Public Law 131 CHAPTER 272

July 5, 1955
[H. R. 6239]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1956.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are appropriated for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, out of (1) the general fund of the District of Columbia (unless otherwise herein specifically provided), hereinafter known as the general fund, such fund being composed of the revenues of the District of Columbia other than those applied by law to special funds, and $18,000,000, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1955, and of which $6,250,000 shall be available for capital outlay only), (2) the highway fund (when designated as payable therefrom), established by law (D. C. Code, title 47, ch. 19), (3) the water fund (when designated as payable therefrom), established by law (D. C. Code, title 43, ch. 15), and $1,302,000, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1955), (4) the sanitary sewage works fund (when designated as payable therefrom), established by law (Public Law 364, 83d Congress), and $590,700, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1955), and (5) the motor vehicle parking fund (when designated as payable therefrom), established by law (D. C. Code, title 40, ch. 8), sums as follows:

68 Stat. 101.

OPERATING EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the offices and agencies named under this general head:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Executive office, plus so much as may be necessary to compensate the Engineer Commissioner at a rate equal to each civilian member of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, hereafter in this Act referred to as the Commissioners; compensation and expenses of members of the Apprenticeship Council and the Redevelopment Land Agency; aid in support of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; general advertising in newspapers (including the District of Columbia Register) and legal periodicals in the District of Columbia but not elsewhere, unless the need for advertising outside the District of Columbia shall have been specifically approved by the Commissioners, including notices of public hearings, publication of orders and regulations, tax and school notices, and notices of changes in regulations; expenses of Youth Council and Board of Appeals and Review; ceremony expenses; carrying out a comprehensive program for urban renewal and slum clearance, by contract or otherwise, as may be determined by the Commissioners; and expenses in case of emergency, such as riot, pestilence, public insanitary conditions, flood, fire, or storm, and for expenses of investigations; $308,000: *Provided*, That the certificate of the Commissioners shall be sufficient voucher for the expenditure of $1,500 of this appropriation for such purposes, exclusive of ceremony expenses, as they may deem necessary.

AUTHENTICATED
U.S. GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION
GPO

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Department of General Administration, including the rental of postage meters and affiliation with the National Safety Council, Incorporated, $3,081,850, of which $60,000 shall be payable from the highway fund, $15,000 from the water fund, $2,950 from the sanitary sewage works fund, and $800 from the motor vehicle parking fund: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for advertising, for not more than once a week for two weeks in the regular issue of one newspaper published in the District of Columbia, the list of all taxes on real property and all special assessments, together with penalties and costs, in arrears, the cost of such advertising to be reimbursed to the general fund by a charge to be fixed annually by the Commissioners for each lot or piece of property advertised: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for refunding, wholly or in part, school tuition, lost library books, building permits, cigarette and alcoholic beverage tax stamps, occupational and professional fees which have not been earned, and other payments which have been erroneously made during the present and past three years.

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

Office of the Corporation Counsel, including extra compensation for the corporation counsel as general counsel of the Public Utilities Commission; $10,000 for the settlement of claims not in excess of $250 each in accordance with the Act of February 11, 1929 (45 Stat. 1160), as amended by the Act of June 5, 1930 (46 Stat. 500); and judicial expenses, including witness fees and expert services, in District of Columbia cases before the courts of the United States and of the District of Columbia; $442,900, of which $20,000 shall be payable from the highway fund.

D. C. Code 1-902.

COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT FUND EXPENSES

Compensation and retirement fund expenses, including District government employees' compensation; administrative expenses, workmen's compensation, to be transferred to the Bureau of Employees' Compensation for administration of the law providing compensation for disability or death resulting from injury to employees in certain employments in the District of Columbia; unemployment compensation for District government employees; financing the liability of the government of the District of Columbia to the "Civil service retirement and disability fund" and the "Teachers' retirement and annuity fund"; and relief and other allowances as authorized by law for policemen and firemen; $10,036,000, of which $2,640,000, including $211,400 payable from the highway fund, $108,300 from the water fund, and $4,500 from the motor vehicle parking fund, shall be placed to the credit of the "Civil service retirement and disability fund": *Provided*, That $260,000 for District government employees' compensation shall remain available until expended.

REGULATORY AGENCIES

Regulatory agencies, including juror fees, repairs to the morgue, and uniforms and caps for guards and morgue employees, $967,000.

DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Department of Occupations and Professions, including compensation at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners of three members of the Board of Accountancy, five members of the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects, two members of the Board of Barber Examiners, three members of the Board of Cosmetology, five members of the Board of Dental Examiners, five members of the Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences, five members of the Board of Examiners in Medicine and Osteopathy, five members of the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers, five members of the Nurses' Examining Board, five members of the Board of Optometry, five members of the Board of Pharmacy, three members of the Board of Podiatry Examiners, two members of the Real Estate Commission, five members of the Board of Examiners of Veterinary Medicine, two members of the District Boxing Commission, four members of the Electrical Examining Board, two members of the Plumbing Board, two members of the Board of Examiners of Steam and Other Operating Engineers, one member of the Motion Picture Operators' Examining Board, and five members of the Undertakers' Examining Committee, $248,500.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public schools, for the administration of and supervision and instruction in the public school system of the District of Columbia, including the education of foreigners of all ages in the Americanization schools; not to exceed $65,000 for the purchase, cleaning, and repair of athletic apparel and accessories; subsistence supplies for pupils enrolled in classes for crippled children; maintenance and instruction of deaf, dumb and blind children of the District of Columbia by contract entered into by the Commissioners upon recommendation by the Board of Education of the District of Columbia; transportation of children attending schools or classes established for physically handicapped pupils; for carrying out the provisions of the Act of December 16, 1944 (58 Stat. 811); distribution of surplus commodities and relief milk to public and charitable institutions, and for the carrying out, under regulations to be prescribed by the Board of Education, of a "penny milk" program for the school children of the District, including the purchase and distribution of milk under agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture; $306,950 for development of vocational education in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Act of June 8, 1936, as amended; operation, repair, maintenance and improvement of public school buildings, grounds and equipment; purchase of equipment including not to exceed $25,000 for the purchase and repair of musical instruments and related equipment and supplies; and purchase, operation, repair, maintenance and insurance of passenger-carrying motor vehicles, including District-owned or borrowed passenger motor vehicles; $28,130,000, of which $3,000 shall be available for the services of experts and consultants as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates not exceeding $50 per diem plus travel expenses for such individuals: *Provided*, That the compensation for summer school personnel may be charged to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the pay periods end: *Provided further*, That collections from the milk program shall be paid to the Collector of Taxes, District of Columbia, for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District.

