, That corporations heretofore or hereafter created or caused to be created by the Coordinator primarily for operation outside the continental United States shall determine and prescribe the manner in which their obligations shall be incurred and their expenses allowed and paid without regard to the provisions of law regulating the expenditure, accounting for and audit of Government funds, and may, in their discretion, employ and fix the compensation of officers and employees outside the continental limits of the United States without regard to the provisions of law applicable to the employment and compensation of officers and employees of the United States: *Provided further*, That the Coordinator shall transmit to the President immediately upon the close of the fiscal year a complete financial report of the operations of such corporations; \$30,735,000, and in addition thereto the Coordinator is authorized to enter into contracts during the fiscal years 1944 and 1945 in an amount not exceeding \$18,000,000 for obligations necessary for and incident to his program: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$300,000 of this appropriation shall be available to meet emergencies of a confidential character to be expended under the direction of the Coordinator, who shall make a certificate of the amount of such expenditure which he may think it advisable not to specify and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 3679, Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 665), the Coordinator is authorized in making contracts for the use of international short-wave radio stations and facilities, to agree on behalf of the United States to indemnify the owners and operators of such radio stations and facilities, from such funds as may be hereafter appropriated for the purpose, against loss or damage on account of injury to persons or property arising from such use of said radio stations and facilities.

Transportation expenses.

Creation of corporations.

Corporations for operation outside continental limits of U. S.

Annual financial report.

Contracts.

Emergencies of a confidential character.

Use of international short-wave radio stations.

OFFICE OF DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of Defense Transportation, including traveling expenses (not to exceed \$1,250,000, including reimbursement, at not to exceed 3 cents per mile, of employees for official travel performed by them in privately owned automobiles within the limits of their official stations); printing and binding (not to exceed \$250,000, including not to exceed \$10,000 for printing and binding outside the continental limits of the United States without regard to provisions of law governing printing and binding (44 U. S. C. 111)); \$14,650,000.

Post, p. 613.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC STABILIZATION

50 U. S. C., Supp.
II, app. § 901 note.
Ante, p. 63.

41 U. S. C. § 5.
42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. § 661;
Supp. II, § 661 *et seq.*

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of Economic Stabilization established by Executive Order Numbered 9250, dated October 3, 1942, including salary of Economic Stabilization Director at \$15,000 per annum; temporary employment (not to exceed \$20,020) of persons or organizations by contract or otherwise, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes and Classification Act of 1923, as amended; traveling expenses (not to exceed \$10,660); and printing and binding (not to exceed \$2,000); \$100,000.

NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the National War Labor Board, including salaries at not to exceed \$10,000 per annum each for the four public members of the Board; travel expenses (not to exceed \$1,369,613); printing and binding (not to exceed \$37,400); actual transportation and other necessary expenses, and not to exceed \$25 per diem in lieu of subsistence, whether or not in a travel status, of other members, alternate members and associate members of the Board while serving as such without other compensation from the United States; \$14,091,300.

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OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research projects
for Federal agencies.

Indemnity provi-
sions in contracts.

Transfer of funds.

Disposition of arti-
cles of personalty.

Receipts.

