

shall preserve existing market patterns and relationships and present port relationships by increase limitations within and between the major districts to the extent possible without authorizing unreasonable increases in any district."

Citation of title.

SEC. 202. This title may be cited as the "Railroad Rate Adjustment Act of 1973".

TITLE III—SEPARABILITY

SEC. 301. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances should be held invalid, the remainder of such Act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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Public Law 93-70

AN ACT

July 10, 1973
[H. R. 7670]

To authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1974 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Commerce.

Commerce
Department mari-
time programs.
Appropriation
authorization.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation as the appropriation Act may provide for the use of the Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year 1974, as follows:

- (a) acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of vessels and construction-differential subsidy and cost of national defense features incident to the construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of ships, \$275,000,000: *Provided*, That the appropriation Act may provide that unobligated balances previously appropriated for purchase of modern or reconstructed United States-flag vessels for layup in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, may also be used for construction-differential subsidy;
- (b) payment of obligations incurred for ship operation subsidies, \$221,515,000;
- (c) expenses necessary for research and development activities (including reimbursement of the vessel operations revolving fund for losses resulting from expenses of experimental ship operations), \$20,000,000;
- (d) reserve fleet expenses, \$3,773,000;
- (e) maritime training at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, \$8,600,000; and
- (f) financial assistance to State marine schools, \$2,427,000.

Additional ap-
propriation.

SEC. 2. In addition to the amounts authorized by section 1 of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1974 such additional supplemental amounts for the activities for which appropriations are authorized under section 1 of this Act as may be necessary for increases in salary, pay, retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law.

86 Stat. 910.

SEC. 3. Section 1103(f) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1273(f)), is amended by striking the figure "\$3,000,000,000", and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "\$5,000,000,000".

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