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in the principal business of the taxpayer, unless with the approval of the Commissioner change to a different method is authorized, and then upon such terms and conditions and in accordance with such regulations as the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe.
(e) DISTRIBUTIONS BY CORPORATIONS.—Distributions by corpora-

tions shall be taxable to the shareholders as provided in section 115.

(f) DETERMINATION OF GAIN OR LOSS.—In the case of a sale or other disposition of property, the gain or loss shall be computed as provided in section 111.

(g) Gross Income from Sources Within and Without United

STATES.

For computation of gross income from sources within and without the United States, see section 119.

(h) Foreign Personal Holding Companies.—

For provisions relating to gross income of foreign personal holding companies and of their shareholders, see section 334.

(i) Consent Dividends.

For inclusion in gross income of amounts specified in shareholders' consents, see section 28.

(j) Income from Mortgages Made or Obligations Issued by Joint

For taxable status of income derived from mortgages made or obligations issued by joint stock land banks, see section 3799.

SEC. 23. DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

In computing net income there shall be allowed as deductions:

(a) Expenses.-

(1) In General.—All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; traveling expenses (including the entire amount expended for meals and lodging) while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a condition to the continued use or possession, for purposes of the trade or business, of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he has no equity.

2) Corporate Charitable Contributions.—No deduction shall be allowable under paragraph (1) to a corporation for any contribution or gift which would be allowable as a deduction under subsection (q) were it not for the 5 per centum limitation therein contained and for the requirement therein that payment must be

made within the taxable year.

(b) Interest.—All interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on indebtedness, except on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations (other than obligations of the United States issued after September 24, 1917, and originally subscribed for by the taxpayer) the interest upon which is wholly exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter.

(c) Taxes Generally.—Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable

year, except-

(1) Federal income, war-profits, and excess-profits taxes (other than the excess-profits tax imposed by section 106 of the Revenue

Act of 1935, 49 Stat. 1019, or by section 600 of this title);

(2) income, war-profits, and excess-profits taxes imposed by the authority of any foreign country or possession of the United States; but this deduction shall be allowed in the case of a taxpayer who does not signify in his return his desire to have to any extent the benefits of section 131 (relating to credit for taxes of foreign countries and possessions of the United States);

(8) estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, and gift taxes; and (4) taxes assessed against local benefits of a kind tending to increase the value of the property assessed; but this paragraph shall not exclude the allowance as a deduction of so much of such taxes as is properly allocable to maintenance or interest charges.

(d) Taxes of Shareholder Paid by Corporation.—The deduction for taxes allowed by subsection (c) shall be allowed to a corporation in the case of taxes imposed upon a shareholder of the corporation upon his interest as shareholder which are paid by the corporation without reimbursement from the shareholder, but in such cases no deduction shall be allowed the shareholder for the amount of such taxes.

(e) Losses by Individuals.—In the case of an individual, losses sustained during the taxable year and not compensated for by insur-

ance or otherwise-

1) if incurred in trade or business; or

(2) if incurred in any transaction entered into for profit,

though not connected with the trade or business; or

(3) of property not connected with the trade or business, if the loss arises from fires, storms, shipwreck, or other casualty, or from theft. No loss shall be allowed as a deduction under this paragraph if at the time of the filing of the return such loss has been claimed as a deduction for estate tax purposes in the estate tax return.

(f) Losses by Corporations.—In the case of a corporation, losses sustained during the taxable year and not compensated for by insur-

ance or otherwise.

(g) Capital Losses.—

(1) Limitation.—Losses from sales or exchanges of capital assets

shall be allowed only to the extent provided in section 117.

(2) SECURITIES BECOMING WORTHLESS.—If any securities (as defined in paragraph (3) of this subsection) become worthless during the taxable year and are capital assets, the loss resulting therefrom shall, for the purposes of this chapter, be considered as a loss from the sale or exchange, on the last day of such taxable year, of capital assets.

(3) Definition of securities.—As used in this subsection the term "securities" means (A) shares of stock in a corporation, and

(B) rights to subscribe for or to receive such shares.