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, including the purchase of reports, documents, plans, or specifications; the employment by contract or otherwise, without regard to civil-service or classification laws, at not to exceed \$25 per day, of engineers, scientists, civilian analysts, technicians, or other necessary professional personnel; and printing and binding, \$135,982,500: *Provided*, That there may be paid from this appropriation to the National Academy of Sciences a sum not exceeding \$150,000 for the administrative and overhead expenses incurred by said academy during the fiscal year 1944 in carrying out research projects for Federal agencies, and such sum shall be in addition to any reimbursement otherwise provided for: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 665), the Office of Scientific Research and Development is authorized, in making contracts for the conduct of investigations or experiments, to agree on behalf of the United States to indemnify the contractor from such funds as may be hereafter appropriated for the purpose, against loss or damage to persons or property arising from such work: *Provided further*, That funds available to any agency of the Government for scientific, technical, or medical research, development, testing, construction of test models, experimental production, or the provision of facilities therefor, shall be available for transfer with the approval of the head of the agency involved, in whole or in part, to the Office of Scientific Research and Development, and funds so transferred shall be expendable in the same manner as this appropriation: *Provided further*, That the Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development may sell, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of, under such terms and conditions as he may deem advisable, devices, scientific or technical equipment, models, or other articles of personalty, developed, constructed, produced in or purchased for the performance of its scientific or medical contracts, except articles acquired for administrative purposes, and all receipts from such disposition to nongovernmental agencies shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of War Information, including the employment of a Director and Associate Director at not exceeding \$12,000 and \$10,000 per annum, respectively; not to exceed \$75,000 for the temporary employment in the United States of persons by contract or otherwise without regard to the civil service and classification laws; employment of aliens; employment of persons outside the continental limits of the United States without regard to the provisions of law applicable to the employment and compensation of officers and employees of the United States; travel expenses (not to exceed \$400,000 for travel within the continental limits of the United States), including such expenses outside the continental limits of the United States without regard to the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and the Subsistence Expense Act and section 901 of the Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2015); expenses of transporting employees and their effects from their homes to their places of employment in a foreign country and return to the United States; purchase of radio time and purchase or rental of facilities for radio transmission; purchase, rental, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of facilities for radio transmission, including real property, outside the continental limits of the United States, without regard to the provisions of section 355, Revised Statutes (40 U. S. C. 255) and other provisions of law affecting the purchase or rental of land and the construction of buildings thereon; advertising in foreign newspapers without regard to section 3828, Revised Statutes (44 U. S. C. 324); printing and binding (not to exceed \$1,400,000, for such expenses within the continental limits of the United States), including printing and binding outside the continental limits of the United States without regard to section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U. S. C. 111); purchase or rental and operation of photographic, reproduction, printing, duplicating, communication, and other machines, equipment, and devices; payment to employees with official headquarters outside the continental limits of the United States, in accordance with the Standardized Regulations prescribed by the President on December 30, 1942, of living and quarters allowances; exchange of funds without regard to section 3651, Revised Statutes; purchase of twenty-four motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles for use outside the continental limits of the United States, may be acquired without regard to statutory limitations as to price and authority to purchase; acquisition, production, and free distribution of publications, phonograph records, radio transcriptions, motion-picture films, photographs and pictures, educational materials, and such other items as the Director may deem necessary to carry out the program of the Office of War Information, and sale or rental of such items by contract or otherwise to firms or individuals for use outside the continental limits of the United States; such gratuitous expenses of travel and subsistence as the Director deems advisable in the fields of education, travel, radio, press, and cinema; not to exceed \$175,000 for entertainment of officials of other countries; payment of the United States share of the expenses of the maintenance, in cooperation with any other of the United Nations, of an organization designed to receive and disseminate information relative to the prosecution of the war; \$33,222,504: *Provided*, That, exclusive of amounts for unvouchered funds and the contingency fund, not more than \$24,000,000 (including living and quarters allowances) shall be allocated to the Overseas Operations Branch and not more than \$2,750,000 shall be allocated to the Domestic Operations Branch for the following functions only: Office of the

Post, p. 613.

Director and Associate Director.

Temporary employment.

Travel expenses.

44 Stat. 688.
5 U. S. C. § 821,
Supp. 11, § 823.
46 U. S. C. § 1241.Printing and binding.
Post, p. 614.

40 Stat. 1270.

Allowances outside U. S.

Exchange of funds.

31 U. S. C. § 543.

Travel and subsistence.

Cooperation with any other of the United Nations.

Allocation of funds.

