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 one-eighth of 1 per centum, the rate of interest of such special obligations shall be the multiple of one-eighth of 1 per centum next lower than such average rate. Such special obligations shall be issued only if the Secretary determines that the purchase 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) Sale and redemption of obligations

Any obligation acquired by the fund (except special obligations issued exclusively to the fund) may be sold by the Secretary at the market price, and such special obligations may be redeemed at par plus accrued interest.

# (d) Credit to the fund of interest and proceeds of sale or redemption

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. 93-642, §10, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2279.)

#### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), "chapter 31 of title 31" substituted for "the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended" 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.

### § 2009a. Investment of amounts appropriated and contributed to Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund

Notwithstanding section 2009(b) of this title, on and after December 26, 2007, at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to invest in full the amounts appropriated and contributed to the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund, as provided in such section. All requests of the Board of Trustees to the Secretary provided for in this section shall be binding on the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. D, title VI, §619, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2016.)

### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008, and also as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, and not as part of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Act which comprises this chapter.

# § 2009b. Payment to Trust Fund; Board requests binding on Secretary

For payment to the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Trust Fund, established by section 2009 of this title, \$500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That on or after March 11, 2009, all requests of the Board of Trustees to the Secretary of the Treasury provided for in this section shall be binding on the Secretary, including requests for the issuance at par of special obligations exclusively to the fund as provided for in section 2009(b) of this title, which the Secretary shall implement without regard to the determination related to the public interest required by the last sentence of that section.

(Pub. L. 111–8, div. D, title V, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 665.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009, and also as part of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, and not as part of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Act which comprises this chapter.

# § 2010. Expenditures and audit of Trust Fund

#### (a) Authorization of funding

The Secretary is authorized to 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) Access to books, records, etc., by Government Accountability Office

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. The 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. 93-642, §11, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2279; 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.

# § 2011. Executive Secretary of Foundation

### (a) Appointment; functions

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 delegate.

### (b) Compensation

The Executive Secretary of the Foundation shall be compensated at the rate specified for employees placed in grade 18 of the General Schedule set forth in section 5332 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 93-642, §12, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2280.)

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

# § 2012. Administrative provisions

### (a) Powers of Foundation

In order to carry out the provisions of this chapter, the Foundation is authorized to—

- (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 shall employees other than the Executive Secretary be compensated at a rate to exceed the rate provided for employees in grade 15 of the General Schedule set forth in section 5332 of title 5;
- (2) procure temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants as are necessary to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, but at rates not to exceed the rate specified at the time of such service for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of such title:
- (3) prescribe such regulations as it deems necessary governing the manner in which its functions shall be carried out;
- (4) receive money and other property donated, bequeathed, or devised, without condition or restriction other than it be used for the purposes of the Foundation; and to use, sell, or otherwise dispose of such property for the purpose of carrying out its functions;
- (5) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and noncompensated personnel and reimburse them for travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5;
- (6) enter into contracts, grants, or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and such contracts or modifications thereof may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Board, be entered into without performance or other bonds, and without regard to section 6101 of title 41;
- (7) make advances, progress, and other payments which the Board deems necessary under this chapter without regard to the provisions of section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31;
- (8) rent office space in the District of Columbia: and
- (9) make other necessary expenditures.

### (b) Annual report to Congress

The Foundation shall submit to the President and to the Congress an annual report of its operations under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 93–642, §13, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2280.)

### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a)(6), "section 6101 of title 41" substituted for "section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (41 U.S.C. 5)" on authority of Pub. L. 111–350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

In subsec. (a)(7), "section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31" substituted for "section 3648 of the Revised Statutes, as

amended (31 U.S.C. 529)" 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.

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (b) of this section relating to submitting annual report to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 193 of House Document No. 103-7.

# References in Other Laws to GS-16, 17, or 18 Pay Rates

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

### § 2013. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$30,000,000 to the fund.

(Pub. L. 93-642, §14, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2280.)

# CHAPTER 43—AMERICAN FOLKLIFE PRESERVATION

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# SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

# § 2101. Congressional declaration of findings and purpose

- (a) The Congress hereby finds and declares—
- (1) that the diversity inherent in American folklife has contributed greatly to the cultural richness of the Nation and has fostered a sense of individuality and identity among the American people;
- (2) that the history of the United States effectively demonstrates that building a strong nation does not require the sacrifice of cultural differences;
- (3) that American folklife has a fundamental influence on the desires, beliefs, values, and character of the American people;
- (4) that it is appropriate and necessary for the Federal Government to support research and scholarship in American folklife in order to contribute to an understanding of the complex problems of the basic desires, beliefs, and values of the American people in both rural and urban areas:
- (5) that the encouragement and support of American folklife, while primarily a matter