

[Commonwealth Act No. 245, December 17, 1937]

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-EIGHT.

Be It enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. Title of Act. — This Act shall be known a.s "General Appropriation Act for nineteen hundred and thirty-eight."

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-eight, unless otherwise stated:

A. — NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I. — Salaries and Wages

SPEAKER

1. Speaker of the National Assembly P 16,000.00

MEMBERS

2. Ninety-seven Members of the National Assembly, at 485,000.00
P5,000 per annum each
x x x(Other items omitted) x x x

V. — Summary

Total for salaries and wages	P1,146,640.00
Total for sundry expenses	189,550.00
Total for furniture and equipment.....	14,220.00
Total for special appropriation	<u>22,000.00</u>

Total amount available for the National Assembly P1,372,410.00

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. 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 as sign 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

DIRECTORS

1. One Director	P	6,000.00
2. One Assistant Director		4,800.00

xxx (Other items emitted) xxx

V. — Summary

Total for salaries and wages	P	169,926.00
Total for sundry expenses		32,500.00
Total for furniture and equipment		70,510.00
Total for special appropriations		37,860.00
Less — forced savings from salaries and wages		(13,800.00)
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Total amount available for the National Library	P	<u>296,996.00</u>

B. — OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

I. — Salaries and Wages

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

(1) EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SECRETARIES TO THE PRESIDENT

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) xxx

(2) BUREAU OF CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSIONERS

1. One Commissioner of Civil Service, with the rank of Undersecretary of Department	P	8,500.00
2. One Deputy Commissioner of Civil Service, with the rank of Assistant Director of a first class Bureau		6,000.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx
(3) BUDGET COMMISSION
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUDGET

1. One Commissioner of the Budget		12,000.00
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ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BUDGET

2. One Assistant to the Commissioner of the Budget		6,000.00
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xxx (Other items omitted) xxx
(4) INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL LANGUAGE

1. One Director	P	6,000.00
2. For per diems to seven members of the institute, at the rate of P10 each per session attended		21,840.00
3. One Executive Secretary		5,040.00
4. One chief clerk		1,800.00
5. One chief technical assistant		2,040.00
6. One librarian and property officer		1,800.00
7. Six technical assistants, at P1,200 per annum each		7,200.00
8. One stenographer		1,200.00
9. One clerk-messenger		960.00
10. One clerk-messenger		540.00
Total	P	48,420.00

(5) PHILIPPINE SUGAR ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATORS

1. One Philippine Sugar Administrator		18,000.00
2. One Assistant Sugar Administrator		7,200.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

(6) RESIDENT COMMISSIONER TO THE
UNITED STATES

1. One Resident Commissioner		20,000.00
2. One general counsel to take care of legislation and other legal matters		12,000.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

SUMMARY

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

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

(7) NATIONAL INFORMATION BOARD
SALARIES AND WAGES

1. One Manager	P 6,120.00
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SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages	P 60,340.00
Total for other expenses	<u>39,660.00</u>
Total amount available for the National Information Board	P <u>100,000.00</u>

V. — Summary

Total for salaries and wages	P 1,405,831.00
Total for sundry expenses.....	340,420.00
Total for furniture and equipment	29,973.00
Total for special appropriations	659,140.00
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 from salaries and wages to be apportioned by the Secretary to the President	(<u>133,400.00</u>)
Total amount available for the Office of the President.....	P <u>2,518,364.00</u>

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 1937.
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 Power.

(8) PHILIPPINE ARMY

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx

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	7,535,756.00
Purpose V. — Construction	10,000.00
Purpose VI. — Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>213,000.00</u>
	P21,764,510.00
Expected savings in 1937 to be carried over to 1938 any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding	5,310,000.00
Total	<u>P16,454,510.00</u>

The savings from appropriations previously made for the Army, actually remaining at the end of 1937 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 1938 identical with that indicated herein, any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SPECIAL PROVISION

1. When expressly authorized by the President, the appropriations for equipment herein made may be used for the purchase of armored automobiles, auto jitneys, station wagons, trucks, or other military motor vehicles.

C. — OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

1. The Vice-President of the Philippines	P	15,000.00
Total for the Vice-President	P	15,000.00

D. — DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

I. — Salaries and Wages (1) OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Secretary of the Department	P	12,000.00
2. Undersecretary of the Department		8,500.00

COMMISSIONERS

3. One Commissioner of Public Safety, with the rank of Undersecretary of Department		8,500.00
4. One Commissioner for Mindanao and Sulu, with the rank of Undersecretary of Department, with furnished quarters whenever a government owned building is available		8,500.00

xxx (Other items omitted) xxx
V. — Summary

Total for salaries and wages	212,639.00
Total for sundry expenses	58,500.00
Total for furniture and equipment	4,300.00