

[CHAPTER 47]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 31, 1945
[H. J. Res. 141]
[Public Law 28]

Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, in lieu of certain appropriations contained in H. R. 2374, Seventy-ninth Congress, first session, and for other purposes.

Supplemental ap-
propriations, 1945.
Substitutions for
items in First De-
ficiency Appropria-
tion Act, 1945.
Post, p. 77.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums and paragraphs are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in lieu of the corresponding sums and paragraphs contained in the bill (H. R. 2374) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1945, and June 30, 1946, and for other purposes, as passed by the House of Representatives on March 2, 1945, and as reported to the Senate on March 24, 1945, namely:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CLERK HIRE, MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

58 Stat. 343.

Clerk hire, Members and Delegates: For an additional amount for clerk hire for Representatives and Delegates and Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, as authorized by law, fiscal year 1945, \$657,000; and this amount shall be consolidated with the previous appropriation for such clerk hire for such fiscal year and the consolidated sum shall be available for such clerk hire as authorized by law.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

58 Stat. 382.

Printing and binding: For an additional amount for printing and binding, fiscal year 1945, \$200,000.

58 Stat. 382.

Pensions: For an additional amount for pensions, fiscal year 1945, \$233,000,000.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

58 Stat. 440.

Control of incipient and emergency outbreaks of insect pests and plant diseases: For an additional amount for control of incipient and emergency outbreaks of insect pests and plant diseases, fiscal year 1945, including the objects specified under this head in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1945, \$1,080,050.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

(Out of the postal revenues)

58 Stat. 210.

Miscellaneous items, first- and second-class post offices: For an additional amount, fiscal year 1945, for "Miscellaneous items, first- and second-class post offices", \$1,855,000.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

58 Stat. 211.

Post-office stationery, equipment, and supplies: For an additional amount for post-office stationery, equipment, and supplies, including the objects specified under this head in the Post Office Department Appropriation Act, 1945, fiscal year 1945, \$600,500: *Provided*, That the limitation on the amount available for the pay of employees in the District of Columbia, in connection with the shipment of supplies, is increased from \$75,500 to \$82,000, and the limitation on the amount available for salaries of the thirteen traveling mechanics is increased from \$38,900 to \$42,000.

58 Stat. 212.

Approved March 31, 1945.

[CHAPTER 48]

AN ACT

To amend the National Housing Act, as amended, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 603 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by (1) striking out "\$1,700,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,800,000,000"; and (2) striking out of the third proviso "1945" in each place where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "1946".

SEC. 2. Section 608 (g) of such Act, as amended, is amended by adding before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "and to insure under this title any mortgage executed in connection with the sale by him of any property acquired under this title without regard to any limit as to time or aggregate amount contained in this title".

Approved March 31, 1945.

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National Housing Act, amendments. 55 Stat. 56; 58 Stat. 648. 12 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 1738 (a). 57 Stat. 671.

56 Stat. 305. 12 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 1743 (g).

[CHAPTER 51]

AN ACT

To increase the debt limit of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Public Debt Act of 1945".

SEC. 2. Section 21 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. The face amount of obligations issued under authority of this Act, and the face amount of obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States (except such guaranteed obligations as may be held by the Secretary of the Treasury), shall not exceed in the aggregate \$300,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time."

SEC. 3. Subsections (h) and (i) of section 22 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, as added by the Public Debt Act of 1943, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"(h) The Secretary of the Treasury, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may authorize or permit payments in connection with the redemption of savings bonds to be made by commercial banks, trust companies, savings banks, savings and loan associations, building and loan associations (including cooperative banks), credit unions, cash depositories, industrial banks, and similar financial institutions. No bank or other financial institution shall act as a paying agent until duly qualified as such under the regulations prescribed by the Secretary, nor unless (1) it is incorporated under Federal law or under the laws of a State, Territory, possession, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands; (2) in the usual course of business it accepts, subject to withdrawal, funds for deposit or the purchase of shares; (3) it is under the supervision of the banking department or equivalent authority of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated; and (4) it maintains a regular office for the transaction of its business.

"(i) Any losses resulting from payments made in connection with the redemption of savings bonds shall be replaced out of the fund established by the Government Losses in Shipment Act, as amended, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Treasurer of the United States, any Federal Reserve bank, or any qualified paying agent authorized or permitted to make payments in connection with the redemption of such bonds, shall be relieved from liability to the United States for such losses, upon a

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[Public Law 28]

Public Debt Act of 1945.

49 Stat. 21. 31 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 757b.

Limitation on obligations.

57 Stat. 63. 31 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 757c (b), (i).

Redemption of savings bonds.

Qualifications of paying agents.

Replacement of losses.

50 Stat. 479. 5 U. S. C. § 134g. *Post*, pp. 574, 592.

Release from liability.