(h) Wagering Losses.—Losses from wagering transactions shall be allowed only to the extent of the gains from such transactions.

(i) Basis for Determining Loss.—The basis for determining the amount of deduction for losses sustained, to be allowed under subsection (e) or (f), and for bad debts, to be allowed under subsection (k), shall be the adjusted basis provided in section 113 (b) for determining the loss from the sale or other disposition of property.

(j) Loss on Wash Sales of Stock or Securities.—

For disallowance of loss deduction in the case of sales of stock or securities where within thirty days before or after the date of the sale the taxpayer has acquired substantially identical property, see section 118.

(k) BAD DEBTS .-

- (1) GENERAL RULE.—Debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off within the taxable year (or, in the discretion of the Commissioner, a reasonable addition to a reserve for bad debts); and when satisfied that a debt is recoverable only in part, the Commissioner may allow such debt, in an amount not in excess of the part charged off within the taxable year, as a deduction. This paragraph shall not apply in the case of a taxpayer, other than a bank, as defined in section 104, with respect to a debt evidenced by a security as defined in paragraph (3) of this subsection.
- (2) Securities becoming worthless.—If any securities (as defined in paragraph (3) of this subsection) are ascertained to be worthless and charged off within the taxable year and are capital assets, the loss resulting therefrom shall, in the case of a taxpayer

other than a bank, as defined in section 104, for the purposes of this chapter, be considered as a loss from the sale or exchange, on

the last day of such taxable year, of capital assets.

(3) Definition of securities.—As used in this subsection the term "securities" means bonds, debentures, notes, or certificates, or other evidences of indebtedness, issued by any corporation (including those issued by a government or political subdivision thereof), with interest coupons or in registered form.

(1) Depreciation.—A reasonable allowance for the exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for obsolescence. In the case of property held by one person for life with remainder to another person, the deduction shall be computed as if the life tenant were the absolute owner of the property and shall be allowed to the life tenant. In the case of property held in trust the allowable deduction shall be apportioned between the income beneficiaries and the trustee in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the instrument creating the trust, or, in the absence of such provisions, on the basis

of the trust income allocable to each.

(m) Depletion.—In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits, and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, according to the peculiar conditions in each case; such reasonable allowance in all cases to be made under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary. In any case in which it is ascertained as a result of operations or of development work that the recoverable units are greater or less than the prior estimate thereof, then such prior estimate (but not the basis for depletion) shall be revised and the allowance under this subsection for subsequent taxable years shall be based upon such revised estimate. In the case of leases the deductions shall be equitably apportioned between the lessor and lessee. In the case of property held by one person for life with remainder to another person, the deduction shall be computed as if the life tenant were the absolute owner of the property and shall be allowed to the life tenant. In the case of property held in trust the allowable deduction shall be apportionally the shall be appointed by the shall be apportionally the shall be appointed by t tioned between the income beneficiaries and the trustee in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the instrument creating the trust, or, in the absence of such provisions, on the basis of the trust income allocable to each.

For percentage depletion allowable under this subsection, see section 114 (b), (3) and (4).

(n) Basis for Depreciation and Depletion.—The basis upon which depletion, exhaustion, wear and tear, and obsolescence are to be allowed in respect of any property shall be as provided in section 114.

(o) CHARITABLE AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.—In the case of an individual, contributions or gifts payment of which is made within

the taxable year to or for the use of:

(1) the United States, any State, Territory, or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, for exclusively

public purposes;

(2) a domestic corporation, or domestic trust, or domestic community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation;

(3) the special fund for vocational rehabilitation authorized by section 12 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, 43 Stat. 611 (U. S. C., Title 38, § 440);

(4) posts or organizations of war veterans, or auxiliary units or societies of any such posts or organizations, if such posts, organizations, units, or societies are organized in the United States or any of its possessions, and if no part of their net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; or

(5) a domestic fraternal society, order, or association, operating under the lodge system, but only if such contributions or gifts are to be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to chil-

dren or animals;

to an amount which in all the above cases combined does not exceed 15 per centum of the taxpayer's net income as computed without the benefit of this subsection. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary.

