

## Public Law 86-232

## AN ACT

To amend the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, and for other purposes.

September 8, 1959  
[H. R. 8284]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended as follows: Section 3(a)(2) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

National Science Foundation Act of 1950, amendment.  
64 Stat. 149.  
42 USC 1862.

“(2) To initiate and support basic scientific research and programs to strengthen scientific research potential in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and other sciences, by making contracts or other arrangements (including grants, loans, and other forms of assistance) to support such scientific activities and to appraise the impact of research upon industrial development and upon the general welfare;”

Scientific research support.

SEC. 2. Section 4(d) and section 4(e) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, are amended to read as follows:

42 USC 1863.  
Meetings.

“(d) The Board shall meet annually on the third Monday in May, unless, prior to May 10 in any year, the Chairman has set the annual meeting for a day in May, other than the third Monday, and at such other times as the Chairman may determine, but he shall also call a meeting whenever one-third of the members so request in writing. A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Each member shall be given notice, by registered mail mailed to his last known address of record not less than fifteen days prior to any meeting, of the call of such meeting.

“(e) An election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board shall take place at the first meeting of the National Science Board following enactment of this legislation. Thereafter such election shall take place at the second annual meeting occurring after each such election. The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence. In case a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, the Board shall elect a member to fill such vacancy.”

Chairman and Vice Chairman. Election.

SEC. 3. Section 5(b) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

42 USC 1864.

“(b) In addition to the powers and duties specifically vested in him by this Act, the Director shall, in accordance with the policies established by the Board, exercise the powers granted by sections 10 and 11 of this Act, together with such other powers and duties as may be delegated to him by the Board; but no final action shall be taken by the Director in the exercise of any power granted by section 10 or 11(c) unless in each instance the Board has reviewed and approved the action proposed to be taken, or such action is taken pursuant to the terms of a delegation of authority from the Board or the Executive Committee to the Director.”

Director. Additional powers and duties.

SEC. 4. Section 6(a) and section 6(b)(1) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, are amended to read as follows:

42 USC 1865.

“(a) The Board is authorized to appoint from among its members an Executive Committee, and to assign to the Executive Committee such of the powers and functions granted to the Board by this Act as it deems appropriate; except that the Board may not assign to the Executive Committee the function of establishing policies.

Executive Committee. Appointment.

“(b) If an Executive Committee is established by the Board—

“(1) such Committee shall consist of the Director, as a non-voting ex officio member, and not less than five nor more than nine other members elected by the Board from among their number.”

Membership.

42 USC 1869.

SEC. 5. Section 10 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Scholarships and fellowships.

"The Foundation is authorized to award, within the limits of funds made available specifically for such purpose pursuant to section 17, scholarships and graduate fellowships for scientific study or scientific work in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and other sciences at appropriate nonprofit American or nonprofit foreign institutions selected by the recipient of such aid, for stated periods of time. Persons shall be selected for such scholarships and fellowships from among citizens of the United States, and such selections shall be made solely on the basis of ability; but in any case in which two or more applicants for scholarships or fellowships, as the case may be, are deemed by the Foundation to be possessed of substantially equal ability, and there are not sufficient scholarships or fellowships, as the case may be, available to grant one to each of such applicants, the available scholarship or scholarships or fellowship or fellowships shall be awarded to the applicants in such manner as will tend to result in a wide distribution of scholarships and fellowships among the States, Territories, possessions, and the District of Columbia."

42 USC 1870.

Property acquisition and disposition.

SEC. 6. Section 11(e) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(e) to acquire by purchase, lease, loan, gift, or condemnation, and to hold and dispose of by grant, sale, lease, or loan, real and personal property of all kinds necessary for, or resulting from, the exercise of authority granted by this Act."

42 USC 1872.

International cooperation.

SEC. 7. Section 13 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Foundation is hereby authorized to cooperate in any international scientific activities consistent with the purposes of this Act and to expend for such international scientific activities such sums within the limit of appropriated funds as the Foundation may deem desirable. The Director, with the approval of the Board, may defray the expenses of representatives of Government agencies and other organizations and of individual scientists to accredited international scientific congresses and meetings whenever he deem it necessary in the promotion of the objectives of this Act. In this connection, with the approval of the Secretary of State, the Foundation may undertake programs granting fellowships to, or making other similar arrangements with, foreign nationals for scientific study or scientific work in the United States without regard to section 10 or the affidavit of allegiance to the United States required by section 16(d)(2) of this Act.

42 USC 1869.

42 USC 1875.

Restriction.

42 USC 1870.

"(b) (1) The authority to enter into contracts or other arrangements with organizations or individuals in foreign countries and with agencies of foreign countries, as provided in section 11(c), and the authority to cooperate in international scientific activities as provided in subsection (a) of this section, shall be exercised only with the approval of the Secretary of State, to the end that such authority shall be exercised in such manner as is consistent with the foreign policy objectives of the United States.

Negotiation with foreign countries.

"(2) If, in the exercise of the authority referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection, negotiation with foreign countries or agencies thereof becomes necessary, such negotiation shall be carried on by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director."

SEC. 8. Section 15(d) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(d) The members of the Board, and the members of each divisional committee, or special commission, shall receive compensation at the rate of \$50 for each day engaged in the business of the Foundation pursuant to authorization of the Foundation and shall be allowed travel expenses as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2).”

Approved September 8, 1959.

42 USC 1874.

Compensation.

60 Stat. 308.

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### AN ACT

To transfer from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Labor certain functions in respect of insurance benefits and disability payments to seamen for World War II service-connected injuries, death, or disability, and for other purposes.

September 8, 1959  
[S. 2334]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Commerce shall certify to the Secretary of Labor amounts payable under crew life and injury and second seamen's war risk insurance policies issued under authority of subtitle "Insurance" of title II of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, extended, and supplemented (Act of June 29, 1940, section 222 (54 Stat. 689); Act of March 6, 1942 (56 Stat. 140); Act of April 11, 1942 (56 Stat. 214); Act of March 24, 1943, section 2 (57 Stat. 45); Act of September 30, 1944 (58 Stat. 758); Act of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 937)). Payments of such amounts so certified shall be made by the Secretary of Labor from the Employees' Compensation Fund established under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, as amended (5 U.S.C. 751, 785).

Former seamen,  
insurance and dis-  
ability payments.

50 U S C app.  
1292.

39 Stat. 742, 749.  
5 USC 751 note.

SEC. 2. The powers, duties, and functions of the Secretary of Commerce in respect of permanent total or partial disability benefits (allowable upon exhaustion of insurance benefits referred to in section 1 hereof) under section 2(c) of the Act of March 24, 1943 (Public Law 17, Seventy-eighth Congress; 57 Stat. 45), as amended by the Act of September 30, 1944 (Public Law 449, Seventy-eighth Congress; 58 Stat. 758), are hereby transferred to the Secretary of Labor. Payments of such benefits, including costs and payments on account of medical care authorized by the Secretary of Labor, shall be made by him from the Employees' Compensation Fund as established under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, as amended (5 U.S.C. 751, 785). The Secretary of Commerce shall furnish to the Secretary of Labor such information, data, and reports and certifications in respect of cases within the purview of this section as the Secretary of Labor may request. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any appeal to, or review or redetermination by, the Secretary of Labor from any order, finding, determination, or adjudication in respect of eligibility for benefits made by the Secretary of Commerce in force on the effective date of this Act, except upon a showing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Labor of a change in the nature and extent of the disability for which benefits were approved for payment in accordance with the provisions of such Acts.

50 U S C app.  
1292.

39 Stat. 742,  
749.  
5 USC 751 note.