

same retirement pay as is now or may hereafter be provided by law or regulation for an officer in the Army of the same grade with length of service computed as above: *And provided further*, That the dependents of said director of music shall be entitled to the same pensions, death gratuity, and other benefits as are now or may hereafter be provided for an officer of the Regular Army of corresponding grade with corresponding length of service."

SEC. 2. The Act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1111), is amended to read as follows:

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Naval Academy Band shall hereafter consist of one leader with the pay and allowances of such grade as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy; one second leader with the pay and allowances of a warrant officer; and of such enlisted men and in such ratings as may be assigned to that band by the Navy Department: *Provided*, That the ratings and the proportionate distribution among the ratings of the enlisted men shall be substantially the same as in the Navy band: *Provided further*, That the leader, second leader, and the enlisted men of the Naval Academy Band shall be entitled to the same benefits in respect to pay, emoluments, and retirement arising from longevity, reenlistment, and length of service as are or hereafter may become applicable to other officers and enlisted men of the Navy."

SEC. 3. The President is authorized to appoint the present leader of the United States Navy Band to the permanent commissioned grade of commander in the Navy. Such appointment pursuant to this Act shall be deemed to be not in the line of the Navy or in any staff corps of the Navy.

Approved July 17, 1953.

34 USC 1091a.

Naval Academy.

U. S. Navy

Public Law 136

CHAPTER 227

AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of lands of the Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument, Virginia, for non-Federal lands.

July 17, 1953
[H. R. 1528]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to exchange lands of the Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument, Virginia, for non-Federal lands of approximately equal value when, in his opinion, such action is in the interest of the United States. Lands acquired pursuant to this Act shall be within a distance of one and one-half miles from the historic Appomattox Court House site, Virginia, and shall become a part of the monument upon acquisition of title thereto by the United States. The total area of this national monument as it may be revised pursuant to this Act shall be no greater than its present acreage.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 137

CHAPTER 228

AN ACT

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended.

July 17, 1953
[H. R. 4905]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by adding a new subsection (d) as follows:

Atomic Energy
Commission.
60 Stat. 770.
42 USC 1812.

Electric-utility
contracts.

31 USC 665.

“(d) The Atomic Energy Commission is authorized in connection with the construction or operation of the Oak Ridge, Paducah, and Portsmouth installations of the Commission, without regard to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, to enter into new contracts or modify or confirm existing contracts to provide for electric-utility services for periods not exceeding twenty-five years, and such contracts shall be subject to termination by the Commission upon payment of cancellation costs as provided in such contracts, and any appropriation presently or hereafter made available to the Commission shall be available for the payment of such cancellation costs. Any such cancellation payments shall be taken into consideration in determination of the rate to be charged in the event the Commission or any other agency of the Federal Government shall purchase electric-utility services from the contractor subsequent to the cancellation and during the life of the original contract.”

Repeal.

66 Stat. 643.

SEC. 2. The first proviso under the appropriation to the Commission for “Plant and equipment” in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1953, is hereby repealed.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 138

CHAPTER 230

AN ACT

July 20, 1953
[H. R. 4072]

Relating to the disposition of certain former recreational demonstration project lands by the Commonwealth of Virginia to the School Board of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

Mecklenburg
County, Va.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding section 3 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects, and for other purposes”, approved June 6, 1942 (56 Stat. 326; 16 U. S. C., 1946 edition, sec. 459t), the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby authorized to convey to the School Board of Mecklenburg County for school, recreational, or highway-widening purposes, that portion of the former Mecklenburg way-side recreational demonstration project which is situated on the west and north side of United States Highway Numbered 1, comprising approximately forty acres. Any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the Commonwealth of Virginia are hereby released as to the particular lands herein authorized to be transferred.

Approved July 20, 1953.

Public Law 139

CHAPTER 231

AN ACT

July 20, 1953
[S. 2394]

To amend the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953.

D. C. firemen.
Pay period.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 405 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953 (67 Stat. 77) is amended by adding after the word “work-weeks” the following: “except that with respect to employees of the Fire Department the first pay period shall be for the period July 1 to July 11, 1953, inclusive”.

SEC. 2. Section 405 of such Act is amended by adding thereto the following: