

[CHAPTER 412]

AN ACT

September 21, 1944
[H. R. 4278]
[Public Law 425]

To provide for the control and eradication of certain animal and plant pests and diseases, to facilitate cooperation with the States in fire control, to provide for the more efficient protection and management of the national forests, to facilitate the carrying out of agricultural conservation and related agricultural programs, to facilitate the operation of the Farm Credit Administration and the Rural Electrification Administration, to aid in the orderly marketing of agricultural commodities, and for other purposes.

Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,

TITLE I

21 U. S. C. §§ 112-115, 117-120, 130.

SEC. 101. (a) The Act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31), as amended, is further amended by adding a new section thereto, to be designated section 11:

Control of certain animal diseases and parasites.

"SEC. 11. The Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with States or political subdivisions thereof, farmers' associations, and similar organizations, and individuals, is authorized to control and eradicate tuberculosis and paratuberculosis of animals, avian tuberculosis, Bang's disease of cattle, southern cattle ticks, hog cholera and related swine diseases, scabies in sheep and cattle, dourine in horses, and contagious or infectious diseases of animals (such as foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious pleuropneumonia) which in the opinion of the Secretary constitute an emergency and threaten the livestock industry of the country, including the purchase and destruction of diseased or exposed animals (including poultry), or the destruction of such animals and the payment of indemnities therefor, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. As used in this section, the term 'State' includes the District of Columbia and the Territories and possessions of the United States."

Purchase and destruction of diseased animals.

"State."

Cooperation with States in poultry regulations.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cooperate with State authorities in the administration of regulations for the improvement of poultry, poultry products, and hatcheries.

Inspections at other than headquarters.

(c) The Secretary of Agriculture upon application of any exporter, importer, packer, or owner of, or the agent thereof, or dealer in, livestock, hides, skins, meat, or other animal products may, in his discretion, cause to be made inspections and examinations at places other than the headquarters of inspectors for the convenience of said applicants, who may be charged for the expenses of travel and subsistence incurred for such inspections and examinations, the funds derived from such charges to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the appropriation from which the expenses are paid.

Open market purchase of tuberculin, etc.

(d) The Secretary of Agriculture may purchase in the open market from applicable appropriations samples of all tuberculin, serums, antitoxins, or analogous products, of foreign or domestic manufacture, which are sold in the United States, for the detection, prevention, treatment, or cure of diseases of domestic animals, test the same, and disseminate the results of said tests in such manner as he may deem best.

Fees.

(e) Fees shall be charged for all diagnoses in connection with rabies, except those performed for agencies of the United States Government, in such amounts as the Secretary shall prescribe, and such fees shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Purchase of labels, etc.

(f) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to expend appropriations for meat inspection for the purchase of printed tags, labels,

stamps, and certificates without regard to existing laws applicable to public printing.

(g) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this section such sums as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary.

SEC. 102. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture either independently or in cooperation with States or political subdivisions thereof, farmers' associations, and similar organizations, and individuals, is authorized to carry out operations or measures to eradicate, suppress, control, or to prevent or retard the spread of Japanese beetle, sweetpotato weevil, Mexican fruitflies, citrus canker, gypsy and brown-tail moth, Dutch elm disease, phony peach and peach mosaic, cereal rusts, corn borer, and pink bollworm and thurberia weevil: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is further authorized to cooperate with the Government of Mexico or local Mexican authorities in carrying out necessary surveys and control operations in Mexico in connection with the eradication, suppression, control, and prevention or retardation of the spread of Mexican fruitflies, and pink bollworm and thurberia weevil. In performing the operations or measures herein authorized, the cooperating foreign country, State, or local agency shall be responsible for the authority necessary to carry out the operations or measures on all lands and properties within the foreign country or State other than those owned or controlled by the Federal Government and for such other facilities and means as in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture are necessary. As used in this section, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia and the Territories and possessions of the United States.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to promulgate such rules and regulations and use such means as he may deem necessary to provide for the inspection of domestic plants and plant products offered for export and to certify to shippers and interested parties as to the freedom of such products from injurious insect pests and plant diseases according to the sanitary requirements of the foreign countries to which such products may be exported.

(c) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of this section. Unless otherwise specifically authorized, or provided for in appropriations, no part of such sums shall be used to pay the cost or value of property injured or destroyed.

SEC. 103. The Secretary of Agriculture may propagate bee-breeding stock and distribute by sale stock surplus to research needs: *Provided*, That the rates at which such sales are made shall be fixed by regulations of the Secretary and the proceeds of such sales shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 104. The Secretary of Agriculture may purchase from applicable appropriations cultures in the open market for use in connection with soil and fertilizer investigations.

