

priated to the fund. Such investments may be made only in public debt securities of the United States with maturities suitable to the fund. For such purpose, such obligations may be acquired (1) on original issue at the issue price, or (2) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market place. The purposes for which obligations of the United States may be issued under chapter 31 of title 31 are hereby extended to authorize the issuance at par of special obligations exclusively to the fund. Such special obligations shall bear interest at a rate equal to the average rate of interest, computed as to the end of the calendar month next preceding the date of such issue, borne by all marketable interest-bearing obligations of the United States then forming a part of the public debt, except that where such average rate is not a multiple of  $\frac{1}{8}$  of 1 percent, the rate of interest of such special obligations shall be the multiple of  $\frac{1}{8}$  of 1 percent next lower than such average rate. Such special obligations shall be issued only if the Secretary determines that the purchases of other interest-bearing obligations of the United States, or of obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States or original issue or at the market price, is not in the public interest.

**(c) Authority to sell obligations**

Any obligation acquired by the fund may be sold by the Secretary at the market price.

**(d) Proceeds from certain transactions credited to fund**

The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the fund shall be credited to and form a part of the fund.

(Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XIV, §1408, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 4010; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title X, §1089(2), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1485; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1054(h), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2503.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), “chapter 31 of title 31” substituted for “the Second Liberty Bond Act” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-484 struck out “(except special obligations issued exclusively to the fund)” after “by the fund”.

1991—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-190, §1089(2)(A), substituted “public debt securities of the United States with maturities suitable to the fund.” for “interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-190, §1089(2)(B)(ii), struck out “, and such special obligations may be redeemed at par plus accrued interest” after “market price”.

Pub. L. 102-190, §1089(2)(B)(i), which directed striking out of “(exceptional special obligations issued exclusively to the fund)”, could not be executed because those words did not appear. See 1992 Amendment note above.

**§ 4708. Expenditures from fund**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of the Treasury may pay to the Foundation from the interest and earnings of

the fund such sums as the Board determines are necessary and appropriate to enable the Foundation to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Audits by GAO**

The activities of the Foundation under this chapter may be audited by the Government Accountability Office under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States. Representatives of the Government Accountability Office shall have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, and files and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the Foundation pertaining to such activities and necessary to facilitate the audit.

(Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XIV, §1409, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 4011; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in two places.

**§ 4709. Executive Secretary**

**(a) Appointment by Board**

There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Foundation who shall be appointed by the Board. The Executive Secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the Foundation and shall carry out the functions of the Foundation subject to the supervision and direction of the Board. The Executive Secretary shall carry out such other functions consistent with the provisions of this chapter as the Board shall prescribe.

**(b) Compensation**

The Executive Secretary of the Foundation shall serve as a noncareer appointee of the Senior Executive Service and shall be compensated at a rate determined by the Board in accordance with section 5383 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XIV, §1410, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 4011; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title X, §1089(3), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1485.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-190 substituted “serve as a noncareer appointee of the Senior Executive Service and shall be compensated at a rate determined by the Board in accordance with section 5383” for “be compensated at the rate specified for employees in grade GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332”.

**§ 4710. Administrative provisions**

**(a) In general**

In order to carry out this chapter, the Foundation may—

(1) appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, except that in no case may an employee other than the Executive Secretary be compensated at a rate to exceed the maximum rate provided for employees in grade GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5;

(2) procure temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants as are nec-