60 Stat. 775.
20 USC 15*i* note.

60 Stat. 810.

Section 6 of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved May 10, 1916, as amended, shall not apply from July 1 to August 27, 1955, to teachers of the public schools of the District of Columbia when employed by any of the executive departments or independent establishments of the United States Government.

Double salaries.
39 Stat. 120.
5 USC 58, 59.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Library, including extra services on Sundays and holidays; music records, sound recordings, and educational films; alterations, repairs; fitting up buildings; care of grounds; and rent of suitable quarters for branch libraries in Anacostia and Woodridge without reference to section 6 of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1945, $1,639,300.

58 Stat. 532.
D. C. Code 1-243.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Department, for operation and maintenance of recreation facilities in and for the District of Columbia, $1,688,500.

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Metropolitan Police, including pay and allowances; the inspector in charge of the traffic division with the rank and pay of deputy chief; one captain who shall be assigned to the traffic division with the rank and pay of inspector; one inspector who shall be property clerk; the lieutenants in command of the homicide squad, robbery squad, general assignment squad, special investigation squad, with the rank and pay of captain while so assigned; the detective sergeants in command of the automobile and bicycle squad, and the check and fraud squad with the rank and pay of lieutenant while so assigned; the detective sergeant assigned as administrative assistant to the chief of detectives with the rank and pay of lieutenant while so assigned; the present acting sergeant in charge of police automobiles with the rank and pay of sergeant; the present sergeant in charge of the police radio station with the rank and pay of lieutenant; the present sergeant in charge of purchasing and accounts with the rank and pay of lieutenant; the lieutenant in charge of the Metropolitan Police Boys' Club with the rank and pay of captain; the lieutenant assigned as harbormaster with the rank and pay of captain; not to exceed one detective in the salary grade of captain; civilian crossing guards including uniforms and equipment, at rates of pay and hours of employment to be fixed by the Commissioners; compensation of civilian trial board members at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; allowances for privately owned automobiles used by deputy chiefs and inspectors in the performance of official duties at $480 per annum for each automobile; meals for prisoners; rewards for fugitives; medals of award; photographs, rental, purchase, and maintenance of radio and teletype systems; travel expenses incurred in prevention and detection of crime; expenses of attendance, without loss of pay or time, at specalized police training classes and pistol matches, including tuition and entrance fees; expenses of the police training school, including travel expenses of visiting lecturers or experts in criminology; expenses of traffic school; police equipment and repairs to same; insignia of office, uniforms, and other official equipment, including cleaning, alteration, and repair of articles transferred from one individual to another, or damaged in the performance of duty; purchase of passenger motor vehicles; expenses of harbor patrol; and the maintenance of a suitable place for the reception and detention of girls and women over seventeen years of age, arrested by the police on charge of offense against any laws in force in the District of Columbia, or held

as witnesses or held pending final investigation or examination, or otherwise; $12,808,000, of which amount $1,692,000 shall be payable from the highway fund and $40,300 from the motor vehicle parking fund, and $35,000 shall be exclusively available for expenditure by the Chief of Police for prevention and detection of crime, under his certificate, approved by the Commissioners and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the sum therein expressed to have been expended.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department, including pay and allowances; compensation of civilian trial board members at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; uniforms and other official equipment, including cleaning, alteration, and repair of articles transferred from one individual to another or damaged in the performance of duty; purchase and maintenance of radio equipment; purchase of passenger motor vehicles; repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds; $6,257,900: *Provided*, That the Commissioners in their discretion may authorize the construction, in whole or in part, of fire-fighting apparatus in the Fire Department repair shop.

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Veterans services, $92,200.

OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Office of Civil Defense, including personal services without reference to the civil service laws as related to recruitment, and purchase of passenger motor vehicles, $75,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed $50,000 of any funds from appropriations available to the District of Columbia may be used to match financial contributions from the Federal Civil Defense Administration to the District of Columbia Office of Civil Defense for the purchase of civil defense equipment and supplies approved by the Federal Civil Defense Administration, when authorized by the Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, including rent of suitable quarters, $140,000.

COURTS

Courts, including the Juvenile Court, the Municipal Court, the Municipal Court of Appeals, and the District of Columbia Tax Court, including pay of retired judges; lodging and meals for jurors, bailiffs, and deputy United States marshals while in attendance upon jurors, when ordered by the courts; meals for prisoners; and reimbursement to the United States for services rendered to the District of Columbia by the Judiciary, General Services Administration, and the Department of Justice; $3,369,674, of which $20,000 shall be available for payment to the United States Public Health Service for furnishing psychiatric service to the Juvenile Court, including the detail of necessary medical and other personnel, and $250,000 shall be available for advances on reimbursement to the General Services Administration for one-half of the cost of operation, maintenance, and repair of the Federal Courts Building, as provided in the Act of May 14, 1948 (62 Stat. 235): *Provided*, That deposits made on demands for jury trials in accordance with rules prescribed by the Municipal Court under authority granted in section 11 of the Act approved March 3, 1921 (41 Stat. 1312), shall be earned unless, prior to three days before

D. C. Code 11-105.

D. C. Code 11-722.

the time set for such trials, including Sundays and legal holidays, a new date for trial be set by the court, cases be discontinued or settled, or demands for jury trials be waived.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Department of Public Health, including services for tuberculosis, venereal disease, hygiene and sanitation work in schools, dental health, maternal and child health, housekeeping assistance in cases of authentic indigent sick, handicapped and crippled children, cancer control, control of heart disease, public health engineering, nursing, psychiatry, ambulances, laboratories, outpatient relief of the poor, medical and surgical supplies, artificial limbs and appliances, eyeglasses, fees to physicians under contracts to be made by the Director of Public Health and approved by the Commissioners, contract investigational service, uniforms, rent, manufacture of serum in indigent cases, allowances for privately owned automobiles used for the performance of official duties by dairy-farm inspectors at the rate of 7 cents per mile but not more than $840 per annum for each automobile, subsistence in lieu of salary for the full-time employment of persons for the purpose of securing training and experience in their future vocations; not to exceed $1,000 for attendance without loss of pay or time at specialized medical or public health training courses or institutes, tuition and entrance fees, and travel expenses and fees for visiting lecturers or experts in public health and related fields; operation of hospitals, compensation of consulting physicians and dentists at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners, compensation of convalescent patients to be employed in essential work and as an aid to their rehabilitation at rates and under conditions to be determined by the Commissioners (but nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as conferring employee status on patients whose services are so utilized), not to exceed $1,000 for financial assistance for needy patients as determined by the Superintendent of Glenn Dale Hospital at rates established by the Commissioners, classroom supplies, uniforms for guards, training school for nurses, repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds, support of indigent insane, deportation of nonresident insane persons (including persons held in the psychopathic ward of the District of Columbia General Hospital), reimbursement to the United States for services rendered to the District of Columbia by Freedmen's Hospital, and for care and treatment of indigent patients under contracts to be made by the Director of Public Health of the District of Columbia and approved by the Commissioners with Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, Children's Hospital, Eastern Dispensary and Casualty Hospital, Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Garfield Memorial Hospital, George Washington University Hospital, Georgetown University Hospital, Providence Hospital, Washington Home for Incurables, and Children's Convalescent Home, $23,592,000: *Provided*, That the inpatient rate under such contracts and for services rendered by Freedmen's Hospital shall not exceed $14 per diem and the outpatient rate shall not exceed $2.40 per visit: *Provided further*, That amounts to be determined by the Commissioners may be expended for special services in detecting adulteration of drugs and foods, including candy and milk and other products and services subject to inspection by the Department of Public Health: *Provided further*, That employees using privately owned automobiles for the deportation of nonresident insane may be reimbursed as authorized by the Act of June 9, 1949 (63 Stat. 166), but not to exceed $900 for any one individual.

5 USC 835 note.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Department of Corrections, including subsistence of interns; compensation of consulting physicians, dentists, and other specialists at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; attendance of guards at pistol and rifle matches; uniforms and other distinctive wearing apparel necessary for employees in the performance of their official duties; rental of motion picture films; repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds; purchase of motorbuses; support, maintenance, and transportation of prisoners transferred from the District of Columbia; interment or transporting the remains of deceased prisoners to their relatives or friends in the United States; electrocutions; identifying, pursuing, recapturing (including rewards therefor), and returning to institutions, escaped inmates and parole and conditional-release violators; and returning released prisoners to their residences, or to such other place within the United States as may be authorized by the Director, and the furnishing of suitable clothing, and in the discretion of the Director, an amount of money not to exceed $30, regardless of length of sentence; $4,526,820.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Department of Public Welfare, including the general administration of public welfare in the District of Columbia, contract investigational services, certification of persons eligible for any public benefits which are or may become available under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioners, or their designated agent, relief and rehabilitation for purposes of employment of indigent residents of the District of Columbia (to be expended under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioners or their designated agent or agency), aid to dependent children, assistance against old-age want, aid for needy blind persons, services for children in their own homes, maintenance pending transportation, and transportation of indigent persons (including veterans and their families), burial of indigent residents of the District of Columbia, placing and visiting children, board and care of children committed to the guardianship of the Department of Public Welfare by the courts of the District and children accepted by said Department of Public Welfare for care as authorized by law, temporary care of children pending investigation or while being transferred from place to place, with authority to pay for the care of children in institutions under sectarian control, continuous maintenance of foster homes for temporary or emergency board and care of nondelinquent children, care and maintenance of women and children under contracts to be made by the Commissioners or their duly authorized agent with the Florence Crittenton Home, Saint Ann's Infant Asylum and Maternity Hospital, the House of Mercy, and other institutions caring for unmarried mothers, burial of children dying while beneficiaries under this appropriation, operation of protective institutions, repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds, purchase of passenger, truck and bus motor vehicles, maintenance of a suitable place in a building entirely separate and apart from the house of detention for the reception and detention of children under eighteen years of age arrested by the police on charge of offense against any laws in force in the District of Columbia or committed to the guardianship of the Department of Public Welfare, or held as witnesses or held temporarily, or pending hearing, or otherwise, and male witnesses eighteen years of age or over shall be held at the District of Columbia General Hospital, subsistence in lieu of salary for full-time employment of persons for the purpose of securing training and experience in their future vocations, supervision of