SEC. 105. Title I of the Bankhead-Jones Act (7 U. S. C. 427-427g) is hereby amended by adding a new subsection to section 5 to read as follows:

"(c) In order to prevent reduced allotments because of changes in relative rural populations, \$63,708 of the funds appropriated for any fiscal year and available for the purposes of this section shall be available for allotment during the fiscal year in the same amount and to the same States and Territories which received allotments from such appropriation in the fiscal year 1942."

Appropriation authorized.

Insect pests and plant diseases.

Japanese beetle.

Cooperation with Mexico.

Mexican fruitflies.

"State."

Inspection and certification of exports. Rules and regulations.

Appropriation authorized.

Indemnity payments, restriction.

Bee-breeding stock.

Regulations.

Purchase of cultures.

49 Stat. 437.
7 U. S. C. § 427d.

Allotments.

TITLE II

Protection of national forests.
Rewards.

SEC. 201. The Secretary of Agriculture may pay rewards from appropriations available for the protection and management of the national forests, under such regulations as he may prescribe, for information leading to the arrest and conviction for violation of the laws and regulations relating to fires in or near national forests, or for the unlawful taking of, or injury to, Government property.

Forest Service.
Medical supplies, etc., for immediate relief.

SEC. 202. Appropriations for the Forest Service shall be available for medical supplies and services and other assistance necessary for the immediate relief of artisans, laborers, and other employees engaged in any hazardous work under the Forest Service.

Supplies, equipment, and materials.

SEC. 203. The Forest Service may sell and distribute supplies, equipment, and materials to other Government activities and to State and private agencies who cooperate with the Forest Service in fire control under terms of written cooperative agreements, the cost of such supplies, equipment, and materials, including the cost of supervision, transportation, warehousing, and handling, to be reimbursed to appropriations current at the time additional supplies, equipment, and materials are procured for warehouse stocks.

Reimbursement of appropriations for work of Forest Service.

SEC. 204. Appropriations for the work of the Forest Service available for the operation, repair, maintenance, and replacement of motor and other equipment may be reimbursed for use of such equipment on projects of the Forest Service chargeable to other appropriations, or on work of other Federal agencies, when requested by such agencies, reimbursement to be made from appropriations applicable to the work on which used at rental rates fixed by the Chief Forester based on the actual or estimated cost of operation, repair, maintenance, depreciation, and equipment management control, and credited to appropriations currently available at the time adjustment is effected. The Forest Service may also rent equipment for fire-control purposes to State, county, private, or other non-Federal agencies cooperating with the Forest Service in fire control under the terms of written cooperative agreements, the amount collected for such rental to be credited to appropriations currently available at the time payment is received.

Rental of equipment for fire-control purposes.

Aerial fire control.

SEC. 205. The Forest Service may provide for the maintenance and operation of aerial fire control by contract or otherwise, with authority to renew any contract for such purpose annually, not more than twice, without additional advertising.

Care of graves of fire fighters.

SEC. 206. Appropriations for the Forest Service shall be available within such limitations as may be prescribed therein for the expenses of properly caring for the graves of persons who have lost their lives as a result of fighting fires while employed by the Forest Service.

43 Stat. 653.
Forest fire cooperation without matching of funds.

SEC. 207. Section 2 of the Clarke-McNary Act of June 7, 1924 (16 U. S. C. 565), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Provided, That for each fiscal year during the existing emergency the Secretary of Agriculture may authorize expenditures not to exceed \$1,000,000 from appropriations made pursuant to this Act for preventing and suppressing forest fires on critical areas of national importance without requiring an equal expenditure by the State and private owners."

State fund matching, forestry cooperation.
50 Stat. 188; 43 Stat. 654.

SEC. 208. No part of any appropriation which is available for carrying out the Cooperative Farm Forestry Act (16 U. S. C. 568b) and sections 4 and 5 of the Clarke-McNary Act (16 U. S. C. 567-568) shall be expended in any State or Territory unless the State or Territory, or local subdivision thereof, or individuals, or associations contribute a sum equal to that to be allotted therefrom by the Gov-

ernment or make contributions other than money deemed by the Secretary to be the value equivalent thereof.

