

[CHAPTER 299]

AN ACT

To permit the Comptroller General to pay claims chargeable against lapsed appropriations and to provide for the return of unexpended balances of such appropriations to the surplus fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, except as otherwise provided by law, all balances of appropriations contained in the annual appropriation bills and made specifically for the service of any fiscal year shall only be applied to the payment of expenses properly incurred during that year, or to the fulfillment of contracts properly made within that year.

SEC. 2. Unless a longer period of availability for expenditure is specifically provided in an appropriation or other law, on July 1 in each year the unexpended balances of all appropriations which shall have remained upon the books of the Government for two fiscal years following the fiscal year or years for which appropriated shall lapse and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause such balances to be transferred to a consolidated appropriation account, to be known as "Payment of certified claims", and such funds shall remain available until expended for the payment of claims, within the limits of and chargeable to the respective balances of any lapsed appropriations, which may be certified by the Comptroller General of the United States to be lawfully due: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to permanent specific appropriations or appropriations for rivers and harbors, lighthouses, or public buildings (which shall continue available until otherwise ordered by the Congress) or to appropriations for the Post Office Department or the postal service: *Provided further*, That on July 1 of each year, all funds in the appropriation account "Payment of certified claims", certified by the Comptroller General of the United States as not required for the payment of claims thereunder, shall be carried to the surplus fund of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be effective July 1, 1949, and shall supersede the provisions of law codified as sections 712, 713, 714, and 716 of title 31 and section 266 of title 5, United States Code, which, on the effective date of this Act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Surplus Fund—Certified Claims Act of 1949".

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[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

To correct inequities in the pay of certain officers and employees of the Federal Government and of the government of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a), effective as of the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1948, each of the rates of basic compensation provided by sections 412 and 415 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 22, secs. 867 and 870) which do not exceed \$10,000 is hereby increased by \$330.

(b) No additional compensation shall be payable by reason of the enactment of this section for any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act in the case of any person who is not a Foreign Service

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Payment of certified claims account.

Nonapplicability.

Surplus fund.

Effective date.

Short title.

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Certain Federal and D. C. employees. Compensation increase.

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officer, a Foreign Service Reserve officer, or a Foreign Service staff officer or employee on such date.

(c) No person whose compensation is increased by this section shall be entitled to any overtime pay, or compensation for night and holiday work, as provided in sections 201, 301, and 302 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, based on the additional compensation provided by this section for any pay period ending prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2. (a) The additional compensation provided by the Postal Rate Revision and Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 to which employees in or under the municipal government of the District of Columbia are entitled, as of the effective date of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1949, shall commence as of the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1948.

(b) No additional compensation shall be payable by reason of the enactment of this section in the case of any person who is not an employee in or under the municipal government of the District of Columbia on the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) No employee in or under the municipal government of the District of Columbia shall be entitled to any overtime pay, or compensation for night and holiday work, as provided in sections 201, 301, and 302 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, based on the additional compensation provided by the Postal Rate Revision and Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 and by this section for any pay period ending prior to the effective date of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1949.

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[CHAPTER 301]

AN ACT

To make certain Government-owned facilities available for international broadcasting in the furtherance of authorized programs of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of assuring continued operation of the facilities hereinafter described for international broadcasting as a means of achieving the objectives of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (Public Law 402, Eightieth Congress) under authority of that Act, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as successor to Defense Plant Corporation, shall transfer, without regard to the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, and without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the Secretary of State (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") all of its right, title, and interest in and to the facilities known as Plancors 1805, 1985, and 1986 located in Butler County, Ohio, in the vicinity of Delano, California, and Dixon, California, respectively, together with the equipment and other property appurtenant thereto. For the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to acquire property or rights or interests therein necessary or desirable for the operation of such facilities by purchase, lease, gift, transfer, condemnation, or otherwise.

SEC. 2. Whenever the Secretary finds that the operation of the facilities herein authorized to be transferred is no longer necessary or desirable, he shall report such fact to Congress with his recommendations for the disposition of such facilities.

SEC. 3. The Department of State shall assume all obligations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation covering operations of said facilities, equipment, and appurtenant property outstanding at the date of transfer.

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Night and holiday work.

59 Stat. 296, 298.
5 U. S. C. §§ 911, 921, 922; Supp. II, § 922 note.

62 Stat. 1260.
39 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 878a note.

Ante, p. 112.

59 Stat. 296, 298.
5 U. S. C. §§ 911, 921, 922; Supp. II, § 922 note.

62 Stat. 1260.
39 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 878a note.
Ante, p. 112.

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Transfer of certain broadcasting facilities.

62 Stat. 6.
22 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 1431-1479.

58 Stat. 765.
50 U. S. C. app. §§ 1611-1646; Supp. II, § 1612 note *et seq.*
Ante, p. 399.

Report to Congress.