students performing voluntary services for the purpose of obtaining training and experience in their future vocations, compensation of consulting physicians and veterinarians at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners, securing suitable homes for paroled or discharged children, and care and maintenance of boys committed to the National Training School for Boys by the courts of the District of Columbia under a contract to be made by the Commissioners or their designated agent with the Attorney General at a rate of not to exceed the actual cost for each boy committed, $9,600,000: *Provided*, That when specifically authorized by the Commissioners this appropriation may be used for visiting any ward of the Department of Public Welfare placed outside of the District of Columbia and the States of Virginia and Maryland, and the Department of Public Welfare shall have power to discharge from guardianship any child committed to its care: *Provided further*, That employees using privately owned automobiles for the transportation of indigent persons or the placing of children may be reimbursed as authorized by the Act of June 9, 1949 (63 Stat. 166), but not to exceed $900 for any one individual. 5 USC 835 note.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Department of Buildings and Grounds, including uniforms and caps for guards and elevator operators and maintenance of public convenience stations, and $5,000 exclusively for test borings and soil investigations, $1,687,000, of which $29,300 shall be payable from the highway fund.

All apportionments of appropriations for the use of the Department of Buildings and Grounds in payment of personal services employed on construction work provided for by said appropriations shall be based on an amount not exceeding 4 per centum of a total of not more than $2,000,000 of appropriations made for such construction projects and not exceeding 3¾ per centum of a total of the appropriations in excess of $2,000,000, and appropriations specifically made in this Act for the preparation of plans and specifications shall be deducted from any allowances authorized under this paragraph: *Provided*, That reimbursements may be made to this fund from appropriations contained in this Act for services rendered other activities of the District government, without reference to fiscal-year limitations on such appropriations: *Provided further*, That this fund shall be available for advance planning subject to subsequent reimbursement from funds loaned by the Administrator of General Services under the provisions of the Act of October 13, 1949 (63 Stat. 841). 40 USC 451-458.

OFFICE OF SURVEYOR

Office of the Surveyor, $153,920.

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Department of Licenses and Inspections, including the enforcement of the Act requiring the erection of fire escapes on certain buildings and the removal of dangerous or unsafe or insanitary buildings; compensation at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners of members of the unsafe structure and excavation board; maintenance and repairs to markets; purchase of commodities and for personal services in connection with investigation and detection of sales of short weight and measure; $1,546,276.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Department of Highways, including operation, minor construction, maintenance, and repair of bridges; repairs to streets, avenues, roads, sidewalks, and alleys; reconditioning existing gravel streets and roads; purchase, installation, modification, operation of electric traffic lights, signals, controls, markers, signs, and directional signs; operation and maintenance of the District's communication systems, including rental, purchase, installation, and maintenance of telephone, telegraph, and radio services; street lighting, including the installation and maintenance of public lamps, lampposts, street designations, lanterns, and fixtures of all kinds on streets, avenues, roads, alleys, and public spaces to be expended in accordance with the provisions of sections 7 and 8 of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1912 (36 Stat. 1008), and with the provisions of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1913 (37 Stat. 181), and other laws applicable thereto; purchase, propagation, maintenance and planting of trees and shrubs, and maintenance of landscaping of public space along streets; refunding collections erroneously covered into the Treasury to the credit of the highway fund during the present and past three fiscal years; such expenses to include purchase of passenger motor vehicles; $5,967,000, of which $3,855,000 shall be payable from the highway fund: *Provided*, That the Commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase and install a municipal asphalt plant including all auxiliary plant equipment to be paid for from this appropriation: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall not be available for refunds authorized by section 10 of the Act of April 23, 1924.

D. C. Code 7-701 to 7-705.

43 Stat. 108. D. C. Code 47-1910.

DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Department of Vehicles and Traffic (payable from highway fund), including purchase, installation, and modification of electric traffic signals and controls; purchase of motor-vehicle identification number plates; $22,000 for traffic safety education without reference to any other law; $200 for membership in the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; and uniforms for motor vehicle inspectors and permit examiners; $1,107,000, of which $9,000 shall be payable from the general fund: *Provided*, That no part of this or any other appropriation contained in this Act shall be expended for building, installing, and maintaining streetcar loading platforms and lights of any description employed to distinguish same, except that a permanent type of platform may be constructed from appropriations contained in this Act for street improvements when plans and locations thereof are approved by the Public Utilities Commission and the Director of Vehicles and Traffic and the street-railway company shall after construction maintain, mark, and light the same at its expense: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are authorized and empowered to pay the purchase price and the cost of installation of new parking meters or devices from fees collected from such new meters or devices, which fees are hereby appropriated for such purpose: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are authorized and directed to designate, reserve, and properly mark appropriate and sufficient parking spaces on the streets adjacent to all public buildings in the District for the use of Members of Congress engaged on public business: *Provided further*, That the incumbent on July 1, 1944, of the authorized position of Registrar of Titles and Tags, whose duties shall be as prescribed in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1945, shall hereafter be continued for compensation purposes in grade 9 of the general schedule under the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

58 Stat. 527. D. C. Code 40-603a.

63 Stat. 954. 5 USC 1071 note.

MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING AGENCY

Motor Vehicle Parking Agency (payable from motor-vehicle parking fund), including installation and maintenance of parking meters and uniforms for fringe parking guards, $350,000.

