

service desired or continue the service originally contracted for in such manner and in such equipment as he may deem to be in the public interest for a term of not to exceed one year.

Bonds.

SEC. 7. The Postmaster General may require such bond or bonds as he deems necessary to protect the interests of the Government. Such bond shall be in the form and amount and contain such conditions as he may prescribe.

Repeal.

SEC. 8. Sections 1 and 2 of the Act of July 11, 1940, entitled "An Act to provide for the transportation and distribution of mails on motor-vehicle routes" (54 Stat. 756; 39 U. S. C. 505, 506) are hereby repealed.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 863

CHAPTER 814

AN ACT

August 1, 1956
[S. 3897]

To improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures, and for other purposes.

Government
budget and ac-
counting proced-
ure.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING ACT, 1921

64 Stat. 832.

SEC. 1. (a) Section 201 of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, as amended (31 U. S. C. 11), is further amended by inserting "(a)" after the words "Sec. 201."; by changing subsection (a) to subparagraph (1); by adding after subparagraph (1) a new subparagraph "(2) at such times as may be practicable, information on program costs and accomplishments"; by changing subsections (b) through (j) to subparagraphs (3) through (11), respectively.

64 Stat. 834.

(b) Section 216 of such Act, as amended (31 U. S. C. 24), is further amended by inserting "(a)" after the words "Sec. 216." and by adding the following new subsections:

Cost-based
budgets.

"(b) The requests of the departments and establishments for appropriations shall, in such manner and at such times as may be determined by the President, be developed from cost-based budgets.

"(c) For purposes of administration and operation, such cost-based budgets shall be used by all departments and establishments and their subordinate units. Administrative subdivisions of appropriations or funds shall be made on the basis of such cost-based budgets."

AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES ACT OF 1950

64 Stat. 834.
31 USC 847.

SEC. 2. (a) The Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950 is amended by inserting after section 105 thereof the following new section:

"ACCOUNTING AND BUDGET CLASSIFICATIONS

"SEC. 106. The head of each executive agency shall, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, take whatever action may be necessary to achieve, insofar as is possible, (1) consistency in accounting and budget classifications, (2) synchronization between accounting and budget classifications and organizational structure, and (3) support of the budget justifications by information on performance and program costs by organizational units."

64 Stat. 836.

(b) Section 113 of such Act (31 U. S. C. 66a) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(c) As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this subsection, the head of each executive agency shall, in accordance with principles and standards prescribed by the Comptroller General, cause the accounts of such agency to be maintained on an accrual basis to show the resources, liabilities, and costs of operations of such agency with a view to facilitating the preparation of cost-based budgets as required by section 216 of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, as amended. The accounting system required by this subsection shall include adequate monetary property accounting records as an integral part of the system.”

(c) Section 118 of such Act is amended by inserting “113 (c)” after the words “section 111”.

64 Stat. 837.
31 USC 65a.

SIMPLIFICATION OF SYSTEM FOR SUBDIVIDING FUNDS

SEC. 3. Section 3679 (g), Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U. S. C. 665 (g)), is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: “In order to have a simplified system for the administrative subdivision of appropriations or funds, each agency shall work toward the objective of financing each operating unit, at the highest practical level, from not more than one administrative subdivision for each appropriation or fund affecting such unit.”

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 864

CHAPTER 815

AN ACT

To increase the borrowing power of Commodity Credit Corporation.

August 1, 1956
[S. 3820]

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

INCREASE IN BORROWING AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. (a) Section 4 (i) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended (15 U. S. C. 714b (i)), is amended by striking out “\$12,000,000,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$14,500,000,000”.

69 Stat. 634.

(b) Section 4 of the Act of March 8, 1938, relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation, as amended (15 U. S. C. 713a-4), is amended by striking out “\$12,000,000,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$14,500,000,000”.

AMENDMENT TO PENAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 15 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended (15 U. S. C. 714m (c)), is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 1074.

“LARCENY; CONVERSION OF PROPERTY

“(c) Whoever shall willfully steal, conceal, remove, dispose of, or convert to his own use or to that of another any property owned or held by, or mortgaged or pledged to, the Corporation, or any property mortgaged or pledged as security for any promissory note, or other evidence of indebtedness, which the Corporation has guaranteed or is obligated to purchase upon tender, shall, upon conviction thereof, if such property be of an amount or value in excess of \$500, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or both, and, if such property be of an amount or value of \$500 or less, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.”

Approved August 1, 1956.