SEC. 209. Appropriations for carrying out the Cooperative Farm Forestry Act (16 U. S. C. 568b) and sections 4 and 5 of the Clarke-McNary Act (16 U. S. C. 567-568) and Acts supplementary thereto allocated for the production or procurement of nursery stock by any Federal agency, or funds appropriated to any Federal agency for allocation to cooperating States for the production or procurement of nursery stock, shall remain available for expenditure for not more than three fiscal years.

SEC. 210. The Forest Service may accept money from timber purchasers for deposit into the Treasury in the trust account, "Forest Service cooperative fund", which moneys are hereby made available for scaling services requested by purchasers in addition to those required by the Forest Service, and for refunds of amounts deposited in excess of the cost of such work.

SEC. 211. The Forest Service may expend funds available for national forest protection and management for the administration of lands under contract for purchase or for the acquisition of which condemnation proceedings have been instituted under the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U. S. C. 521), and the Act of June 7, 1924 (16 U. S. C. 471, 499, 505, 564-570), and lands transferred to the Forest Service for administration.

SEC. 212. The sixth paragraph under the heading "Forest Service" of the Act of May 23, 1908, as amended (16 U. S. C. 500), and the fourteenth paragraph under the heading "Forest Service" of the Act of March 4, 1913 (16 U. S. C. 501), are each amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "In sales of logs, ties, poles, posts, cordwood, pulpwood, and other forest products the amounts made available for schools and roads by this Act shall be based upon the stumpage value of the timber."

SEC. 213. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for expenditure by the Forest Service such sums as may be necessary for the investigation and establishment of water rights, including the purchase thereof or of lands or interests in lands or rights-of-way for use and protection of water rights necessary or beneficial in connection with the administration and public use of the national forests.

TITLE III

SEC. 301. (a) Subsection (b) of section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h (b)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"Appropriations are hereby authorized for the purchase in advance of the program year for which the appropriation is made of seeds, fertilizers, lime, trees, or any other farming materials or any soil-terracing services, and making grants thereof to agricultural producers to aid them in carrying out farming practices approved by the Secretary in programs under this Act, as amended; for the reimbursement of any Federal, State, or local government agency for fertilizers, seeds, lime, trees, or other farming materials, or any soil-terracing services, furnished by such agency; and for the payment of all expenses necessary in making such grants, including all or part of the costs incident to the delivery thereof."

(b) Subsection (e) of section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h (e)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"Persons who carry out farming operations as tenants or sharecroppers on cropland owned by the United States Government and

Procurement of nursery stock.
50 Stat. 188; 43 Stat. 664.

Scaling services.

Lands in process of acquisition or transfer.

36 Stat. 963; 43 Stat. 653.
Ante, pp. 216, 736.

35 Stat. 260; 37 Stat. 843.

Revenue from sales of timber.

Water rights. Appropriation authorized.

Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, amendments.
49 Stat. 1150.
16 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 590h (b).
Purchase of farming materials.

Reimbursement of Federal, State, etc., agencies.

52 Stat. 34.
16 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 590h (e).

Payments to tenants and sharecroppers.

49 Stat. 1148.
16 U. S. C. §§ 590g-
590i; Supp. III, § 590h
et seq.
Ante, p. 737.

who comply with the terms and conditions of the conservation program, formulated pursuant to sections 7 to 17, inclusive, of this Act, as amended, shall be entitled to apply for and receive payments, or to retain payments heretofore made, for their participation in said program to the same extent as other producers."

49 Stat. 164.

Procurement of
nursery stock.

SEC. 302. (a) Section 6 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590f), is amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

"Appropriations for carrying out this Act allocated for the production or procurement of nursery stock by any Federal agency, or funds appropriated to any Federal agency for allocation to cooperating States for the production or procurement of nursery stock, shall remain available for expenditure for not more than three fiscal years."

Supplies, materials,
and equipment.

(b) The Soil Conservation Service may sell and distribute supplies, materials, and equipment to other Government activities, the cost of such supplies and materials or the value of such equipment (including the cost of transportation and handling) to be reimbursed to appropriations current at the time additional supplies, materials, or equipment are procured from the appropriations chargeable with the cost or value of such supplies, materials, or equipment.

TITLE IV

Sale of samples or
sets of grades recom-
mended.

SEC. 401. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to sell samples, illustrations, practical forms, or sets of the grades recommended or promulgated by him for farm or food products, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and the receipts therefrom shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

42 Stat. 1517, 1518.

(b) The United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U. S. C. 51-65) is hereby amended by changing section 6 to section 6 (a) and by inserting thereafter a new subsection to read as follows:

Agreements with
cotton associations,
etc., in foreign coun-
tries.