Director, including book and magazine coordination sections; Office of Program Coordination; News Bureau; Bureau of Special Services; Radio Bureau; Motion Picture Bureau, not exceeding \$50,000; and for accumulated leave of eliminated employees, for liquidation of organization units herewith reduced or discontinued, and for carrying out partly completed contracts made in organization units herewith reduced or eliminated, not exceeding \$500,000: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 3679, Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 665), the Office of War Information is authorized in making contracts for the use of international short-wave radio stations and facilities, to agree on behalf of the United States to indemnify the owners and operators of said radio stations and facilities from such funds as may be hereafter appropriated for the purpose, against loss or damage on account of injury to persons or property arising from such use of said radio stations and facilities: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$600,000 of this appropriation shall be available to meet emergencies of a confidential character to be expended under the direction of the Director, who shall make a certificate of the amount of such expenditure which he may think it advisable not to specify and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 of this appropriation shall not be available for expenditure unless the Director of the Office of War Information, with the approval of the President, shall determine that such funds in addition to the other funds provided herein are necessary for carrying on activities in conjunction with actual or projected military operations.

Use of international short-wave radio stations.

Emergencies of a confidential character.

Activities in conjunction with military operations.

Publications for distribution in U. S.
Post, p. 538.

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No part of this or any other appropriation shall be expended by the Office of War Information for the preparation, or publication of any pamphlet or other literature for distribution to the public within the United States.

The appropriation herein made for the Office of War Information shall constitute the total amount to be available for obligation by such agency during the fiscal year 1944 and shall not be supplemented by funds from any source.

OFFICE OF WAR MOBILIZATION

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the Office of War Mobilization, including salary of the Director at \$15,000 per annum; salaries of two Assistant Directors at \$9,000 per annum each; not to exceed \$30,000 for the temporary employment of persons or organizations by contract or otherwise without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, or the civil-service and classification laws and printing and binding; \$138,000.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

Post, p. 614.

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the War Production Board, including salary of the Chairman at \$15,000 per annum; not to exceed \$50,000 for the employment of aliens; not to exceed \$10,000 for the employment of expert witnesses and not to exceed \$100,000 for the temporary employment of persons (including aliens) or organizations, by contract or otherwise, without regard to the civil-service or classification laws; reimbursement at not to exceed 3 cents per mile, of employees for expenses incurred by them in performance of official travel in privately owned automobiles within the limits of their official stations; not to exceed \$8,000,000 for travel expenses, including travel outside the United States without

Chairman.

Travel expenses.

regard to the Standardized Government Travel Regulations; not to exceed \$2,025,000 for printing and binding; not to exceed \$17,000 for the purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; not to exceed \$11,000,000 for scientific research on materials, material substitutes, and other subjects related to the functions of the Board, without regard to section 3648, Revised Statutes; and the rental, maintenance, and operation of one airplane; \$89,267,720: *Provided*, That not more than \$203,720 of this sum shall be allocated for salaries of the Information Division.

Smaller War Plants Corporation, administrative expenses: Not to exceed \$12,006,000 of the funds of the Smaller War Plants Corporation, acquired in accordance with the Act of June 11, 1942 (Public Law 603), shall be available for the administrative expenses of said Corporation necessary to enable it to carry out the functions vested in it by such Act, to carry out the provisions of section 2 of such Act, and such other functions as may be lawfully delegated to it; including not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the temporary employment of persons or organizations by contract or otherwise without regard to the civil-service and classification laws for special services, including audits notwithstanding section 5 of the Act of April 6, 1914 (5 U. S. C. 55); printing and binding; reimbursement, at not to exceed 3 cents per mile, of employees for expenses incurred by them in performance of official travel in privately owned automobiles within the limits of their official stations; the hire of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; and the objects specified in the general provisions applicable to the constituent agencies under the Office for Emergency Management: *Provided*, That, as determined by the Board of Directors, or such officer as may be designated by the Board of Directors for the purpose, expenditures (including expenditures for services performed on a force account or contract or fee basis) necessary in acquiring, operating, maintaining, improving, or disposing of real or personal property belonging to the Corporation or in which it has an interest (except property acquired for the administrative purposes of the Corporation), including expenses of collections of pledged collateral and expenses of service and administration of its loans, advances, and property under section 6 of said Act, shall not be considered as administrative expenses for the purposes hereof: *Provided further*, That no part of said \$12,006,000 shall be obligated or expended unless and until an appropriate appropriation account shall have been established therefor pursuant to an appropriation warrant or a covering warrant, and all such expenses shall be accounted for and audited in accordance with the Budget and Accounting Act.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Salaries and expenses: For all necessary expenses of the War Relocation Authority, \$48,170,000, including expenses incident to the extension of the program provided for in Executive Order 9102 to persons of Japanese ancestry not evacuated from military areas; salary of the Director at not to exceed \$10,000 per annum; not to exceed \$25,000 for the employment of persons or organizations, by contract or otherwise, without regard to the civil-service and classification laws; employment of aliens; traveling expenses, not to exceed \$400,000; printing and binding, not to exceed \$48,000; procurement, without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, of supplies and equipment; purchase (not to exceed \$42,175) of passenger-carrying automobiles; the leasing to others of land acquired for the program; transfer of household goods and effects as provided by the Act of October 10, 1940, including travel expenses, of employees