DEPARTMENT OF SANITARY ENGINEERING

Department of Sanitary Engineering, including operation and maintenance of the District of Columbia water distribution system, installing and repairing water meters on services to private residences and business places as may not be required to install meters under existing regulations (said meters to remain the property of the District of Columbia), replacement of old water mains, service pipes, and divide valves, water waste and leakage survey, repair of reservoirs, purchase of passenger motor vehicles, purchase and replacement of uniforms for water meter inspectors, refunding of water rents and other water and sewer service charges erroneously paid in the District of Columbia (to be refunded in the manner prescribed by law for the refunding of erroneously paid taxes and to be available for such refunds of payments made within the present and past three fiscal years), cleaning and repairing sewers and basins, operation and maintenance of the sewage pumping service and sewage-treatment plant, repairs to equipment, machinery, and structures, control and prevention of the spread of mosquitoes in the District of Columbia, contribution of the District of Columbia to the expenses of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, collection and disposal of refuse and street cleaning, repair and maintenance of plants, buildings, and grounds, and fencing of public and private property designated by the Commissioners as public dumps, $10,285,000, of which $99,000 shall be payable from the highway fund for cleaning snow and ice from streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and gutters, in the discretion of the Commissioners, $2,715,000 shall be payable from the water fund, and $1,430,000 shall be payable from the sanitary sewage works fund: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for collecting ashes or miscellaneous refuse from hotels and places of business or from apartment houses of four or more apartments having a central heating system, or from any building or connected group of buildings operated as a rooming, boarding, or lodging house having a total of more than twenty-five rooms.

WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT

Washington Aqueduct (payable from the water fund), for the operation, maintenance, repair, and protection of Washington water supply facilities and their accessories, and maintenance of MacArthur Boulevard; including replacement and maintenance of water meters on Federal services; purchase of two passenger motor vehicles; and fluoridation of water, $2,120,000: *Provided*, That transfer of appropriations for operating expenses and capital outlay may be made between the Department of Sanitary Engineering of the District of Columbia and the Washington Aqueduct upon mutual agreement of the Commissioners and the Secretary of the Army.

Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the superintendence and control of the Secretary of the Army over the Washington Aqueduct, its rights, appurtenances, and fixtures connected with the same, and over appropriations and expenditures therefor as now provided by law.

NATIONAL GUARD

National Guard of the District of Columbia, including attendance at meetings of associations pertaining to the National Guard; expenses of camps, and for the payment of commutation of subsistence for enlisted men who may be detailed to guard or move the United States property at home stations on days immediately preceding and immediately following the annual encampments; reimbursement to the United States for loss of property for which the District of Columbia may be held responsible; cleaning and repairing uniforms, arms, and equipment; instruction, purchase, and maintenance of athletic, gymnastic, and recreational equipment at armory or field encampments; practice marches, drills, and parades; rents of armories, drill halls, and storehouses; advertising incident to recruiting; care and repair of armories, offices, storehouses, machinery, and dock, including dredging alongside of dock; alterations and additions to present structures; construction of buildings for storage and other purposes; $119,800.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS

National Capital Parks, including maintenance, care, and improvement of public parks, grounds, fountains, and reservations, propagating gardens and greenhouses, and the tourists' camp on its present site in East Potomac Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service; placing and maintaining portions of the parks in condition for outdoor sports, erection of stands, furnishing and placing of chairs, and services incident thereto in connection with national, patriotic, civic, and recreational functions held in the parks, including the President's Cup Regatta, and expenses incident to the conducting of band concerts in the parks; such expenses to include pay and allowances of the United States Park Police force; per diem employees at rates of pay approved by the Secretary of the Interior, not exceeding current rates of pay for similar employment in the District of Columbia; uniforming and equipping the United States Park Police force; the purchase, issue, operation, maintenance, repair, exchange, and storage of revolvers, uniforms, ammunition, and radio equipment and the rental of teletype service; and the purchase of passenger motor vehicles, bicycles, motorcycles, and self-propelled machinery; the hire of draft animals, with or without drivers at local rates approved by the Secretary of the Interior; the purchase and maintenance of draft animals, harness, and wagons; $2,389,000, of which $25,000 shall be payable from the highway fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed $15,000 of the amount herein appropriated may be expended for the erection of minor auxiliary structures: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under or transferred to this head for services rendered by the National Park Service shall be expended by expenditure warrant as an advance to said service and shall be credited as a repayment and maintained in a special account. The amounts so advanced will be available for the objects specified herein or in the appropriation from which such funds are transferred, any unexpended balance to be returned to the appropriation concerned not later than two full fiscal years after the close of the current fiscal year.

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

National Zoological Park, including erecting and repairing buildings; care and improvement of grounds; travel, including travel for the procurement of live specimens; purchase, care, and transportation of specimens; purchase of motorcycles and passenger motor vehicles; revolvers and ammunition; purchase of uniforms and equipment for

police, and uniforms for keepers and assistant keepers; $669,300: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this head shall be expended by expenditure warrant as an advance to the National Zoological Park and shall be credited as a repayment and maintained in a special account. The amounts so advanced will be available for the objects herein specified, any unexpended balance to be returned to this appropriation not later than two full fiscal years after the close of the current fiscal year.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE

For reimbursement to the United States of funds loaned, in compliance with section 4 of the Act of May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 482), as amended, the Act of May 14, 1948 (62 Stat. 235), and section 108 of the Act of May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 103), including interest as required thereby, $443,800, of which $144,800 shall be payable from the water fund.