"(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to effectuate agreements with cotton associations, cotton exchanges, and other cotton organizations in foreign countries, for (1) the adoption, use, and observance of universal standards of cotton classification, (2) the arbitration or settlement of disputes with respect thereto, and (3) the preparation, distribution, inspection, and protection of the practical forms or copies thereof under such agreements."

Market - inspection
certificates.

(c) Market-inspection certificates issued by authorized agents of the Department of Agriculture shall be received in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

Travel in privately
owned motor vehicles.

(d) Officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture who, under proper authorization, use privately owned motor vehicles in the performance of official travel within the corporate limits of their official stations for the purpose of inspecting and grading farm and food products and the supervision thereof at points located within the said corporate limits may be reimbursed for such travel at a rate not to exceed 3 cents per mile.

War Food Adminis-
tration.
Reimbursement for
certain services.

SEC. 402. Applicable appropriations available to the War Food Administration current at the time services are rendered or payment therefor is received may be reimbursed by nongovernmental agencies or foreign governments (by advance credits or reimbursements) for the actual or estimated costs, as determined by the War Food Administration, incident to procuring agricultural commodities for such nongovernmental agencies or foreign governments.

TITLE V

SEC. 501. (a) Subsection (a) of section 3 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended by striking out the words: "The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to make loans to the Administrator, upon his request approved by the President, not exceeding in aggregate amounts \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, with interest at 3 per centum per annum" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to make loans to the Administrator, upon the request and approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, in such amounts in the aggregate for each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary, with interest at a rate of 1½ per centum per annum", and by changing the colon immediately preceding the first proviso to a period and inserting thereafter the following: "Interest rates on the unpaid balance of any loans made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Administrator prior to the effective date of this amendment shall be adjusted to a rate of 1½ per centum per annum."

(b) Subsection (a) of section 3 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is further amended by the addition of the following language: "The amount of the notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized and empowered to issue and to have outstanding at any one time under existing law is hereby increased by an amount sufficient to carry out the provisions hereof."

(c) Subsection (e) of section 3 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended by striking out the words "And provided further, That no loans shall be made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Administrator after June 30, 1939." and by changing the colon following the word "Territories" to a period.

SEC. 502. (a) Section 4 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended by striking out the following words in the second proviso: "at a rate equal to the average rate of interest payable by the United States of America on its obligations, having a maturity of ten or more years after the dates thereof, issued during the last preceding fiscal year in which any such obligations were issued:" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "at a rate of 2 per centum per annum; interest rates on the unma- tured and unpaid balance of any loans made pursuant to this section prior to the effective date of this amendment shall be adjusted to 2 per centum per annum, and the maturity date of any such loans may be readjusted to occur at a date not beyond thirty-five years from the date of such loan:"

(b) Section 5 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended by striking out the following words: "at a rate of interest equal to the average rate of interest payable by the United States of America on its obligations, having a maturity of ten or more years after the dates thereof, issued during the last preceding fiscal year in which any such obligations were issued.", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "at a rate of interest of 2 per centum per annum; interest rates on the unma- tured and unpaid balance of any loans made pursuant to this section prior to the effective date of this amendment shall be adjusted to 2 per centum per annum."

Rural Electrifica-
tion Act of 1936,
amendments.
49 Stat. 1363, 1364.
Infra.

RFC loans to Ad-
ministrator.

Interest rates.

Supra.

Increase of RFC
obligations.

49 Stat. 1364.

Post, p. 925.
49 Stat. 1365.

Interest rates.

Maturity date.

49 Stat. 1365.

Interest rates.

49 Stat. 1364, 1365.
Ante, p. 739.

SEC. 503. Sections 3 and 4 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), are amended by striking out the words "twenty-five years" in each section and inserting in lieu thereof "thirty-five years".

49 Stat. 1364.

SEC. 504. Subsection (b) of section 3 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended by striking out the entire subsection, which reads as follows: "There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for each of the eight years thereafter, the sum of \$40,000,000 for the purposes of this Act as hereinafter provided.", and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary for the purposes of this Act as hereinafter provided."

Appropriation au-
thorized.

Financial and credit
reports.

SEC. 505. The Rural Electrification Administration is authorized to purchase such financial and credit reports as may be necessary to carry out its authorized work: *Provided*, That purchases under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

TITLE VI

Farm Credit Ad-
ministration.
Cost of examina-
tions of joint-stock
land banks, etc.

