

[CHAPTER 624]

AN ACT

August 14, 1937
[H. R. 6295]
[Public, No. 284]

To dispense with unnecessary renewals of oaths of office by civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments.

Executive depart-
ments, etc.
Renewal of oath of
office not required in
certain cases.
R. S. § 1757.
5 U. S. C. § 16.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments of the United States who, upon original appointment, have subscribed to the oath of office required by section 1757 of the Revised Statutes, shall not be required to renew the said oath because of any change in status so long as their services are continuous in the department or independent establishment in which employed, unless in the opinion of the head of the department or independent establishment the public interests require such renewal.

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[CHAPTER 625]

AN ACT

August 14, 1937
[H. R. 6976]
[Public, No. 285]

To provide for the establishment of a Coast Guard station on the coast of Alabama at or near Dauphin Island, Alabama.

Dauphin Island,
Ala.
Establishment of
Coast Guard station
authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish a Coast Guard station on the coast of Alabama, at or near Dauphin Island, Alabama.

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[CHAPTER 626]

AN ACT

August 14, 1937
[H. R. 7373]
[Public, No. 286]

To aid the several States in making, or for having made, certain toll bridges on the system of Federal-aid highways free bridges, and for other purposes.

Toll bridges on Fed-
eral-aid highways.
Existing, becoming
free of tolls prior to
July 1, 1939; limited
aid to, authorized.

Provisos.
Payment forbidden,
if not according to
Government stand-
ards, etc.

Maximum allow-
ance.

Use of, by State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the case of each and every State, or political subdivision or subdivisions thereof, which, prior to the date of approval of this Act, shall have constructed or acquired any toll bridges on the approved System of Federal-aid highways, and which has caused or shall, prior to July 1, 1939, cause, any such toll bridge, or toll bridges, to be made free, the Secretary of Agriculture shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay out of the Federal-aid road funds apportioned to such State not to exceed 50 per centum of such amount as may be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture as the reasonable value or construction cost of any such bridge whichever shall be least: *Provided,* That no payment of Federal funds shall be made on account of any such bridge which was not constructed in accordance with plans and specifications which would meet the standards required by the Secretary of Agriculture at the time such bridge was constructed, nor on account of any bridge the construction of which was completed prior to March 3, 1927: *And provided further,* That no such payment shall be made which will exceed 50 per centum of the reasonable value or cost of the labor and materials which were actually incorporated in the construction of such bridge, excluding all costs of rights-of-way, property damages, and financing costs, whichever, value or cost, shall be least, and any amount so paid on account of any such bridge shall be used by the highway department of such State for match-

ing unobligated Federal-aid road funds available to the State, for expenditure in the improvement of highways on the system of Federal-aid highways.

Approved, August 14, 1937.

[CHAPTER 627]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved March 26, 1934.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved March 26, 1934, to authorize annual appropriations to meet losses sustained by officers and employees of the United States in foreign countries due to appreciation of foreign currencies in their relation to the American dollar, be, and is hereby, amended by substitution of the date "July 1, 1933," for "July 15, 1933," as the date from which officers and employees of the United States in service in foreign countries may be reimbursed for losses sustained due to the appreciation of foreign currencies in their relation to the American dollar, and reimbursement of losses sustained for such additional period is authorized to be paid from any unexpended balance of funds appropriated for exchange relief remaining in the Treasury which are otherwise unencumbered.

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U. S. employees in foreign countries.
48 Stat. 466.
5 U. S. C. § 118c.
Reimbursement to meet losses due to foreign currency appreciation.

[CHAPTER 628]

AN ACT

To amend the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, to provide for the escheat to the United States of certain amounts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the period at the end of the first sentence added by the Act approved June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1982), and inserting a colon and the following: "Provided, That the amount of any such payment (including any payment heretofore made) which, under the law of the State or country pursuant to which the estate of the deceased veteran would be distributed, would otherwise escheat to such State or country, shall escheat to the United States and shall be covered into the general fund of the Treasury."

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Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, amendment.
49 Stat. 1982.
38 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 686c.

Payments; escheat to United States, certain amounts which would otherwise escheat to State, etc.

[CHAPTER 629]

AN ACT

Creating the Owensboro Bridge Commission; defining the authority, power, and duties of said Commission; and authorizing said Commission and its successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Ohio River at or near Owensboro, Kentucky.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Owensboro Bridge Commission (hereinafter created, and hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") and its successors and assigns be, and is hereby,

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Ohio River.
Owensboro Bridge Commission may bridge, Owensboro, Ky.