

and to investigate and promote practical methods of insuring standing timber on growing forests from losses by fire. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$9,000,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act: *Provided*, That the appropriation under this authorization shall not exceed \$6,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, \$7,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and \$8,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947."

Annual appropriations authorized.  
*Post*, p. 446.

43 Stat. 653.  
16 U. S. C. §§ 564, 565.  
*Ante*, p. 216; *post*, p. 736.

Approved May 5, 1944.

[CHAPTER 190]

AN ACT

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".

May 5, 1944  
[S. 1757]  
[Public Law 297]

*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), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia.

46 Stat. 840.  
D. C. Code § 4-405.

"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, \$2,600 each; marine engineers, \$2,600 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."

Fire Department, salaries.  
Officers.

Privates.

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

Effective date.

Approved May 5, 1944.

[CHAPTER 191]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes, and certain other provisions of law.

May 5, 1944  
[S. J. Res. 122]  
[Public Law 298]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That nothing in section 109 or section 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, secs. 198 and 203), or in section 361, section 365, or section 366 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 5, secs. 306, 314, and 315), or in any other provision of Federal law imposing restrictions, requirements, or penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the performance of services, or the payment or receipt of compensation in connection with any claim, proceeding, or matter involving the United States, shall apply with respect to counsel to the special committee of the Senate serving under the provisions of S. Res. 253, Seventy-eighth Congress, adopted March 13, 1944.

Limitation of operation of designated statutes.  
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

Approved May 5, 1944.