SEC. 601. (a) The Farm Credit Administration shall, prior to the first day of each fiscal year commencing after June 30, 1944, estimate for the ensuing fiscal year the cost of examinations of the joint-stock land banks, Federal land banks, national farm-loan associations, banks for cooperatives, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Federal intermediate credit banks, production credit corporations, and production credit associations; shall apportion the amount so determined among the joint-stock land banks, Federal land banks, banks for cooperatives, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Federal intermediate credit banks, production credit corporations, and production credit associations on such equitable basis as said Administration shall determine; and shall assess against and collect in advance the amount so apportioned from the banks, corporations, and other organizations among which the apportionment is made.

Apportionment.

Assessment.

Cost of administra-
tive supervision.

(b) The Farm Credit Administration shall, prior to the first day of each fiscal year commencing after June 30, 1944, estimate the cost to it for the ensuing fiscal year of the administrative supervision of the Federal land bank system, the banks for cooperatives, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Federal intermediate credit banks, and the production credit system; shall apportion the amount so determined among the Federal land banks, the banks for cooperatives, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Federal intermediate credit banks, and the production credit corporations on such equitable basis as said Administration shall determine; and shall assess against and collect in advance from such banks and corporations the amount so apportioned.

Apportionment.

Assessment.

Credit of collections
to special fund.

(c) The amounts collected pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) hereof shall be covered into the Treasury, and credited to a special fund, which fund is hereby authorized to be appropriated to said Administration for expenditure during each fiscal year for salaries and expenses applicable to examination and administrative supervision as set forth in the annual appropriation made for the same fiscal year for salaries and expenses of said Administration. As soon as practicable after the end of each such fiscal year, said Administration shall determine on a fair and reasonable basis (1) the cost

Determination of
cost of examination
services, etc.

of the examination services rendered during the fiscal year to each said bank, corporation, or other organization; and (2) the amount which fairly and equitably should be allocated to each bank and corporation as the cost during the fiscal year of such administrative supervision, and if the sum of these two items in any case is greater than the total amount collected from the bank, corporation, or other organization, the difference shall be collected from such bank, corporation, or other organization, and, if less, shall be refunded from said special fund to the bank, corporation, or other organization entitled thereto.

(d) The eighth paragraph of section 3 of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (12 U. S. C. 657), and the Act of June 26, 1930 (ch. 613, 46 Stat. 815), are hereby repealed, effective July 1, 1944.

SEC. 602. The Farm Credit Administration is authorized to purchase manuscripts, data, and special reports by personal service without regard to the provisions of any other Act, and to employ persons, firms, and others for the performance of special services, including legal services: *Provided*, That expenditures under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

SEC. 603. All expenditures which under the accounting system prescribed for the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation by the General Accounting Office are to be treated as capital investments, increasing the book value of acquired fixed property (real estate and chattel), shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes of section 7 of the Act of June 22, 1936 (15 U. S. C. 712a).

Repeals.
39 Stat. 361.

Purchase of manuscripts, etc.

Limitation.

Nonadministrative expenses.

49 Stat. 1647.

TITLE VII

SEC. 701. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to expend funds, available for agricultural conservation, adjustment, and land use programs, for the share of the United States as a member of the International Wheat Advisory Committee, the International Sugar Council, or like events or bodies concerned with the objectives of said programs, together with traveling and other necessary expenses relating thereto: *Provided*, That expenditures under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

(b) Section 415 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1605) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"Appropriations made under this authorization, within the limit prescribed in such appropriations, may be expended for the share of the United States in the expense of the International Seed Testing Congress in carrying out plans for correlating the work of the various adhering governments on problems relating to seed analyses or other subjects which the Congress may determine to be necessary in the interest of international seed trade."

SEC. 702. (a) The head of any department or independent establishment of the Government requiring inspections, analyses, and tests of food and other products, within the scope of the functions of the Department of Agriculture and which that Department is unable to perform within the limits of its appropriations, may, with the approval of the Secretary, transfer to the Department for direct expenditure such sums as may be necessary for the performance of such work.

(b) Not to exceed 7 per centum of the amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the miscellaneous expenses of the work of any

Use of funds for international agricultural committees.

Limitation.

53 Stat. 1289.

International Seed Testing Congress.

Inspection of food, etc., for other agencies.

Transfer of funds.

