

Total, Veterans' Administration, \$705,420,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes except for cooking purposes.

Proviso.
Use of butter substitutes.

SEC. 2. 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, 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; (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 different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit; (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.

Salaries limited to average rates under Classification Act. Vol. 42, p. 1488; Vol. 45, p. 776; Vol. 46, p. 1003.
U. S. C., p. 85.

Proviso.
Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.
No reduction in fixed salary.
Vol. 42, p. 1490; U. S. C., p. 86.

Transfers to another position without reduction.
Higher rates permitted.

If only one position in a grade.

Interstate Commerce Commission.
Salary rate of Commissioners.

SEC. 3. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, the salaries of the commissioners of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the commissioners of the United States Tariff Commission shall be at the rate of \$10,000 each per annum.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1936."

Short title.

Approved, February 2, 1935.

[CHAPTER 4.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To prohibit expenditure of any moneys for housing, feeding, or transporting conventions or meetings.

February 2, 1935.
[H. J. Res. 118.]
[Pub. Res., No. 2.]

Whereas numerous applications are being received from various organizations requesting lodging, food, and transportation for the purpose of holding conventions or meetings at Washington and elsewhere; and

Conventions or meetings.
Post, p. 387.

Whereas the expenditure of Government funds for such purposes is against the policy of Congress: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, unless specifically provided by law, no moneys from funds appropriated for any purpose shall be used for the purpose of lodging, feeding, conveying, or furnishing transportation to, any conventions or other form of assemblage or gathering to be held in the District of Columbia or elsewhere. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the payment of expenses of any officer or employee of the Government in the discharge of his official duties.

Unauthorized expenditures for housing, feeding, or transporting, prohibited.

Official travel, etc., not included.

The President is hereby requested to send a copy of this resolution to the heads of all Government departments and agencies which have been granted lump-sum appropriations.

Copies to Department, etc., heads.

Approved, February 2, 1935.

[CHAPTER 5.]

AN ACT

February 4, 1935.
[H. R. 4304.]
[Public, No. 3.]

To amend the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and for other purposes.

Second Liberty Bond Act; amendment.
Vol. 40, pp. 288, 503; U. S. C., p. 1419.
Bonds.
Issue of additional authorized.
Vol. 46, p. 1506.
Post, pp. 622, 699, 1078.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, is further amended as follows:

The first paragraph of section 1 is amended to read as follows:

"The Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the United States for the purposes of this Act, to provide for the purchase, redemption, or refunding, at or before maturity, of any outstanding bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or Treasury bills of the United States, and to meet expenditures authorized for the national security and defense and other public purposes authorized by law, such sum or sums as in his judgment may be necessary, and to issue therefor bonds of the United States: *Provided*, That the face amount of bonds issued under this section and section 22 of this Act shall not exceed in the aggregate \$25,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time."

Proviso.
Maximum issue.
Post, p. 21.

Certificates of indebtedness and Treasury bills.
Vol. 46, p. 19; U. S. C., p. 1419.
Vol. 40, p. 1309; Post, pp. 21, 622, 699, 1078.
Issue of additional authorized.

SEC. 2. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 5 is amended to read as follows: "In addition to the bonds and notes authorized by sections 1, 18, and 22 of this Act, as amended, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, subject to the limitation imposed by section 21 of this Act, to borrow from time to time, on the credit of the United States, for the purposes of this Act, to provide for the purchase, redemption, or refunding, at or before maturity, of any outstanding bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness or Treasury bills of the United States, and to meet public expenditures authorized by law, such sum or sums as in his judgment may be necessary, and to issue therefor (1) certificates of indebtedness of the United States at not less than par (except as provided in section 20 of this Act, as amended) and at such rate or rates of interest, payable at such time or times as he may prescribe; or, (2) Treasury bills on a discount basis and payable at maturity without interest."

Vol. 48, p. 343.

Provision repealed.

Vol. 46, p. 20; U. S. C., p. 1419.

SEC. 3. Section 5 is further amended by striking out the final sentence of subsection (a) thereof, reading as follows: "The sum of the par value of such certificates and Treasury bills outstanding hereunder and under section 6 of the First Liberty Bond Act shall not at any one time exceed in the aggregate \$10,000,000,000."

United States notes.
Issue of additional authorized.
Vol. 40, p. 1309; Vol. 42, p. 321.
U. S. C., p. 1419.
Post, pp. 622, 699, 1078.

SEC. 4. Subsection (a) of section 18 is amended to read as follows:

"In addition to the bonds and certificates of indebtedness and war-savings certificates authorized by this Act and amendments thereto, the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of the President, is authorized, subject to the limitation imposed by section 21 of this Act, to borrow from time to time on the credit of the United States for the purposes of this Act, to provide for the purchase, redemption, or refunding, at or before maturity, of any outstanding bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or Treasury bills of the United States, and to meet public expenditures authorized by law, such sum or sums as in his judgment may be necessary and to issue therefor notes of the United States at not less than par (except as provided in section 20 of this Act, as amended) in such form or forms and denomination or denominations, containing such terms and conditions, and at such rate or rates of interest, as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, and each series of notes so issued shall be payable at such time not less than one year nor more than five years from the date of its issue as he may prescribe, and may be redeemable before maturity (at the option of the United States) in whole or in part, upon not more

Vol. 48, p. 343.

Terms and conditions.
Interest rate.

Redemption.