Printing and binding.

Scientific research.

31 U. S. C. § 529.

Information Division.

Administrative expenses.

56 Stat. 351.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. §§ 1101-1112.

Temporary employment.

38 Stat. 335.

Property transactions.

56 Stat. 355.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 1106.

Establishment of appropriation account.

42 Stat. 20.
31 U. S. C. § 1; Supp. II, § 16 *et seq.*

7 F. R. 2165.

Director.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

54 Stat. 1105.
5 U. S. C. § 730-1.

transferred from other Federal agencies to the Authority at its request; not to exceed \$75,000 for payment to States or political subdivisions thereof, or other local public taxing units, of sums in lieu of taxes against real property acquired by the Authority for the purposes hereof; for payments for the performance of governmental services required in connection with the administration of the program; the disposal, by public or private sale, of goods or commodities produced or manufactured in the performance of activities hereunder, the proceeds of which shall be deposited in a special fund and thereafter shall remain available until expended for the purposes hereof: *Provided*, That the provisions of the Act of February 15, 1934 (48 Stat. 351), as amended, relating to disability or death compensation and benefits, shall apply to persons receiving from the United States compensation in the form of subsistence, cash advances, or other allowances in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Director of the War Relocation Authority for work performed in connection with such program, including work performed in the War Relocation Work Corps: *Provided further*, That this provision shall not apply in any case coming within the purview of the workmen's compensation laws of any State, Territory, or possession, or in which the claimant has received or is entitled to receive similar benefits for injury or death: *And provided further*, That the limitation placed on the amount available for travel expenses for the War Relocation Authority shall not apply to travel of evacuees and their escorts incident to transfers and relocation.

Payments in lieu of taxes.

Disposal of commodities.

Disability or death compensation.
5 U. S. C. § 796.

Nonapplicability in certain cases.

Travel of evacuees.

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

War Shipping Administration, revolving fund: To increase the War Shipping Administration revolving fund, \$2,200,000,000, which amount, together with other funds heretofore or hereafter made available to such revolving fund, shall be available for carrying on all the activities and functions of the War Shipping Administration (not provided for under other appropriations made to said Administration), under Executive order of February 7, 1942 (7 F. R. 837), and heretofore or hereafter lawfully vested in such Administration, including costs incidental to the acquisition, operation, loading, discharging, and use of vessels transferred for use of any department or agency of the United States, for carrying out the provisions of Executive Order Numbered 9112 of March 26, 1942, and for all administrative expenses (not to exceed \$9,650,000 in the fiscal year 1944), including the employment and compensation of persons in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, such employment and compensation to be in accordance with laws applicable to the employment and compensation of persons by the United States Maritime Commission except section 201 (b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (49 Stat. 1985); expenses of attendance, when specifically authorized by the Administrator, at meetings concerned with the work of the Administration; actual transportation and other necessary expenses and not to exceed \$25 per diem in lieu of subsistence of persons serving while away from their permanent homes or regular places of business in an advisory capacity to or employed by the Administration without other compensation from the United States or at \$1 per annum; printing and binding; lawbooks, books of reference, periodicals and newspapers; purchase, maintenance, repair, rental in foreign countries, and operation of passenger-carrying automobiles; travel expenses, including transportation of effects under regulations prescribed by the Administrator, of employees from their homes to their first post of duty in a foreign country; rent, including heat, light, and power, outside the District of Colum-

