

Pacific Commission, created by the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission, signed on February 6, 1947, at Canberra, Australia, by delegates representing the Governments of Australia, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, and to appoint the United States Commissioners, and their alternates, thereto.

(Jan. 28, 1948, ch. 38, § 1, 62 Stat. 15.)

#### PURPOSE OF COMMISSION

Act Jan. 28, 1948, ch. 38, 62 Stat. 15, provided that:

“Whereas delegates representing the Governments of Australia, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America attended the South Seas Conference held at Canberra, Australia, and signed an ‘Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission’ on February 6, 1947; and

“Whereas the purpose of the South Pacific Commission is to encourage and strengthen international cooperation in promoting the economic and social welfare and advancement of the non-self-governing territories in the South Pacific in accordance with the principles set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, thereby contributing to the maintenance of international peace and security: Therefore be it”.

#### § 280a. Definitions

When used in this subchapter—

(1) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of State;

(2) the term “Government agency” means any department, independent establishment, or other agency of the Government of the United States, or any corporation wholly owned by the Government of the United States; and

(3) the term “Commission” means the South Pacific Commission.

(Jan. 28, 1948, ch. 38, § 2, 62 Stat. 15.)

#### § 280b. Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(a) such<sup>1</sup> sums as may be required annually for the payment by the United States of its proportionate share of the expenses of the Commission and its auxiliary and subsidiary bodies, in accordance with article XIV of the agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission, as amended, except that in no event shall that payment for any fiscal year of the Commission exceed 20 per centum of all expenses apportioned among participating governments of the Commission for that year.

(b) Such additional sums as may be needed for the payment of all necessary expenses incident to participation by the United States in the activities of the Commission, including salaries of the United States Commissioners, their alternates, and appropriate staff, without regard to the civil-service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5; personal services in the District of Columbia; services as au-

thorized by section 3109 of title 5; under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light and cost-of-living allowances to persons temporarily stationed abroad; hire of passenger motor vehicles and other local transportation; printing and binding without regard to section 501 of title 44 and section 6101 of title 41; and such other expenses as the Secretary of State finds necessary to participation by the United States in the activities of the Commission: *Provided*, That the provisions of section 287r of this title, and regulations thereunder, applicable to expenses incurred pursuant to subchapter XVII of this chapter shall be applicable to any expenses incurred pursuant to this paragraph.

(Jan. 28, 1948, ch. 38, § 3, 62 Stat. 15; Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, title II, § 202(2), title XI, § 1106(a), 63 Stat. 954, 972; Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 976, § 1(c), 64 Stat. 902; Pub. L. 86-472, ch. VI, § 603, May 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 141; Pub. L. 88-263, Jan. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 7; Pub. L. 89-91, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 281; Pub. L. 91-632, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1876; Pub. L. 92-490, Oct. 13, 1972, 86 Stat. 808.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subchapter XVII [§ 287m et seq.] of this chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original a reference to the Act of July 30, 1946 (Public Law 565, Seventy-ninth Congress).

#### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” and “section 3109 of title 5” substituted for “the Classification Act of 1949” and “section 15 of Public Law 600, Seventy-ninth Congress [5 U.S.C. 55a]”, respectively, on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, which Act enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

In subsec. (b), “section 501 of title 44” substituted for “section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U.S.C. 111)” on authority of Pub. L. 90-620, § 2(b), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305, which Act enacted Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

In subsec. (b), “section 6101 of title 41” substituted for “section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, § 6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

#### AMENDMENTS

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-490 struck out “not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year” after “annually” and inserted “except that in no event shall that payment for any fiscal year of the Commission exceed 20 per centum of all expenses apportioned among participating governments of the Commission for that year” after “as amended”.

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-632 substituted “\$250,000” for “\$200,000”.

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-91 substituted “such sums as may be required annually, not to exceed \$200,000 per fiscal year” for “Not more than \$150,000 for the fiscal year 1965, and \$150,000 for the fiscal year 1966”.

1964—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-263 substituted “\$150,000 for the fiscal year 1965, and \$150,000 for the fiscal year 1966,” for “\$100,000 annually”.

1960—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-472 substituted “\$100,000” for “\$75,000”.

1950—Subsec. (a). Joint Res. Sept. 21, 1950, substituted “\$75,000” for “\$20,000”.

1949—Subsec. (a). Act Oct. 28, 1949, substituted “Classification Act of 1949” for “Classification Act of 1923”.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be capitalized.