

any specified class of information, allegation, or complaint: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not limit, in any way, the existing authority of the military departments to investigate persons or offenses over which the Armed Forces have jurisdiction under the Uniform Code of Military Justice: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not limit, in any way, the primary authority of the Postmaster General to investigate postal offenses.

64 Stat. 107.  
50 USC 551-741.

62 Stat. 818.

SEC. 2. Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking out the following: "detect and arrest any person violating any laws of the United States directly concerning official matters administered by and under the direct control of the Treasury Department;"

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 726

CHAPTER 1144

AN ACT

To modify the Act of October 8, 1940 (54 Stat. 1020) and the Act of July 24, 1947 (61 Stat. 418) with respect to the recoupment of certain public school construction costs in Minnesota.

August 31, 1954  
[S. 3108]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, effective on July 1, 1954, the recoupment requirements of the Act of October 8, 1940 (54 Stat. 1020) and the Act of July 24, 1947 (61 Stat. 418), shall become inapplicable to the unrecouped balances of funds expended pursuant to such Acts.

Minnesota.  
School costs.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 727

CHAPTER 1145

AN ACT

To provide emergency credit.

August 31, 1954  
[S. 3245]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That until June 30, 1955, the Secretary is authorized to make emergency loans for any agricultural purposes, except for refinancing of existing indebtedness, aggregating not to exceed \$15,000,000 to farmers and stockmen in any area or areas where the Secretary determines that there is a need for such credit which cannot be met for a temporary period from commercial banks, cooperative lending agencies, the Farmers Home Administration under its regular programs or under the Act of April 6, 1949, or other responsible sources.

Agricultural  
loans.  
Emergency.

SEC. 2. Loans under this Act shall (1) be made only to individuals or partnerships who are actively engaged in the operation of farms or ranches; (2) not exceed \$15,000 in the case of any one loan; (3) not be made to any one borrower so as to increase the total indebtedness of such borrower under this Act to an amount in excess of \$20,000 (including principal and accrued interest); (4) be made at such rates of interest and on such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall prescribe for such area or areas; and (5) be secured by the personal obligation and available security of the producer or producers.

SEC. 3. The Secretary may utilize the revolving fund created by section 84 of the Farm Credit Act of 1933, as amended (12 U. S. C.

48 Stat. 273.

1148a), for making loans under this Act, and for administrative expenses in connection with such loans. Sums received by the Secretary from the liquidation of loans made under this Act shall be added to and become a part of the said revolving fund.

Approved August 31, 1954.

## Public Law 728

## CHAPTER 1146

## AN ACT

August 31, 1954  
[S. 3329]

To amend the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953 to correct certain inequities.

D. C. police and  
firemen's salaries.  
67 Stat. 74,  
D. C. Code 4-  
814,  
D. C. Code 4-  
813.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (d) of section 102 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953, approved June 20, 1953 (67 Stat. 77), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The minimum basic salaries contained in subsection (a) of section 101 of this Act in the grade or rank of Chief of Police shall not be increased by more than four longevity increases, nor shall the minimum basic salaries of grades or ranks below that of Chief of Police be increased by more than five longevity increases."

SEC. 2. Section 102 of said Act is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection:

"(f) In initially adjusting salaries in accordance with the provisions of this section, any officer or member promoted from a lower grade to a higher grade prior to July 1, 1953, shall receive credit for such part of continuous service in both grades for longevity purposes as is necessary to establish his basic salary, including longevity pay, at least equal to the basic salary he would have received under the provisions of this section in the lower grade had such promotion not been made. Service for future longevity increases of any officer or member whose salary is adjusted under authority of this subsection shall begin as of the date such adjustment became effective."

SEC. 3. Subsection (d) of section 202 of said Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The minimum basic salaries contained in subsection (a) of section 201 of this Act in the grade or rank of Fire Chief shall not be increased by more than four longevity increases, nor shall the minimum basic salaries of grades or ranks below that of Fire Chief be increased by more than five longevity increases."

SEC. 4. Section 202 of said Act is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection:

"(f) In initially adjusting salaries in accordance with the provisions of this section, any officer or member promoted from a lower grade to a higher grade prior to July 1, 1953, shall receive credit for such part of continuous service in both grades for longevity purposes as is necessary to establish his basic salary, including longevity pay, at least equal to the basic salary he would have received under the provisions of this section in the lower grade had such promotion not been made. Service for future longevity increases of any officer or member whose salary is adjusted under authority of this subsection shall begin as of the date such adjustment became effective."

SEC. 5. Section 201 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953 is amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

"(b) The annual basic salary of a private of any class of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall be increased by—

D. C. Code 4-  
816.

D. C. Code 4-  
815.

D. C. Code 4-  
815.

Fire Department  
privates.