D. C. Code 11-103 to 11-105.

PUBLIC BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Capital outlay, public building construction: For acquisition of public school and branch library sites; preparation of plans and specifications for the following buildings: Eliot Junior High School addition, School for Crippled Children in the vicinity of Mount Olivet Road and Holbrook Street Northeast, branch library buildings in Tenley and Washington Highlands, repair shop for Fire Department, replacement of dormitory for resident physicians and interns at the District of Columbia General Hospital, and a detention unit and two junior units at the Children's Center; erection of the following structures, including building improvement and alteration and the treatment of grounds: elementary school in the vicinity of Sixth Street and Riggs Road Northeast, addition and alterations to McKinley Senior High School, Garfield Elementary School addition, Anacostia Senior High School addition, four eight-room and three four-room demountable school buildings, new operating suite at the District of Columbia General Hospital (including equipment), and nursery cottage, laundry addition, and incinerator at the Children's Center; $421,300 for purchase of equipment for new school buildings; and permanent improvement of buildings and grounds (including purchase and installation of furnishings and equipment, elimination of fire hazards, and road construction) of schools, firehouses, hospitals, welfare institutions, and other District of Columbia buildings; to remain available until expended, $7,544,400 of which $3,091,900 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1956, and $439,050 shall be available for construction services by the Director of Buildings and Grounds or by contract for architectural engineering services, as may be determined by the Commissioners, and the funds for the use of the Director of Buildings and Grounds shall be advanced to the appropriation account, "Construction Services, Department of Buildings and Grounds".

The appropriation for "Capital outlay, public building construction", contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1955, shall be available for constructing and equipping a maximum security cottage at Children's Center.

68 Stat. 389.

CAPITAL OUTLAY, MISCELLANEOUS

Capital outlay, miscellaneous: For improvement of various recreation units, including preparation of architectural plans and erection

54402 O - 55 - 17

37 Stat. 444.

of recreation structures without regard to the Act of August 24, 1912 (40 U. S. C. 68); improvements and alterations to heating plant at Reformatory; construction of dormitory at the Women's Reformatory; beginning construction of Youth Correctional Center; preparation of plans and specifications for an industrial facility at the Reformatory and for a reception center at the Workhouse; to remain available until expended, $1,260,300, of which $360,000 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1956, and $97,600 shall be available for construction services by the Director of Buildings and Grounds or by contract for architectural engineering services, as may be determined by the Commissioners, and the funds for the use of the Director of Buildings and Grounds shall be advanced to the appropriation account, "Construction Services, Department of Buildings and Grounds": *Provided*, That in the construction work hereby authorized and to be done by the Department of Corrections, brick used shall be furnished without charge by the Working Capital Fund, Workhouse and Reformatory.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Capital outlay, Department of Highways: For expenses necessary for the grading, surfacing, paving, repaving, widening, altering, purchase and installation of traffic lights, and otherwise improving streets, avenues, roads, and alleys, including curbing and gutters, directional and pedestrian islands at various intersections to permit proper traffic light control and channelization of traffic, drainage structures, culverts, suitable connections to storm water sewer system, retaining walls, replacement and relocation of sewers, water mains, fire hydrants, traffic lights, street lights, fire-alarm boxes, police-patrol boxes, and curb-line trees, when necessary, Federal-aid highway projects under section 1 (b) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1938, and highway structure projects financed wholly from the highway fund upon the approval of plans for such structures by the Commissioners; for carrying out the provisions of existing laws which authorize the Commissioners to open, extend, straighten, or widen streets, avenues, roads, or highways, in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia, and alleys and minor streets, and for the establishment of building lines in the District of Columbia, including the procurement of chains of title; and for assessment and permit work, paving of roadways under the permit system, and construction of sidewalks and curbs around public reservations and municipal and United States buildings, including purchase or condemnation of streets, roads, and alleys, and of areas less than two hundred and fifty feet square at the intersection of streets, avenues, or roads in the District of Columbia, to be selected by the Commissioners; placing underground, relocating, and extending the telephone, police-patrol and fire-alarm cable and circuit distribution systems; installing and extending radio systems; and purchase of lampposts, street designations, and fixtures of all kinds; to remain available until expended, $13,535,000, of which $13,135,000 shall be payable from the highway fund; and, when requested by the Commissioners, $6,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary (which is hereby appropriated for that purpose from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated), shall be advanced by the Secretary of the Treasury to the highway fund of the District of Columbia for highway construction pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 101): *Provided*, That in connection with the purchase and installation of a municipal asphalt plant on District-owned property the Commissioners are