For unlimited deduction if contributions and gifts exceed 90 per centum of the net income, see section 120.

(p) Pension Trusts.—

(1) General rule.—An employer establishing or maintaining a pension trust to provide for the payment of reasonable pensions to his employees shall be allowed as a deduction (in addition to the contributions to such trust during the taxable year to cover the pension liability accruing during the year, allowed as a deduction under subsection (a) of this section) a reasonable amount transferred or paid into such trust during the taxable year in excess of such contributions, but only if such amount (1) has not theretofore been allowable as a deduction, and (2) is apportioned in equal parts over a period of ten consecutive years beginning with the year in which the transfer or payment is made.

(2) Deductions under prior income tax acrs.—Any deduction allowable under section 23 (q) of the Revenue Act of 1928, 45 Stat. 802, or the Revenue Act of 1932, 47 Stat. 182, or the Revenue Act of 1984, 48 Stat. 691, under section 23 (p) of the Revenue Act of 1936, 49 Stat. 1661, or the Revenue Act of 1938, 52 Stat. 464, which under such section was apportioned to any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1937, shall be allowed as a deduction in the years to which so apportioned to the extent allowable under such section

if it had remained in force with respect to such year.

(3) Exemption of trusts under section 165.—The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be subject to the qualification that the deduction under either paragraph shall be allowable only with respect to a taxable year (whether the year of the transfer or payment or a subsequent year) of the employer ending within or with a taxable year of the trust with respect to

which the trust is exempt from tax under section 165.

(q) Charitable and Other Contributions by Corporations.—In the case of a corporation, contributions or gifts payment of which is made within the taxable year to or for the use of a domestic corporation, or domestic trust, or domestic community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes or the prevention of cruelty to children (but in the case of contributions or gifts to a trust, chest, fund, or foundation, only if such contributions or gifts are to be used within the United States exclusively for such purposes), no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legis-

lation; to an amount which does not exceed 5 per centum of the taxpayer's net income as computed without the benefit of this subsection. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary.

(r) Dividends Paid by Banking Corporations.-

For deduction of dividends paid by certain banking corporations, see section 121.

SEC. 24. ITEMS NOT DEDUCTIBLE.

(a) GENERAL RULE.—In computing net income no deduction shall in any case be allowed in respect of-

1) Personal, living, or family expenses;

(2) Any amount paid out for new buildings or for permanent improvements or betterments made to increase the value of any property or estate;

(3) Any amount expended in restoring property or in making good the exhaustion thereof for which an allowance is or

has been made;

(4) Premiums paid on any life insurance policy covering the life of any officer or employee, or of any person financially interested in any trade or business carried on by the taxpayer, when the taxpayer is directly or indirectly a beneficiary under

such policy; or

(5) Any amount otherwise allowable as a deduction which is allocable to one or more classes of income other than interest (whether or not any amount of income of that class or classes is received or accrued) wholly exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter.

(b) Losses from Sales or Exchanges of Property. (1) Losses disallowed.—In computing net income no deduction shall in any case be allowed in respect of losses from sales

or exchanges of property, directly or indirectly-

(A) Between members of a family, as defined in paragraph

(2) (D);

(B) Except in the case of distributions in liquidation, between an individual and a corporation more than 50 per centum in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by or for such individual;

C) Except in the case of distributions in liquidation, between two corporations more than 50 per centum in value of the outstanding stock of each of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by or for the same individual, if either one of such corporations, with respect to the taxable year of the corporation preceding the date of the sale or exchange was, under the law applicable to such taxable year, a personal holding company or a foreign personal holding company;

(D) Between a grantor and a fiduciary of any trust; (E) Between the fiduciary of a trust and the fiduciary of another trust, if the same person is a grantor with respect to

each trust; or

F) Between a fiduciary of a trust and a beneficiary of such trust.

(2) STOOK OWNERSHIP, FAMILY, AND PARTNERSHIP RULE.—For the purposes of determining, in applying paragraph (1), the ownership of stock-

(A) Stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust, shall be considered as being owned proportionately by or for its shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries:

(B) An individual shall be considered as owning the stock

owned, directly or indirectly, by or for his family;