

Reimbursements.

compensation otherwise authorized to be paid them by law. The Post Office Department shall be reimbursed annually by the Navy Department in an amount equal to funds embezzled by unbonded Navy mail clerks and assistant Navy mail clerks, and funds expended in payment of claims arising from errors, losses, or defalcations by unbonded Navy mail clerks and assistant Navy mail clerks."

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved July 2, 1945.

[CHAPTER 227]

AN ACT

July 2, 1945
[H. R. 3233]
[Public Law 120]

To permit members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Public Health Service, and their dependents, to occupy certain Government housing facilities on a rental basis without loss of rental allowances.

Government housing facilities. Designated personnel may occupy on rental basis.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of any other law (including any laws restricting the occupancy of housing facilities under the jurisdiction of Government departments or agencies by personnel, and dependents of personnel, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard above specified ranks, or by personnel, and dependents of personnel, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Public Health Service), personnel of any of the services mentioned herein and their dependents may be accepted as tenants in and may occupy on a rental basis any such housing facilities, other than public quarters constructed or designated for assignment to and occupancy without charge by such personnel and their dependents if any, and such personnel shall not be deprived by reason of such occupancy of money allowances to which they are otherwise entitled for rental of quarters.

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Exception.

Allowances.

[CHAPTER 228]

JOINT RESOLUTION

July 2, 1945
[H. J. Res. 136]
[Public Law 121]

To provide for the establishment, management, and perpetuation of the Kermit Roosevelt fund.

Kermit Roosevelt fund. Establishment of board of trustees, duties, etc.

Composition of board.

Acceptance of gifts from Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt.

Purpose of fund.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the War Department a board to be known as the Trustees of the Kermit Roosevelt Fund, whose duty it shall be properly to administer all money and property which hereafter may come under its control as part of the Kermit Roosevelt fund, created pursuant to section 2 hereof. The board shall be composed of the Chief of Finance, United States Army, ex officio, and three general officers of the Army who shall be appointed to the board and may be replaced thereon by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. The board is hereby authorized to accept from Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt such money and property as she may tender, to receipt therefor on behalf of the United States, and to deposit the funds so received in the Treasury of the United States as the original corpus of a trust fund, to be known as the Kermit Roosevelt fund, which shall be used for the purpose of fostering a better understanding and a closer relationship between the military forces of the United States and those of the United Kingdom by sponsoring lectures or courses of instruction to be delivered by officers of the British Army at the United States Military Academy and elsewhere in the United

States and by officers of the United States Army at Sandhurst Royal Military College and elsewhere in the United Kingdom or, should such exchange lectures prove or become impracticable or unnecessary for any reason, by such other application of the funds as the board, with the approval of the Secretary of War, may determine. The original corpus of the fund and the income therefrom may be disbursed at the discretion of the board in furtherance of the stated purpose, and shall be subject to investment and reinvestment as provided in section 3 hereof.

SEC. 3. The board is also authorized to accept, receive, hold, and administer gifts, bequests and devises of money, securities, or other property, whether real or personal, from any source, for the benefit of the Kermit Roosevelt fund, but no such gift, bequest, or devise which entails any expenditure not to be met out of the gift, bequest, devise, or the income thereof shall be accepted without the consent of Congress. Such additional sums or property shall be receipted for by the Chief of Finance and may, at the discretion of the board and unless otherwise restricted by the terms of the gift, bequest, or devise, be administered and disbursed in the same manner as the original corpus of the fund and the income therefrom. The board may in its discretion sell or exchange securities or other property given, bequeathed, or devised to or for the benefit of the Kermit Roosevelt fund, and may invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, together with any other moneys in the fund, in such investments as it may determine from time to time: *Provided, however,* That the board is not authorized to engage in any business, nor shall it make any investments for the account of the fund which could not lawfully be made by a trust company in the District of Columbia, except that it may make any investment directly authorized by the instrument of gift, bequest, or devise under which the funds to be invested are derived, and may retain any investments accepted by it.

SEC. 4. The income from any property held or administered by the board, as and when collected, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the trust fund established pursuant to section 2 hereof, and it shall be and remain subject to investment, reinvestment, and disbursement by the board for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

SEC. 5. The board shall have all the usual powers of a trustee in respect to all property administered by it, but the members of the board shall not be personally liable, except for misfeasance, on account of any acts performed in their trust capacity. The members of the board shall not be required to furnish bond, and no additional compensation shall accrue to any of them on account of their duties as trustees. Within the limits prescribed by sections 2, 3, and 4 hereof, the administration, control, and expenditure of this fund and its application to the purposes intended shall be according to the sole discretion of the board, and the exercise of its discretion and authority in regard thereto and its decisions thereon, including any payments made or authorized by it to be made from the Kermit Roosevelt fund, shall not be subject to review except by the Secretary of War, to whom the board shall, on the 1st day of January, each year, render a full report of its activities during the preceding twelve months. The actions of the board shall not be subject to judicial review except in an action brought in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, which is hereby given jurisdiction of such suits, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of any trust accepted by the board.

Approved July 2, 1945.

Disbursements, investments.

Other gifts, etc.

Administration and disbursement.

Disposition of property.

Restriction on use of funds.

Deposit of income.

Powers of board.

Annual report.

Jurisdiction of suits.

[CHAPTER 261]

AN ACT

July 3, 1945
[H. R. 2875]
[Public Law 122]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia."

District of Columbia.

46 Stat. 840; 58 Stat. 217.
D. C. Code § 4-405; Supp. IV, § 4-405.

Fire Department. Salaries of officers and members.
Post, p. 470.

Post, pp. 471, 662.

Effective date.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia", approved July 1, 1930 (46 Stat. 839), as amended May 5, 1944, be, and the same is hereby, further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. That the annual basic salaries of the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall be as follows: Chief engineer, \$8,000; deputy chief engineers, \$5,000 each; battalion chief engineers, \$4,500 each; fire marshal, \$5,000; deputy fire marshal, \$3,600; inspectors, \$2,460 each; captains, \$3,600 each; lieutenants, \$3,050 each; sergeants, \$2,750 each; superintendent of machinery, \$5,000; assistant superintendent of machinery, \$3,600; pilots, \$3,400 each; marine engineers, \$3,400 each; assistant marine engineers, \$2,460 each; marine firemen, \$2,100 each; privates, a basic salary of \$1,900 per year, with an annual increase of \$100 in salary for five years, or until the maximum salary of \$2,400 is reached. All original appointments of privates shall be made at the basic salary of \$1,900 per year, and the first year of service shall be probationary."

This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first month following the month in which approved.

Approved July 3, 1945.

[CHAPTER 262]

AN ACT

July 3, 1945
[H. R. 3024]
[Public Law 123]

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and for other purposes.

Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1946.
Post, pp. 646-650.

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 the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES

Radio broadcasts respecting legislation.

Salaries: For the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the Secretary), and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$1,079,740: *Provided*, That no part of the appropriation made available to the office of the Secretary by this section shall be used for the broadcast of radio programs designed for or calculated to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation pending before the Congress.

OFFICE OF SOLICITOR

For personal services in the District of Columbia and in the field, \$210,926.

DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS

For personal services in the District of Columbia, \$118,980.