

Pay and allowances, etc., from U. S.	accepted by the United States Government for remittance to the individual if in the opinion of the Secretary of War, or of the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, such a course appears desirable: <i>Provided further</i> , That while so detailed such officers and enlisted men shall receive, in addition to the compensation and emoluments allowed them by that Government, the pay and allowances thereto entitled in the Army of the United States, or the United States Navy, and Marine Corps, and shall be allowed the same credit for longevity, retirement, and for all other purposes that they would receive if they were serving with the forces of the United States: <i>And provided further</i> , That in addition to or in the absence of such compensation from that Government, the officers and enlisted men so detailed shall receive such additional compensation as may be determined by the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, and approved by the President.
Additional compensation.	SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: <i>Provided</i> , That articles or services furnished pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be within the limits of appropriations made specifically for that purpose or to the extent of availability of items which are surplus to the needs of the United States Government.
Appropriations authorized. <i>Post</i> , p. 916.	SEC. 7. The President may from time to time promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry out any of the provisions of this Act; and he may exercise any power or authority conferred upon him by this Act through such department, agency, or officer as he shall direct: <i>Provided</i> , That no property shall be transferred by such department, agency, or officer pursuant to this Act except after consultation with the Secretary of State, and the Secretaries of War and Navy as their respective interests may appear.
Limitations.	SEC. 8. The provisions of this Act become effective on the 4th day of July 1946 and continue in effect for a period of five years.
Rules and regulations.	Approved June 26, 1946.
Transfer of property.	
Effective date.	

[CHAPTER 501]

AN ACT

June 26, 1946
[H. R. 6689]
[Public Law 455]

To decrease the amount of obligations, issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, which may be outstanding at any one time.

Public Debt Act of 1946.
49 Stat. 21.
31 U. S. C. § 757b;
Supp. V, § 757b.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 21 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, is hereby 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 \$275,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time. The current redemption value of any obligation issued on a discount basis which is redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the holder thereof shall be considered, for the purposes of this section, to be the face amount of such obligation."

Short title.

SEC. 2. This Act may be cited as the "Public Debt Act of 1946".

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 502]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1923, as amended, in order to extend the Commission's authority to all areas in which our armed forces have operated during World War II, and for other purposes.

June 26, 1946
[H. R. 6393]
[Public Law 456]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of March 4, 1923, as amended, entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes", is hereby amended to read as follows:

American Battle Monuments Commission.
42 Stat. 1509.
36 U. S. C. §§ 121, 123-132, 138.

"That the Commission, known as the American Battle Monuments Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), shall consist of not more than eleven members who shall be appointed by the President, who shall also appoint one officer of the Regular Army to serve as its secretary. The members and secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the President who shall fill any vacancies that from time to time occur. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, commissioned officers of the armed forces of the United States may be appointed members of the Commission.

Composition.

"The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that their actual expenses in connection with the work of the Commission may be paid from any funds appropriated for the purposes of this Act, or acquired by other means hereinafter authorized.

Compensation and expenses.

"Upon the request of the Commission, the heads of the Federal departments or agencies are authorized to designate such personnel of their respective departments or agencies, or of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, as the case may be, as may be necessary to assist in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and the Commission is authorized to employ such further personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, within the limits of any appropriation or appropriations made for such purposes.

Personnel.

"SEC. 2. That the Commission shall prepare plans and estimates for the erection of suitable memorials to mark and commemorate the services of the American armed forces and shall erect and maintain memorials in the United States and at such places outside the United States where the American armed forces have served or shall hereafter serve as the Commission shall determine. The Commission shall also erect and maintain works of architecture and art in such American cemeteries located outside of the United States, its Territories and possessions, as the Secretary of War shall declare to be permanent cemeteries.

Memorials.

Works of architecture and art.

"The Commission shall control as to materials and design, provide regulations for, and supervise the erection of, all memorial monuments and buildings in American cemeteries located outside of the United States and its Territories and possessions.

Materials and design, regulations, etc.

"The Commission shall control as to materials and design and provide regulations for the erection of all memorial monuments and buildings commemorating the services of the American armed forces erected in any foreign country or political division thereof which may authorize the Commission to perform such functions, or upon federally owned or controlled property in the United States or in its Territories and possessions, except national cemeteries.

"SEC. 3. That before any design or material for memorials is accepted by the Commission, the same shall be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts.

Approval of National Commission of Fine Arts.