

Wirshing and Cia, S. en C. (Central Boca Chica), since each of such companies were not engaged in the production of raw cane sugar in the crop year 1947 and were unable to contract with respect to sugar of the 1947 crop year: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized and directed to make adjustment payments to the Plazuela Sugar Company, to Godreau, Godreau and Compania (Central Caribe) to Wirshing and Cia, S. en C. (Central Boca Chica) on each company's production of 1945-1946 crop Puerto Rican raw cane sugar, and to the Honolulu Plantation Company on its production of 1946 crop Hawaiian raw cane sugar, each of such payments to be made at the same rate and subject to the same conditions as adjustment payments made to other Puerto Rican and Hawaiian producers of raw cane sugar of such crops, irrespective of the failure of such producers (1) to produce raw cane sugar in any succeeding crop year, or (2) to enter into contracts with Commodity Credit Corporation with respect to such raw cane sugar. Commodity Credit Corporation may require such evidence as it may deem necessary in support of applications for payment made pursuant to the authorization herein contained.

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Adjustment payments to certain companies.

Requirement of evidence.

[CHAPTER 540]

AN ACT

To prevent retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and warrant officers appointed or advanced to commissioned rank or grade under the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 603), as amended, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 5344]
[Public Law 709]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no enlisted man or warrant officer appointed or advanced to temporary commissioned rank or grade under the provisions of the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 603), as amended by the Act of February 21, 1946 (Public Law 305, Seventy-ninth Congress, 60 Stat. 26), whose retired pay was computed as authorized in section 8 of the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 604), as amended by section 5 of the Act of August 10, 1946 (Public Law 720, Seventy-ninth Congress, 60 Stat. 995), or section 10 of the said 1941 Act (55 Stat. 605), as amended by section 8 of the Act of February 21, 1946 (60 Stat. 28), shall be subject to any retroactive checkage for retired pay received for or on account of services as a commissioned officer for any period prior to November 1, 1946, in contravention of section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 406), as amended (5 U. S. C. 59a): *Provided,* That no disallowances in the accounts of disbursing officers shall be made for any such payments made prior to November 1, 1946, in contravention of section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 406), as amended.

Retroactive checkage for retired pay.

34 U. S. C. §§ 350-350j; Supp. I, § 350g.

34 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 350g.

34 U. S. C. § 350i and note.

Payments prior to Nov. 1, 1946.

5 U. S. C. § 59a.

Sec. 2. Enlisted men and warrant officers appointed or advanced to commissioned rank or grade under the said Act of July 24, 1941, as amended, whose retired pay, computed as authorized by that Act as amended, was withheld or checked in whole or in part for any period prior to November 1, 1946, as being in contravention of section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932, as amended, shall be entitled to receive such retired pay as so computed through October 31, 1946, the provisions of said section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932, as amended, notwithstanding.

Retired pay.
55 Stat. 603.
34 U. S. C. §§ 350-350j; Supp. I, § 350g.

47 Stat. 406.
5 U. S. C. § 59a.

Sec. 3. Enlisted men and warrant officers heretofore or hereafter advanced to commissioned rank or grade on the retired list under

Restoration to former retired status.

55 Stat. 603.
34 U. S. C. §§ 350-
350j; Supp. I, § 350g.

Applicability to
Coast Guard.

the said Act of July 24, 1941, as amended, shall, if application therefor is made to the Secretary of the Navy within three months from the date of approval of this Act or within three months after the date of advancement to commissioned rank or grade on the retired list, whichever is the later, and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, be restored to their former retired enlisted or warrant officer status, as the case may be, and shall thereafter be deemed to be enlisted or warrant officer personnel, as appropriate, for all purposes.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act, except as may be necessary to adapt the same thereto, shall apply to personnel of the Coast Guard in relationship to the Coast Guard in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply to personnel of the Navy in relationship to the Navy: *Provided*, That the authority given to the Secretary of the Navy is hereby extended to the Secretary of the Treasury to be exercised with respect to the Coast Guard.

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[CHAPTER 541]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 5758]
[Public Law 710]

To amend further the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as amended, to permit certain payments to be made to surviving brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews, of deceased members and former members of the armed forces.

Armed Forces
Leave Act of 1946,
amendment.
60 Stat. 963, 965.
37 U. S. C. §§ 32, 35;
Supp. I, § 35.

"Brother" and "sister."

Payment in event
of death.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 2 and 6 of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as amended, are hereby amended as follows:

(a) Section 2. At the end thereof add a new paragraph as follows:

"(h) The terms 'brother' and 'sister' include brothers and sisters of the half blood as well as those of the whole blood, stepbrothers and stepsisters, and brothers and sisters through adoption."

(b) Section 6. In paragraph (2) of subsection (a) delete "to such holder's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares; and if such holder leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such holder's surviving parents, if any", and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(i) to such holder's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares;

"(ii) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such holder's surviving parents, if any;

"(iii) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse, child, or parent, then in equal shares to such holder's surviving brothers and sisters, if any; and

"(iv) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, then in equal shares to the surviving child or children, if any, of such holder's deceased brothers and sisters".

(c) Section 6. In subsection (b) delete "To such member's or former member's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares; and if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to his surviving parents, if any", and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(i) to such member's or former member's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares;

"(ii) if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such member's or former member's surviving parents, if any;

"(iii) if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse, child, or parent, then in equal shares to such member's