Increase of revolving fund.

7 F. R. 2367.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 611 note.
Administrative expenses.
Post, p. 614.

46 U. S. C. § 1111 (b).

Transportation expenses, etc.

bia; living and quarters allowances in accordance with the standardized regulations approved by the President December 30, 1942; necessary advance payments in foreign countries; and the employment, on a contract or fee basis, of persons, firms, or corporations for the performance of special services, including legal services, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes: *Provided*. That when vessels are transferred or assigned permanently by the War Shipping Administrator to other departments or agencies of the United States Government for operation by them, funds for the operation, loading, discharging, repairs, and alterations, or other use of such vessels may be transferred from this fund to the applicable appropriations of the department or agency concerned in such amounts as may be approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Maritime training fund: For the training, recruitment, repatriation, rehabilitation, and placement of personnel for the manning of the merchant marine, and the establishment and maintenance of policies respecting maritime labor relations and conditions, and for administrative expenses (not to exceed \$2,600,000) including all the administrative items of expenditure for which the appropriation "War Shipping Administration, Revolving Fund" is available, \$72,000,000, of which \$5,500,000 shall be available for payment of obligations incurred in the fiscal year 1943.

State Marine Schools: To reimburse the State of California, \$50,000; the State of Maine, \$50,000; the State of Massachusetts, \$50,000; the State of New York, \$50,000; and the State of Pennsylvania, \$50,000; for expenses incurred in the maintenance and support of marine schools in such States as provided in the Act authorizing the establishment of marine schools, and so forth, approved March 4, 1911, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1121-1123); and for the maintenance and repair of vessels loaned by the United States to the said States for use in connection with such State marine schools, \$100,000; in all, \$350,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The foregoing appropriations for the constituent agencies under the Office for Emergency Management shall be available, in addition to the objects specified under each head, and without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes (except as otherwise specified herein), for personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; contract stenographic reporting services; lawbooks, books of reference, newspapers and periodicals; maintenance, operation, and repair of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; acceptance and utilization of voluntary and uncompensated services; and traveling expenses, including expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the agency from whose appropriation such expenses are paid, and actual transportation and other necessary expenses, and not to exceed \$10 (unless otherwise specified) per diem in lieu of subsistence, of persons serving while away from their permanent homes or regular places of business in an advisory capacity to or employed by any of such agencies without other compensation from the United States, or at \$1 per annum, and including (upon authorization or approval of the head of any of such agencies) travel expenses to and from their homes or regular places of business in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, including travel in privately owned automobile (and including per diem in lieu of subsistence at place of employment), of persons employed intermittently away from their homes or regular places of business as consultants and receiving compensation on a per diem when actually employed basis.

Special services.

41 U. S. C. § 5.
Transfer of funds for
operation of vessels.

Personnel for man-
ning merchant ma-
rine.

Maintenance of ma-
rine schools and ves-
sels.

36 Stat. 1353.
34 U. S. C., Supp.
1, §§ 1121, 1122.

Post, p. 613.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

Expenditures from sums set apart for special projects.

(b) Whenever sums are set apart from the foregoing appropriations for the constituent agencies under the Office for Emergency Management for special projects (classified in the estimates submitted to Congress as or under "Other contractual services") expenditures may be made therefrom for traveling expenses, printing and binding, and purchase of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles without regard to the limitations specified for such objects under the respective heads, but within such amounts as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may approve therefor and such Director shall report to Congress each such limitation determined by him.

