

**(j) Pledge of full faith and credit of United States**

The full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all obligations incurred under this section.

(Pub. L. 94-413, §10, Sept. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 1267; Pub. L. 95-91, title III, §301(a), Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 577; Pub. L. 95-238, title VI, §603, Feb. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 93; Pub. L. 103-437, §5(d)(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4582.)

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

In subsec. (e)(3)(C), “chapter 31 of title 31” and “that chapter” substituted for “the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended” and “that Act”, respectively, 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.

In subsec. (i), “section 50501 of title 46” substituted for “section 2 of the Shipping Act of 1916 (46 U.S.C. 802)” and “subsections (a) and (b) of such section 50501” substituted for “subsection (a) of such section 2” on authority of Pub. L. 109-304, §18(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1709, section 8(b) of which enacted parts A and B of subtitle V of Title 46, Shipping.

**AMENDMENTS**

1994—Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Committee on Science, Space, and Technology” for “Committee on Science and Technology” and “Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation” for “Committee on Commerce”.

1978—Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 95-238, §603(a)(1), added par. (3).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 95-238, §603(b), inserted provisions relating to payment of principal by the Administrator.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 95-238, §603(c), substituted “7” for “5”.

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 95-238, §603(a)(2), added subsec. (j).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

“Secretary of Energy” substituted for “Administrator” in subssecs. (b), (d), (e)(1), (f), and (i) pursuant to section 301(a) of Pub. L. 95-91, see Codification note set out under section 2502 of this title.

**§ 2510. Use of electric and hybrid vehicles by Federal agencies**

The Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, the Administrator of the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Defense, and the heads of other Federal agencies shall—

- (1) carry out a study of the practicability of using electric and hybrid vehicles in the performance of some or all of the functions of their agencies; and
- (2) arrange for the introduction of electric and hybrid vehicles into their fleets as soon as possible.

For competitive procurement purposes in purchasing such vehicles, life-cycle costing and any beneficial air pollution control characteristics of electric and hybrid vehicles shall be fully taken into account. If the head of the agency involved determines that electric or hybrid vehicles are technologically practicable, but that they are not completely economically competitive with conventional vehicles, the Secretary of Energy may, for purposes of the demonstration

program described in section 2506 of this title, pay to such agency the incremental costs of the electric or hybrid vehicles, including differential operating costs.

(Pub. L. 94-413, §11, Sept. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 1268; Pub. L. 95-91, title III, §301(a), Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 577.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

“Secretary of Energy” substituted in text for “Administrator” pursuant to section 301(a) of Pub. L. 95-91, see Codification note set out under section 2502 of this title.

**§ 2511. Patents**

Section 5908 of title 42 shall apply to any contract (including any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract thereunder), entered into, made, or issued by the Secretary of Energy pursuant to section 2507 of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-413, §12, Sept. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 1269; Pub. L. 95-91, title III, §301(a), Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 577.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

“Secretary of Energy” substituted in text for “Administrator” pursuant to section 301(a) of Pub. L. 95-91, see Codification note set out under section 2502 of this title.

**§ 2512. Studies****(a) Bias of surface transportation systems; submission of report**

The Secretary of Energy shall conduct a study to determine the existence of any tax, regulatory, traffic, urban design, rural electrical, or other institutional factor which tends or may tend to bias surface transportation systems toward vehicles of particular characteristics. The Secretary of Energy shall submit a report to the Congress on the findings and conclusions of such study, within 1 year after September 17, 1976. The report shall include any legislative or other recommendations of the Secretary of Energy.

**(b) Material demand and pollution effect; impact statement**

The Secretary of Energy shall conduct a continuing assessment of the long-range material demand and pollution effects which may result from or in connection with the electrification of urban traffic. Such assessment shall include a statement of the Secretary of Energy’s current findings in each report submitted under section 2513<sup>1</sup> of this title. Any environmental impact statement which may be filed under a Federal law with respect to research, development, or demonstration activities under this chapter shall include reference to the matters which are subject to assessment under this subsection.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.