

Commanding General of the Army Air Forces to Chief of Staff, United States Air Force. Section 208(b) of act July 26, 1947 was repealed by section 53 of act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 641. See sections 8031 and 8034 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

“Federal Aviation Administration” substituted in subsec. (a) for “Federal Aviation Agency” pursuant to Pub. L. 89-670, §§3(e), 6(c)(1), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 932, 938, which transferred all functions, powers, and duties of Federal Aviation Agency and of Administrator and other offices and officers thereof to Secretary of Transportation and established a Federal Aviation Administration in Department of Transportation. See section 106 of Title 49, Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS

Act Aug. 12, 1946, ch. 955, §6, 60 Stat. 998, as amended by Pub. L. 89-509, pt. I, §10, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 311, provided that: “There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$50,000 for the purposes of this Act [this subchapter] and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually hereafter such sums as may be necessary to maintain and administer said national air and space museum including salaries and all other necessary expenses.”

CONSTRUCTION OF MUSEUM CENTER

Pub. L. 104-222, Oct. 1, 1996, 110 Stat. 3025, provided that:

“SECTION 1. CONSTRUCTION OF MUSEUM CENTER.

“The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized to construct the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport.

“SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.

“No appropriated funds may be used to pay any expense of the construction authorized by section 1.”

EXTENSION AT WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Pub. L. 103-57, Aug. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 279, provided that:

“SECTION 1. PLAN FOR NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM EXTENSION.

“The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall have authority to plan and design an extension of the National Air and Space Museum at Washington Dulles International Airport.

“SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1993, a total of \$8,000,000 to carry out this Act.”

RATIFICATION OF COMPENSATION PAID HEAD OF MUSEUM

Pub. L. 89-509, pt. I, §11, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 311, provided that: “Payments of compensation heretofore made to the head of the National Air Museum at rates fixed by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended [chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] are hereby ratified and affirmed.”

§ 77a. Functions of museum

The national air and space museum shall memorialize the national development of aviation and space flight; collect, preserve, and display aeronautical and space flight equipment of historical interest and significance; serve as a repository for scientific equipment and data pertaining to the development of aviation and space flight; and provide educational material for the historical study of aviation and space flight.

(Aug. 12, 1946, ch. 955, §2, 60 Stat. 998; Pub. L. 89-509, pt. I, §4, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 310.)

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-509 substituted “national air and space museum” for “national air museum”, inserted “and space flight” after “aviation” wherever appearing, and substituted “aeronautical and space flight equipment” for “aeronautical equipment”.

§ 77b. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-509, pt. I, §5, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 310

Section, act Aug. 12, 1946, ch. 955, §3, 60 Stat. 998, directed Secretary of Smithsonian Institution to investigate and survey suitable lands and buildings for selection as a site for national air museum and to make recommendations to Congress.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS; LOCATION; DESIGN; SUPERVISION OF DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS; CONSTRUCTION; AUTHORIZATION AND TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 85-935, Sept. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 1794, as amended by Pub. L. 89-509, §§12, 13, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 311, 312, authorized and directed Regents of Smithsonian Institution to prepare plans and to construct a building for a National Air and Space Museum at a certain site with exact location to be approved by National Capital Planning Commission and design to be approved by Commission of Fine Arts and with supervision of work to be by Administrator of General Services Administration and also appropriated such sums as were necessary to carry out the work.

§ 77c. Museum board

(a) Seal; regulations; vacancies

The board is authorized to adopt an official seal which shall be judicially noticed and to make such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it deems necessary for the administration of its functions. The board may function notwithstanding vacancies and six members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b) Annual report

The Smithsonian Institution shall include in its annual report of its operations to Congress a statement of the operations of said national air and space museum, including all public and private moneys received and disbursed.

(Aug. 12, 1946, ch. 955, §4, 60 Stat. 998; Pub. L. 89-509, pt. I, §§6, 7, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 310, 311.)

AMENDMENTS

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-509, §6, raised from three to six the number of board members required to constitute a quorum.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-509, §7, substituted “national air and space museum” for “national air museum”.

§ 77d. Transfer or loan of aeronautical or space flight equipment to museum

The heads of executive departments and independent agencies of the Government are authorized to transfer or loan to said national air and space museum without charge therefor, aircraft, spacecraft, aircraft and spacecraft parts, instruments, engines, or other aeronautical and space flight equipment or records for exhibition, historical, or educational purposes.

(Aug. 12, 1946, ch. 955, §5(a), 60 Stat. 998; Pub. L. 89-509, pt. I, §8, July 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 311.)