Report to Congress.

Transfer of funds.

Authority for work by other agencies.

(c) There may be transferred from the appropriations for such constituent agencies to other Government agencies sums for the performance of work or services for the transferring agency but unless otherwise authorized by law, no other agency of the Government shall perform work or render services for any of the constituent agencies, whether or not the performance of such work or services involves the transfer of funds or reimbursement of appropriations, unless authority therefor by the Bureau of the Budget shall have been obtained in advance.

Ante, p. 534.

(d) The foregoing general provisions (a), (b), and (c) shall have no application to appropriations for the War Shipping Administration.

Delegation of authority.

(e) The head of any constituent agency may delegate to any official in such agency or in the field offices of the Division of Central Administrative Services the authority to make appointments of personnel and he may also delegate to any official in the agency of which he is the head the authority to make other determinations necessary for the conduct of the administrative management within such agency.

Administration of oaths.

(f) Any employee of any of the constituent agencies is authorized, when designated for the purpose by the head of such agency, to administer to or take from any person an oath, affirmation, or affidavit, when such instrument is required in connection with the performance of the functions or activities of such agency.

Consideration, etc., of claims.

42 Stat. 1066.

(g) The head of any of the constituent agencies is authorized, in connection with the operations of such agency, to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and certify claims against the United States in accordance with the Act of December 28, 1922 (31 U. S. C. 215), and to designate certifying officers in accordance with the Act of December 29, 1941, or to delegate authority to the Director of the Division of Central Administrative Services to designate employees of such Division as certifying officers to certify vouchers payable against the funds of the constituent agency concerned.

55 Stat. 375.
31 U. S. C., Supp.
II, §§ 82b-82c.

Vocational rehabilitation.

Funds available.
Ante, pp. 374, 502.
Post, p. 616.

SEC. 102. On the effective date of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1943, (1) the amounts appropriated in the first, second, and fourth paragraphs under the heading "Vocational Rehabilitation" in the Federal Security Agency Appropriation Act, 1944, shall be consolidated into one fund and shall be available for carrying out the provisions of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1943; except that not to exceed \$25,000 shall be available for administrative expenses in providing rehabilitation for disabled residents of the District of Columbia, including printing and binding, travel and subsistence; and (2) the amount appropriated in the fifth paragraph under the heading "Vocational Rehabilitation" in the Federal Security Agency Appropriation Act, 1944, shall be available for administrative expenses in carrying out the provisions of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1943, and for carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the operation of stands in Federal buildings by blind persons, to enlarge the

Administrative expenses.
Ante, pp. 336, 378, 502.

economic opportunities of the blind, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1936 (49 Stat. 1559, 1560).

20 U. S. C. §§ 107-107f.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person 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: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit 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 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 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.

Persons advocating overthrow of U. S. Government.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

SEC. 202. The appropriations and authority with respect to appropriations contained herein for the fiscal year 1944 shall be available from and including July 1, 1943, for the purposes respectively provided in such appropriations and authority. All obligations incurred during the period between June 30, 1943, and the date of the enactment of this Act in anticipation of such appropriations and authority are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the terms thereof.

Availability of appropriations and authority.

Ratification of incurred obligations.

SEC. 203. This Act may be cited as the "National War Agencies Appropriation Act, 1944".

Short title.

Approved July 12, 1943, 3.00 p. m., E. W. T.

[CHAPTER 229]

AN ACT

Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for other purposes.

July 12, 1943 [H. R. 3030] [Public Law 140]

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, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for other purposes:

Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1943.

TITLE I—GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

LEGISLATIVE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For payment to the widow of Harry L. Englebright, late a Representative from the State of California, \$10,000.

For payment to the widow of U. S. Guyer, late a Representative from the State of Kansas, \$10,000.

The two foregoing amounts to be disbursed by the Sergeant at Arms of the House.