

## [CHAPTER 433]

## AN ACT

To authorize the creation of additional positions in the professional and scientific service in the War and Navy Departments.

August 1, 1947  
[H. R. 4084]  
[Public Law 313]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is authorized to establish and fix the compensation for, within the War Department, not more than thirty positions, and the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to establish and fix the compensation for, within the Naval Establishment, not more than fifteen positions in the professional and scientific service, each such position being established to effectuate those research and development functions, relating to the national defense, military and naval medicine, and any and all other activities of the War Department or Naval Establishment which require the services of specially qualified scientific or professional personnel: *Provided*, That the rates of compensation for positions established pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall not be less than \$10,000 per annum nor more than \$15,000 per annum, and shall be subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

War and Navy Departments.  
Professional and scientific service.

Compensation.

Sec. 2. Positions created pursuant to this Act shall be included in the classified civil service of the United States, but appointments to such positions shall be made without competitive examination upon approval of the proposed appointee's qualifications by the Civil Service Commission or such officers or agents as it may designate for this purpose.

Appointments without competitive examination.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, shall submit to the Congress, not later than December 31 of each year, a report setting forth the number of positions established pursuant to this Act in their respective departments during that calendar year, and the name, rate of compensation, and description of the qualifications of each incumbent, together with a statement of the functions performed by each. In any instance where the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy may consider full public report on these items detrimental to the national security, he is authorized to omit such items from his annual report and, in lieu thereof, to present such information in executive sessions of such committees of the Senate and House of Representatives as the presiding officers of those bodies shall designate.

Report to Congress.

Approved August 1, 1947.

## [CHAPTER 434]

## AN ACT

To amend section 1 of the Act of July 20, 1942 (56 Stat. 662), as amended, relating to the acceptance of decorations, orders, medals, and emblems by officers and enlisted men of the armed forces of the United States tendered them by governments of cobelligerent nations, neutral nations, or other American Republics.

August 1, 1947  
[H. R. 4308]  
[Public Law 314]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of July 20, 1942, as amended (title 10, U. S. C., sec. 1423a), is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Ante*, pp. 93, 453.

"Officers and enlisted men of the armed forces of the United States and former officers and enlisted men of the armed forces of the United States holding any office of profit or trust under the United States be, and they are hereby, authorized, during the present war and for a year thereafter, to accept from the governments of cobelligerent nations, neutral nations, or the other American Republics such decorations, orders, medals, and emblems as may be tendered them, and which are conferred by such governments upon members of their own military

Acceptance by members of armed forces of decorations from certain foreign governments.

1 Stat. 15.  
Wearing of decorations.

forces, hereby expressly granting the consent of Congress required for this purpose by clause 8 of section 9, article I, of the Constitution: *Provided*, That any such officer or enlisted man or any such former officer or former enlisted man holding any office of profit or trust under the United States is hereby authorized to wear any decoration, order, medal, or emblem accepted pursuant to authority contained in this Act, or heretofore accepted by such persons from the government of a cobelligerent nation, neutral nation, or of an American Republic."

Approved August 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 435]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

August 1, 1947  
[H. J. Res. 238]  
[Public Law 315]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 Stat. 681.  
19 U. S. C. § 1291,  
par. 1772.

"PAR. 1772. Standard newsprint paper. For the purposes of this paragraph (but only until July 1, 1948, in the case of paper in rolls of less than 15 inches in width) paper which is in rolls not less than 9 inches in width shall be deemed to be standard newsprint paper insofar as width of rolls is concerned."

Approved August 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 436]

AN ACT

To amend section 200 of Public Law 844, Seventy-fourth Congress, June 29, 1936, to permit recognition of officers and enlisted men retired from the military and naval forces of the United States as representatives of certain organizations in the presentation of claims to the Veterans' Administration.

August 1, 1947  
[H. R. 3546]  
[Public Law 316]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 200 of Public Law 844, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved June 29, 1936, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

49 Stat. 2031.  
38 U. S. C. § 101.

Presentation of claims to Veterans' Administration.

"Retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard of the United States, while not on active duty, shall not by reason of their status as such be subject to the provisions of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code (18 U. S. C. 198 and 203) and section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99) in the presentation of claims under statutes administered by the Veterans' Administration as accredited representatives of an organization specified in or recognized under this section."

35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

Approved August 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 437]

AN ACT

To extend the period for providing assistance for certain war-incurred school enrollments.

August 1, 1947  
[H. R. 3682]  
[Public Law 317]

Contributions for operation, etc., of school facilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in order to enable authorities which are still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments to meet their needs during the transition from war to peacetime conditions, the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to continue to make during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, contributions for the operation and maintenance of school facilities