- bureau, division, or office of the Department of Agriculture shall be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects included within the general expenses of such bureau, division, or office, but no more than 7 per centum shall be added to any one item of appropriation except in cases of extraordinary emergency.
- Limitation.** SEC. 703. The Department of Agriculture is authorized to erect, alter, and repair such buildings and other public improvements as may be necessary to carry out its authorized work: *Provided*, That no building or improvement shall be erected or altered under this authority unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.
- Department buildings, etc.** SEC. 704. The Department of Agriculture is authorized to subscribe for such newspapers as may be necessary to carry out its authorized work: *Provided*, That purchases under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.
- Newspapers.** SEC. 705. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to delegate to such officers as he shall designate the authority to expend such contingent funds as may be appropriated to the Department. (b) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to contract for stenographic reporting services. (c) Employees of the Department of Agriculture stationed abroad may, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, enter into leases for official quarters, for periods not exceeding one year, and may pay rent, telephone, subscriptions to publications, and other charges incident to the conduct of their offices and the discharge of their duties, in advance, in any foreign country where custom or practice requires payment in advance.
- Contingent funds.** SEC. 706. (a) The War Food Administrator is authorized to employ personnel in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to the appointment and compensation of persons employed by the Agricultural Adjustment Agency. The Department of Agriculture may employ persons or organizations, on a temporary basis, by contract or otherwise, without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended: *Provided*, That no expenditures for such temporary employment shall be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein. (b) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to pay 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 Department of Agriculture: *Provided*, That such expenditures shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.
- Stenographic reporting services.** SEC. 707. The Act of April 24, 1939 (7 U. S. C. 343c-1), is amended by striking out the figure "\$300,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$555,000", and by adding immediately before the period at the end thereof the following: ": *Provided*, That the appropriations made pursuant to this authorization shall be apportioned to the States in accordance with the apportionment of the like sum in the fiscal year 1944".
- Advance payments abroad.** SEC. 708. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make copies of bibliographies prepared by the Department library, microfilm and other photographic reproductions of books and other library materials in the Department and sell such bibliographies and reproduc-
- Employment of personnel.**
- Travel expenses, etc., of persons serving in an advisory capacity.**
- Apportionment.**
- Sale of microfilm reproductions, etc.**
- 42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. § 661;
Supp. III, § 661 *et seq.*
- 53 Stat. 589.

tions at such prices (not less than estimated total cost of furnishing same) as he may determine, the money received from such sales to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the applicable appropriation current at the time the materials are furnished or payment therefor is received.

SEC. 709. The Secretary of Agriculture may delegate to such officers as he shall designate the authority to employ personnel in the departmental service wherever located.

Delegation of authority.

SEC. 710. The Secretary of Agriculture may delegate to such officers as he shall designate the function of authorizing payment of expenses of the transfer of household goods of employees on change of official stations.

SEC. 711. Unless otherwise provided herein or by other statute, the measure and character of cooperation authorized herein on the part of the Federal Government and on the part of the cooperator shall be such as may be prescribed by the Secretary, unless otherwise provided for in the applicable appropriation.

Measure and character of cooperation.

SEC. 712. This Act may be cited as the "Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944".

Short title.

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[CHAPTER 413]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act creating the circuit court of appeals in regard to fees and costs, and for other purposes", approved February 19, 1897 (29 Stat. 536; 28 U. S. C. 543).

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[H. R. 1569]
[Public Law 426]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act creating the circuit court of appeals in regard to fees and costs, and for other purposes", approved February 19, 1897 (29 Stat. 536; 28 U. S. C. 543), is amended to read as follows:

Circuit courts of appeals.

"That the second section of an Act to establish circuit courts of appeals, passed March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, be amended so that the clause therein which now reads, 'The costs and fees in the Supreme Court now provided for by law shall be costs and fees in the circuit courts of appeals,' shall read, 'The costs and fees to be charged and collected in each circuit court of appeals and in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, shall be prescribed from time to time by the Judicial Conference of Senior Circuit Judges. Such costs and fees shall be reasonable and uniform in all the circuits.'"

26 Stat. 827.

Costs and fees.

SEC. 2. Until the effective date of action of the Judicial Conference of Senior Circuit Judges pursuant to section 1 of this Act the table of fees and costs now in effect in the circuit courts of appeals shall remain in force.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 414]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide fees to be charged by clerks of the district courts of the United States", approved February 11, 1925 (43 Stat. 857), as amended (28 U. S. C., secs. 548-555).

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 1623]
[Public Law 427]

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 provide fees to be charged by clerks of the district courts of the United States", approved February 11, 1925, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

U. S. Courts.
Fees of clerks of district courts.
43 Stat. 857.
28 U. S. C. § 549.