

# [ Commonwealth Act No. 300, June 09, 1938 ]

## **AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE.**

*Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:*

SECTION 1. Title of Act.—This Act shall be known as the "General Appropriation Act for nineteen hundred and thirty-nine."

SEC. 2. Appropriation of funds.—The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines for the fiscal year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, unless otherwise stated:

### A.—NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### I. Salaries and Wages

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|----|---|---|------------|
| 1. | Speaker of the National Assembly .....  | P | 16,000.00  |
| 2. | Ninety-seven Members of the National Assembly, at P5,000 per annum each ..... | P | 485,000.00 |

xxx (Other items, omitted) x x x  
II. Sundry Expenses

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| 1. | Travelling expenses of Members . | P | 20,000.00 |
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xxx (Other items, omitted) xxx

#### III. Furniture and Equipment xxx (Items omitted) xxx

#### IV. Special Purposes xxx (Items omitted) xxx V. SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages .....	P	1,150,660.00
Total for sundry expenses .....		189,550.00
Total for furniture and equipment .....		14,220.00
Total for special purposes .....		322,000.00
Total amount available for the National Assembly .....	P	1,676,430.00

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- Any unexpended balance of the funds appropriated for the National Assembly may be used to cover a deficit in any item of the appropriation for the

said Assembly, including prior years' expenses.

2. Any Member of the National Assembly may assign his yearly salary provided in this Act or any part thereof to any banking or loan institution doing business in the Philippines, including the compensation to his family in the event of death, and upon such assignment being registered with the disbursing officer of the National Assembly, such officer shall issue warrants from time to time as the salary or death compensation falls due, directly in favor of the creditor banking or loan institution.

3. The Secretary of the National Assembly shall receive the compensation herein fixed, the provisions of any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

4. Any part of the appropriation for supplementary force may be expended for the payment of salaries of employees who may serve during any period in the Office of the Secretary.

5. The appropriations in items 3, 5, and 6 under "Sundry Expenses," and that for "Purchase of Furniture and Equipment" may be spent, respectively, for postage and fees of official correspondence and telegrams of the Members, including freight, express, and delivery service; for supplies and materials; for printing and binding reports, documents, and publications; and for equipment that may be officially used by them, the total amount not to exceed four hundred pesos per annum for each Member.

#### AA. NATIONAL LIBRARY

##### I. Salaries and Wages

xxx (Items omitted) x x x

##### II. Sundry Expenses

xxx (Items omitted) xxx

##### III. Furniture and Equipment

xxx (Items omitted) xxx

##### IV. Special Purposes

xxx (Items omitted) xxx

#### V. SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages .....	P	171,606.00
Total for sundry expenses .....		32,500.00
Total for furniture and equipment.....		42,970.00
Total for special purposes .....		32,860.00
Less — forced savings .....		(13,800.00)

Total amount available for the National Library .....	P	266,136.00
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#### SPECIAL PROVISION

1. Upon the organization of a legislative reference division in the National

Assembly, the Speaker may transfer thereto such personnel of the National Library as may be needed for the purpose, together with their corresponding appropriations if necessary.

## B. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### I. Salaries and Wages

1. The President of the Philippines ....	P	30,000.00
Total .....		30,000.00

#### (1) Executive Office

1. Secretary to the President, with the rank of Secretary of Department .....	P	12,000.00
2. One Assistant Secretary to the President .....		8,500.00

xxx (Other items, omitted) x x x

#### (2) Bureau of Civil Service

1. One Commissioner of Civil Service, with the rank of Undersecretary of Department .....	P	8,500.00
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xxx (Other items, omitted) xxx

#### (3) Budget Commission

1. One Commissioner of the Budget ....	P	12,000.00
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xxx (Other items, omitted) xxx

#### (4) Institute of National Language

1. One President and Director .....	P	6,000.00
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xxx (Other items, omitted) xxx

#### (5) Philippine Sugar Administration

1. One Philippine Sugar Administrator .....	P	18,000.00
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xxx (Other items, omitted) x x x

### II. Sundry Expenses

xxx (Items omitted) xxx

### III. Special and General Purposes

1. For traveling expenses of the President with personnel in his office for official trips to and from the United States or other countries, including expenses in 1938 ....	P	100,000.00
2. For a fund to be expended in the discretion of the President ...		30,000.00

xxx (Other items, omitted) x x x

(6) Resident Commissioner to the United States  
xxx (Items omitted) xxx

SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages .....	P	84,000.00
Total for sundry and other expenses .....		32,400.00
Total amount available for the Resident Commissioner to the United States.....	P	116,400.00

(7) National Information Board  
xxx (Items omitted) xxx

Total for salaries and wages .....	P	62,980.00
xxx (Other items, omitted) xxx		
Total for other expenses .....		37,020.00
Total amount available for the National Information Board .....	P	100,000.00 =====

V—SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages .....	P	1,432,103.00
Total for sundry expenses .....		374,329.00
Total for furniture and equipment .....		30,000.00
Total for special purposes .....		729,140.00
Total for the Office of the Resident Commissioner to the United States .....		116,400.00
Total for the National Information Board .....		100,000.00
Less—forced savings to be apportioned by the Secretary to the President .....	P	(133,400.00)
Total amount available for the Office of the President ..	P	2,648,572.00 =====

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. The appropriations for the Office of the President of the Philippines provided in this Act may be used to cover expenses incurred in 1938.

2. Any deficit in the appropriations for the Office of the President of the Philippines may be covered from any unexpended balance of any other appropriation provided in this Act for the Executive Departments, the total amount to be used for covering such deficits during the year not to exceed P250,000.

(8) Philippine Army  
xxx (Items omitted) x x x

SUMMARY

Purpose I.—Personnel .....	P 9,174,321.00
Purpose II.—Maintenance of Personnel .....	3,726,551.00
Purpose III.—Transportation .....	1,104,882.00
Purpose IV.—Armament, Equipment, and Supplies .....	6,136,856.00
Purpose V.—Construction .....	10,000.00
Purpose VI.—Miscellaneous Expenses .....	213,000.00
	<hr/> P20,365,610.00
Expected savings in 1938 to be carried over to 1939, any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding .....	3,911,110.00
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Total .....	P 16,454,500.00

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. The savings from appropriations previously made for the Army, actually remaining at the end of 1938 in the items listed herein, will be distributed, under the authority of the President, among the several items so as to make, as nearly as may be practicable, the amount available for expenditure in each item during 1939 identical with that indicated herein, any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. The President shall have authority to transfer, at quarterly intervals during the fiscal year 1939, from Purposes I and II to other Purposes as titled in this Act, such portions of unexpended balances as may be necessary in order to assure balanced development of the National Defense during that year, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

3. The President shall have authority to transfer and expend not to exceed twenty-five per cent of the sum appropriated for any item in Purposes I, II, and III to any other item or items included in the respective purpose.