

or under the auspices of benevolent or fraternal societies or orders or trades unions, or by strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,";

(3) by inserting "churches and church organizations," immediately after "whether such matter pertains to such benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, trades unions, strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,";

(4) by inserting "churches and church organizations," immediately after "to further the objects and purposes of such benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, trades unions,"; and

(5) by inserting "or by churches and church organizations" immediately after "circulation through the mails of periodical publications issued by, or under the auspices of, benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, or trades unions, or by strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,".

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 26, 1955.

Public Law 171

CHAPTER 379

AN ACT

July 26, 1955
[S. 1464]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain rights-of-way and timber access roads.

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 may acquire rights-of-way and existing connecting roads adjacent to public lands whenever he determines that such acquisition is needed to provide a suitable and adequate system of timber access roads to public lands under his jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act, the term "public lands" includes the Revested Oregon and California Railroad and the Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands in Oregon.

Approved July 26, 1955.

Public Law 172

CHAPTER 380

AN ACT

July 26, 1955
[H. R. 6419]

To redefine the terms "stepchild" and "stepparent" for the purposes of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951, as amended.

Servicemen's indemnity.
65 Stat. 34.

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 3 of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 (38 U. S. C. 852) is hereby amended (1) by deleting therefrom the words "including a stepchild, adopted child, or an illegitimate child if the latter was designated as beneficiary by the insured" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "including a stepchild if designated as beneficiary by the insured or if a member of the insured's household, adopted child, or an illegitimate child if the latter was designated as beneficiary by the insured", and (2) by deleting therefrom the words "including a stepparent, parent by adoption, or person who stood in loco parentis

to the insured at any time prior to entry into the active service for a period of not less than one year” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “including a parent by adoption, or person who stood in loco parentis to the insured prior to attainment of twenty-one years of age and for a period of not less than one year prior to entry into the active service, or a stepparent who does not meet the loco parentis requirement if designated as beneficiary”.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by section 1 of this Act shall be effective April 25, 1951, but shall not be construed (1) to require the discontinuance, for any period prior to the first day of the third calendar month following approval of this enactment, of any servicemen’s indemnity award made prior to the date of this Act, or (2) to require duplicate payments of benefits in any case.

Approved July 26, 1955.

Effective date.

Public Law 173

CHAPTER 381

AN ACT

To amend subsection (e) (1) of section 13A of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 to change from two years to three years the standard contained therein with respect to the past affiliations of individuals conducting the management of certain organizations.

July 26, 1955
[H. R. 4753]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of section 13A of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 is amended by striking out “two years” and inserting “three years” in lieu thereof.

Approved July 26, 1955.

68 Stat. 778.
50 USC 792a.

Public Law 174

CHAPTER 382

AN ACT

To amend the Commodity Exchange Act.

July 26, 1955
[H. R. 122]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (a) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 2), is amended by inserting “onions,” after the word “eggs,” in the third sentence thereof, so that onions are added to the definition of the word “commodity” for the purposes of said Act.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect sixty days after the date of its enactment.

Approved July 26, 1955.

Commodity ex-
changes.
Onions.
42 Stat. 998.

Public Law 175

CHAPTER 383

AN ACT

To redefine eligibility for membership in AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II).

July 26, 1955
[H. R. 4754]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of Act approved July 23, 1947, Public Law 216, Eightieth Congress (61 Stat. 407; 36 U. S. C. 67e), as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 6. Any person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America or any American citizen who served in the armed forces of an allied nation of the United States on or after September

AMVETS.
Membership
eligibility.