

approved, and paid as are like fees, costs, and expenses in the courts of the United States. All fines, fees, costs, and expenses imposed and collected shall be deposited by the commissioner, or by the marshal of the United States collecting the same, with the clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 56]

AN ACT

May 15, 1947
[H. R. 492]
[Public Law 53]

To authorize the juvenile court of the District of Columbia in proper cases to waive jurisdiction in capital offenses and offenses punishable by life imprisonment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 13 of the Act of June 1, 1938, 52 Stat. 599 (11 D. C. Code 914), be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

D. C. juvenile court.
Waiver of jurisdiction.

“SEC. 13. If a child sixteen years of age or older is charged with an offense which would amount to a felony in the case of an adult, or any child charged with an offense which if committed by an adult is punishable by death or life imprisonment, the judge may, after full investigation, waive jurisdiction and order such child held for trial under the regular procedure of the court which would have jurisdiction of such offense if committed by an adult; or such other court may exercise the powers conferred upon the juvenile court in this Act in conducting and disposing of such cases.”

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 57]

AN ACT

May 15, 1947
[H. R. 729]
[Public Law 54]

To provide that the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia shall alone appoint the United States commissioner for the Shenandoah National Park.

Shenandoah National Park.
Appointment of commissioner.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to notify the State of Virginia that the United States assumes police jurisdiction over the lands embraced within the Shenandoah National Park, and for other purposes”, approved August 19, 1937 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 16, sec. 403c-5), is amended by striking out “upon the recommendation and approval of the Secretary of the Interior of a qualified candidate”.

50 Stat. 702.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 58]

AN ACT

May 15, 1947
[H. R. 1363]
[Public Law 55]

To amend further the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of section 4 thereof:

56 Stat. 361.
37 U. S. C. § 104.
Allowances based on purported marriage.

“Payments of allowances which have been or hereafter may be made under this Act based on a purported marriage and made prior to judicial annulment or termination of such marriage are valid: *Provided,* That it is adjudged or decreed by a court of competent jurisdiction that the marriage was entered into in good faith on the part

of the spouse in military service or that, in the absence of such a judgment or decree, such finding of good faith is made by the head of the department concerned or by such officer of the department concerned as he may designate for the purpose."

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 59]

AN ACT

To establish a Chief of Chaplains in the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

May 15, 1947
[H. R. 1365]
[Public Law 56]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be in the Bureau of Naval Personnel a Chief of Chaplains, designated by the Chief of Naval Personnel from among officers of the Chaplain Corps of the Regular Navy not below the rank of commander; and that such officer shall, while so serving, have the rank of rear admiral and shall receive the pay and allowances provided by law for rear admirals of the upper half.

Navy.
Chief of Chaplains.
Post, p. 880.

SEC. 2. The Act of December 22, 1944 (ch. 661, 58 Stat. 886), is hereby repealed.

Repeal.
34 U. S. C. § 91 note.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 60]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act providing for the reorganization of the Navy Department, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1940, to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the President to appoint an Under Secretary of War during national emergencies, fixing the compensation of the Under Secretary of War, and authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe duties", approved December 16, 1940, as amended, and for other purposes.

May 15, 1947
[H. R. 1369]
[Public Law 57]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act providing for the reorganization of the Navy Department, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1940 (54 Stat. 494), is amended by striking out from the first sentence thereof the following words: "to serve during any national emergency declared by him to exist, including the present limited emergency".

Navy Department.
Under Secretary..

5 U. S. C. § 421b.

SEC. 2. The Act entitled "An Act authorizing the President to appoint an Under Secretary of War during national emergencies, fixing the compensation of the Under Secretary of War, and authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe duties", approved December 16, 1940 (54 Stat. 1224), as amended, is amended as follows:

War Department.
Under Secretary.

5 U. S. C. §§ 181a
and note, 182.

(a) By striking from the title thereof the words: "during national emergencies";

(b) By striking the first sentence from the last paragraph of section 2 thereof.

58 Stat. 807.
5 U. S. C. § 181a
note.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 61]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 20, 1942 (56 Stat. 662), 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 or other American Republics.

May 15, 1947
[H. R. 1381]
[Public Law 58]

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 (56 Stat. 662; 10 U. S. C. 1423a), be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Members of armed
forces.
Acceptance of decorations from certain
foreign governments.
Post, pp. 453, 715.