

with and extend such services and supply such equipment, supplies, and facilities to the said Director upon request;

(i) to perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Nonliability.

SEC. 4. Neither the District of Columbia nor any volunteer agency in the service of said District nor, except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence, any officer, agent, or employee of the District of Columbia or volunteer agency, or any regularly appointed volunteer worker, engaged in civil defense activities, while complying with or attempting to comply with any provision of this Act or of any rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant to this Act, shall be liable to any person, whether or not such person is engaged in civil defense, for death, injury, or property damage resulting therefrom. The provisions of this section shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled under any workmen's compensation law, or under any pension, retirement, or disability law, nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any other Act of Congress.

Appropriations authorized.
Post, pp. 1044, 1236.
Report to Congress.

SEC. 5. Appropriations for carrying out the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized.

SEC. 6. The Office of Civil Defense, through the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, shall submit to the Senate and House of Representatives on the first day of each regular session of the Congress a report of its activities and expenditures under this Act.

Approved August 11, 1950.

[CHAPTER 704]

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 12, 1950
[H. J. Res. 453]
[Public Law 687]

Authorizing the President to invite the States of the Union and foreign countries to participate in the First United States International Trade Fair, to be held at Chicago, Illinois, August 7 through 20, 1950.

First U. S. International Trade Fair.
Invitation to participate.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized to invite by proclamation or otherwise, or in such manner as he may deem proper, the States of the Union and foreign nations to participate in the First United States International Trade Fair, to be held at Chicago, Illinois, from August 7 to 20, 1950, inclusive, for the purpose of exhibiting industrial products; machinery, equipment, supplies, and engineering; and the exhibiting of the newest developments in metals, plastics, chemicals, oils, textiles, and other manufactured products; and bringing together buyers and sellers for promotion of foreign and domestic trade and commerce in such products.

Approved August 12, 1950.

[CHAPTER 705]

AN ACT

August 14, 1950
[S. 2018]
[Public Law 688]

To authorize advancements to and the reimbursement of certain agencies of the Treasury Department for services performed for other Government agencies, and for other purposes.

Treasury Department.
Advances, etc., for services to other agencies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) when any service authorized by law and directed by the Secretary of the Treasury is performed or to be performed by the Division of Disbursement or the Office of the Treasurer of the United States of the Department of the Treasury for any other Government agency, and no funds have been appropriated to such Division or Office for the performance of

such service, the Government agency for which such service is performed or to be performed is authorized to advance for credit or pay to such Division or Office such sums as may be necessary to cover the expenses incident to the rendition of such service.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3617 of the Revised Statutes (31 U. S. C. 484), any sums transferred pursuant to subsection (a) may be credited to the appropriations of such Division or Office current at the time of the performance of such service.

(c) As used in this Act—

(1) the term "Government agency" shall include any department, office, agency, or establishment of the Government other than the Department of the Treasury, and any wholly owned or mixed-ownership Government corporation; and

"Government agency."

(2) the term "service" shall include, but shall not be limited to, service rendered in (A) the collection and disbursement of funds, (B) the servicing of bonds, (C) the rendition of accounts, and (D) the keeping of bank and checking accounts.

"Service."

Approved August 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 706]

AN ACT

To provide for a mutual-aid plan for fire protection by and for the District of Columbia and certain adjacent communities in Maryland and Virginia, and for other purposes.

August 14, 1950
[H. R. 4788]
[Public Law 689]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized in their discretion to enter into and to renew reciprocal agreements, for such period as they deem advisable, with the appropriate county, municipal, and other governmental units in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, and Arlington and Fairfax Counties, Virginia, with the city of Alexandria, Virginia, with the city of Falls Church, Virginia, and with incorporated or unincorporated fire departments, fire companies, and organizations of firemen in such counties and cities, in order to establish and carry into effect a plan to provide mutual aid, through the furnishing of fire-fighting personnel and equipment, by and for the District of Columbia and such counties and cities, for the extinguishment of fires and for the preservation of life and property in emergencies, in the District and in such counties and cities.

Mutual-aid fire protection for District of Columbia, etc.

SEC. 2. The District of Columbia shall not enter into any such agreement unless the agreement provides that each of the parties to such agreement shall waive any and all claims against all the other parties thereto which may arise out of their activities outside their respective jurisdictions under such agreement.

Waiver of claims.

SEC. 3. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to make available to the Federal Government personnel and equipment of the Fire Department of the District to extinguish fires, and to save lives, on property of the Federal Government in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland; Arlington and Fairfax Counties, Virginia; and the city of Alexandria, Virginia; and the city of Falls Church, Virginia.

Availability of D. C. personnel and equipment.

SEC. 4. For the purposes of the Act of September 1, 1916, as amended and supplemented (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, secs. 4-501-4-517), service performed by any officer or member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia under any mutual-aid agreement entered into by the District pursuant to this Act, service performed by any officer or member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia at any other city, area, municipality, or other location where they shall have

39 Stat. 718.