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THE GOVERNMENT DOLLAR

Talk of Federal income and outgo is often so beclouded by millions and billions that it is hard to get a clear understanding of just what the Government collects and what it spends on the various departments. The Bureau of the Budget appreciates this and has prepared the following set of figures showing what happens to a typical Government dollar.

WHERE IT COME: FROM

Source	Amount (Cents)
Income and profit tax.....	49.16
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	22.85
Customs revenue	14.43
Interest, premium and discount.....	4.95
Fess, fines, penalties and forfeitures.....	0.84
Repayment on investments	1.62
Trust fund receipts.....	2.16
Other miscellaneous receipts.....	3.99

WHERE IT GOES

Destination	
General functions of Government.....	3.35
National defense	16.32
Military pensions, retirement pay, annuities, World War allowances and life insurance claims	16.55
Public works	5.60
Promotion, regulation and operation of marine transportation	1.88
Other civil functions.....	7.40
Refunds	4.91
Public debt retirement from ordinary receipts	14.76
Interest on public debt.....	22.75
Trust funds	6.48

WHO SPENDS IT

Organization	
Legislative establishment	0.46
Executive office	0.01
Veterans' Bureau	10.52
Other independent establishments.....	1.61
Agriculture	4.33
Commerce	0.86
Interior	7.66
Justice (including judicial).....	0.70
Labor	0.25
Navy	9.55
Deficiency in postal revenues.....	0.71
State	0.47
Treasury	8.78
Public debt retirement.....	14.76
Interest on public debt.....	22.75
Investment of trust funds.....	5.60
War, including Panama Canal.....	9.94
District of Columbia.....	1.04

It will be noted that, while the War and Navy Departments together account for about 20 cents out of every dollar spent by the Government, money spent for the development of trade and production through the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce amounts to but slightly over 5 cents out of every dollar.—Industrial Gas.

ASK JIMMY!

"I hear the old bridge outside the town has collapsed."

"I can't understand why. We just gave it three coats of paint and it looked like new."