52 Stat. 633.
23 USC 41b.

authorized to make expenditures from this appropriation for the preparation of the site, including the construction of seawalls, dock facilities, and a railroad siding: *Provided further*, That in connection with the highway-planning survey, involving surveys, plans, engineering, and economic investigations of projects for future construction in the District of Columbia, as provided for under section 10 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1938, and in connection with the construction of Federal-aid highway projects under section 1 (b) of said Act, and highway-structure projects financed wholly from the highway fund, this appropriation and the appropriation "Operating expenses, Department of Highways" shall be available for the employment of engineering or other professional services by contract or otherwise, and without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes and the civil-service and classification laws, and section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), and for engineering and incidental expenses: *Provided further*, That this appropriation and the appropriation "Operating expenses, Department of Highways" shall be available for the construction and repair of pavements of street railways, in accordance with the provisions of the Merger Act (47 Stat. 752), and the proportion of the amount thus expended which under the terms of the said Act is required to be paid by the street-railway company shall be collected, upon the neglect or the refusal of such street-railway company to make such payment, from the said street-railway company in the manner provided by section 5 of the Act of June 11, 1878, and shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is collected: *Provided further*, That in connection with projects to be undertaken as Federal-aid projects under the provisions of the Federal Aid Highway Act of December 20, 1944, as amended, the Commissioners are authorized to enter into contract or contracts for those projects in such amounts as shall be approved by the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are hereby authorized to construct grade-crossing elimination and other wholly District construction projects or those authorized under section 8 of the Act of June 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1521), and section 1 (b) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1938, as amended, in accordance with the provisions of said Acts, and this appropriation may be used for payment to contractors and other expenses in connection with the expenses of surveys, design, construction, and inspection pending reimbursement to the District of Columbia by the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, or other parties participating in such projects, reimbursement to be credited to the appropriation from which payment was made: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are authorized to fix or alter the respective widths of sidewalks and roadways (including tree spaces and parking) of all highways that may be improved under appropriations contained in this Act: *Provided further*, That no appropriation in this Act shall be available for repairing, resurfacing, or paving any street, avenue, or roadway by private contract unless the specifications for such work shall be so prepared as to permit of fair and open competition in paving materials as well as in price: *Provided further*, That in addition to the provision of existing law requiring contractors to keep new pavements in repair for a period of one year from the date of the completion of the work, the Commissioners shall further require that where repairs are necessary during the four years following the said one-year period, due to inferior work or defective materials, such repairs shall be made at the expense of the contractor, and the bond furnished by

53 Stat. 1066.
23 USC 9a-1.

52 Stat. 633.
23 USC 41b.

41 USC 5.

60 Stat. 810.

D. C. Code 7-604 note.

20 Stat. 106.
D. C. Code 7-604.

58 Stat. 838.
23 USC 60-63.

23 USC 24a.

52 Stat. 633.
23 USC 41b.

the contractor shall be liable for such expense: *Provided further*, That the appropriations for "Capital outlay, Street and Bridge Divisions", contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Acts for the fiscal years 1953 and 1954, shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That this appropriation and the appropriation "Operating expenses, Department of Highways" shall be available for advance payments to Federal agencies for work to be performed, when ordered by the Commissioners, subject to subsequent adjustment.

66 Stat. 383; 67 Stat. 288.

DEPARTMENT OF SANITARY ENGINEERING

Capital outlay, Department of Sanitary Engineering: For construction of sewers and extension of the District of Columbia water-distribution system; assessment and permit work; purchase or condemnation of rights-of-way for construction, maintenance, and repair of public sewers; continuing construction on aeration plant and secondary sedimentation tanks and restoration of superintendent's residence at the Sewage Treatment Plant; laying water mains in advance of paving and installing fire and public hydrants; constructing trunk water mains and low service reservoir in Brentwood Park; to remain available until expended, $9,662,000, of which $1,500,000 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1956, and $2,300,000 shall be payable from the water fund, and $3,000,000 shall be payable from the sanitary sewage works fund; and, when requested by the Commissioners, $700,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary (which is hereby appropriated for that purpose from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated), shall be advanced by the Secretary of the Treasury to the sanitary sewage works fund of the District of Columbia for sanitary sewage works construction pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 101): *Provided*, That this appropriation and the appropriation "Operating expenses, Department of Sanitary Engineering" shall be available for the employment of engineering or other professional services by contract or otherwise, and for engineering and incidental expenses.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to sell United States securities now held for and on account of the water fund of the District of Columbia in such amounts as may be certified by the Commissioners as necessary and credit the proceeds of such sale to said water fund.

WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT

Capital outlay, Washington Aqueduct (payable from water fund): For continuing construction of Little Falls pumping station, dam and rising tunnel; construction of Dalecarlia filter and chemical buildings; miscellaneous betterments, replacements, and engineering planning of water supply facilities, including continuing raw-water conduit rehabilitation, utility relocations, and plant system rearrangements and interconnections; purchase and installation of traveling screens for Georgetown Castle Gatehouse; purchase and installation of Federal meters; acquisition by gift, exchange, purchase, or condemnation of supplementary land; and for developing increased water supply for the District of Columbia and environs in accordance with House Document 480, Seventy-ninth Congress, second session; and necessary expenses incident thereto; including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates for individual consultants not in excess of $150 per diem; to remain available until expended, $3,000,000; and, when requested by the Commissioners, so much thereof as may be necessary (which is hereby appropriated for that purpose from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated), shall be advanced by the Secretary of the Treasury to the

60 Stat. 810.

water fund of the District of Columbia for waterworks construction pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 101).

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Vouchers.

SEC. 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, all vouchers covering expenditures of appropriations contained in this Act shall be audited before payment by or under the jurisdiction only of the accounting officer for the District of Columbia and the vouchers as approved shall be paid by checks issued by the Disbursing Officer without countersignature.

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

SEC. 3. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or who advocates, or is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

Maximum amount.

SEC. 4. Whenever in this Act an amount is specified within an appropriation for particular purposes or object of expenditure, such amount, unless otherwise specified, shall be considered as the maximum amount which may be expended for said purpose or object rather than an amount set apart exclusively therefor.

Automobile allowances.

SEC. 5. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized or approved by the Commissioners, for allowances for privately owned automobiles used for the performance of official duties at 7 cents per mile but not to exceed $22 a month for each automobile, unless otherwise therein specifically provided, except that fifty-two such allowances at not more than $360 each per annum may be authorized or approved by the Commissioners: *Provided*, That the total expenditures for this purpose shall not exceed $83,000, excluding the automobile allowances for the deportation of nonresident insane by the Department of Public Health and the transportation of indigent persons and the placing of children by the Department of Public Welfare.

Attendance at meetings.

SEC. 6. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for the payment of dues and expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the District of Columbia government, when authorized by the Commissioners: *Provided*, That the total expenditures for this purpose shall not exceed $25,000.

Investment in U.S. securities.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners are hereby authorized in their discretion to invest and reinvest at any time in United States Government securities, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, any part of the general, special, or trust funds, of the District of Columbia, not needed to meet current expenses, to deposit the interest accruing from such investments to the credit of the fund from which the investment was made, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to sell or exchange such securities for other Government securities, and deposit the proceeds to the credit of the appropriate fund.

Services.

SEC. 8. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized by the Commissioners, for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a).

60 Stat. 810.

Advances of money.

SEC. 9. The disbursing officer of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance to officials upon requisitions previously approved by the accounting officer of the District of Columbia, not to exceed at any one time sums of money as follows:

Director of Licenses and Inspections, $400, to be used exclusively in connection with investigation of short weights and measures;

Librarian of the Public Library, $50 at the first of each month, for the purchase of certain books, pamphlets, periodicals, newspapers, or other printed materials;

Superintendent of recreation, $4,000, to be used for the expense of conducting activities of the Recreation Board under the trust fund created by the Act of April 29, 1942 (56 Stat. 261);

D.C. Code 8-211.

Chief of Police, $5,000, to be used in the prevention and detection of crime;

Chief probation officer of the juvenile court, $50, upon requisition previously approved by the judge of the juvenile court, to be expended for travel expenses to secure the return of absconding probationers;

Director, Department of Corrections, $1,000, to be used only in returning escaped prisoners, conditional releasees, parolees, and for the payment of cash gratuities to prisoners on release;

Director of Public Health, $900, to be used for deportation of nonresident insane;

Director of Public Welfare, $1,100, to be used for placing and visiting children, returning parolees and wards of the Department of Public Welfare, and deportation of nonresident indigent persons including maintenance pending transportation;

Superintendent of Schools, $1,000, which shall be used in connection with the central food services.

Restrictions.

SEC. 10. Appropriations in this Act shall not be used for or in connection with the preparation, issuance, publication, or enforcement of any regulation or order of the Public Utilities Commission requiring the installation of meters in taxicabs, or for or in connection with the licensing of any vehicle to be operated as a taxicab except for operation in accordance with such system of uniform zones and rates and regulations applicable thereto as shall have been prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission.

SEC. 11. Appropriations in this Act shall not be available for the payment of rates for electric street lighting in excess of those authorized to be paid in the fiscal year 1927, and payment for electric current for new forms of street lighting shall not exceed 2 cents per kilowatt-hour for current consumed.

Passenger vehicles.

SEC. 12. All motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles (including watercraft) owned by the District of Columbia shall be operated and utilized in conformity with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 77, 78), and shall be under the direction and control of the Commissioners, who may from time to time alter or change the assignment for use thereof, or direct the alteration or interchangeable use of any of the same by officers and employees of the District, except as otherwise provided in this Act. "Official purposes" shall not apply to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or in cases of officers and employees the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary, but only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the Commissioners. No motor vehicles shall be transferred from the police or fire departments to any other branch of the government of the District of Columbia.

60 Stat. 810.

Snow removal.

SEC. 13. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Highways and the Department of Sanitary Engineering shall be available for snow and ice control work when ordered by the Commissioners in writing.

Printing, photographing, etc.

SEC. 14. The Commissioners are authorized to establish a working fund without fiscal-year limitation for the purpose of printing, duplicating, and photographing; and the unexpended balances in the miscellaneous trust fund accounts "Operating Account, Printing" and "Operating Account, Blueprinting" shall be deposited to said working fund; and the fund shall be reimbursed for all services performed thereunder.

Short title.

SEC. 15. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1956."

Approved July 5, 1955.

Public Law 132 — CHAPTER 278

AN ACT

July 7, 1955
[S. 1755]

To amend the Act of April 6, 1949, as amended, and the Act of August 31, 1954, so as to provide that the rate of interest on certain loans made under such Acts shall not exceed 3 per centum per annum.

Agriculture.
Disaster loans, interest.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 2 of the Act of April 6, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 43; 12 U. S. C., sec. 1148a–2 (a)), is amended by striking out the last sentence of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Such loans shall be made at such rate of interest, not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, and on such general terms and conditions as the Secretary shall prescribe for such area or region.".

67 Stat. 149.

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 2 of the Act of April 6, 1949, as amended (12 U. S. C., sec. 1148a–2 (b)), is amended by striking out the last sentence of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Such loans shall be made at such rate of interest, not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, and on such general terms as the Secretary shall prescribe for such area.".

Emergency loans.
12 USC 1148a-1 note.

SEC. 3. Clause (4) of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide emergency credit", approved August 31, 1954 (68 Stat. 999), is amended to read as follows: "be made at such rate of interest, not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, and on such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall prescribe for such area or areas; and".

Approved July 7, 1955.