

(1) the Secretary of Defense has submitted to the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives a written report stating the intent to construct or acquire such units, certifying that the number of units to be constructed or acquired is consistent with the long range troop strength to be stationed at the location of such units, and showing the location, number, and estimated cost of such housing units, and the existing housing at such location; and

(2) (a) a one hundred and eighty-day period has elapsed since the submission of such report, or (b) the committees have advised the Secretary of Defense, in writing, that there are no further questions to be asked concerning the project contemplated in such contract.

SEC. 420. The first two sentences of section 404 of the Housing Amendments of 1955 are amended to read as follows: "Whenever the Secretary of Defense or his designee deems it necessary for the purpose of this title, he may acquire by purchase, donation, condemnation, or other means of transfer, any land or (with the approval of the Federal Housing Commissioner) any housing financed with mortgages insured under the provisions of title VIII of the National Housing Act as in effect prior to the enactment of the Housing Amendments of 1955. The purchase price of any such housing shall not exceed the replacement cost of such housing and related property (not including the value of any improvements installed or constructed with appropriated funds) as of the date of final endorsement for mortgage insurance reduced by an appropriate allowance for physical depreciation, as determined by the Secretary of Defense or his designee upon the advice of the Commissioner: *Provided*, That in any case where the Secretary or his designee acquires a project held by the Commissioner, the price paid shall not exceed the face value of the debentures (plus accrued interest thereon) which the Commissioner issued in acquiring such project."

SEC. 421. None of the authority contained in titles I, II, and III of this Act shall be deemed to authorize any building construction project within the continental United States at an average nationwide unit cost in excess of—

- (a) \$22 per square foot for cold-storage warehousing;
- (b) \$6 per square foot for regular warehousing;
- (c) \$1,850 per man for permanent barracks;
- (d) \$6,500 per man for bachelor officer quarters,

unless the Secretary of Defense determines that, because of special circumstances, application to such project of the limitation on unit costs contained in this section is impracticable.

SEC. 422. None of the authorization contained in section 101 of this Act for the construction of three-hundred-and-twenty-six-man barracks with mess shall be used to provide, with respect to any such barracks, for mess facilities other than a single, consolidated mess.

Approved August 3, 1956.

Report to Congressional committees.

69 Stat. 652.
42 USC 1594a.

Ante, p. 273.

Cost limitation.
Ante, pp. 991,
994, 1002.

Army.
Mess facilities.

Public Law 969

CHAPTER 940

AN ACT

To amend the Veterans Regulations to provide additional compensation for veterans having the service-incurred disability of loss or loss of use of both buttocks.

August 3, 1956
[H. R. 2845]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subparagraphs

(k) of paragraph II, part I, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "or one hand" each place they appear therein the following: ", or both but-tocks".

38 USC ch. 12A.

Effective date.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the second month following the date of its enactment.

Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 970

CHAPTER 941

August 3, 1956
[H. R. 5274]

AN ACT

Extending to Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia the power to enter into certain inter-state compacts relating to the enforcement of the criminal laws and policies of the States.

63 Stat. 107.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 111 of title 4 of the United States Code is amended by inserting "(a)" before "The consent of Congress" and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) For the purpose of this section, the term 'States' means the several States and Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia."

Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 971

CHAPTER 942

August 3, 1956
[H. R. 7855]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to extend until July 31, 1958, the period during which disposals of surplus property may be made by negotiation.

Surplus property
disposal.
68 Stat. 474.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 203 (e) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U. S. C. 484 (e)), is amended by striking out "June 30, 1955" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 31, 1958".

Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 972

CHAPTER 943

August 3, 1956
[H. R. 11548]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a new fish hatchery in the vicinity of Paint Bank, Virginia.

Paint Bank, Va.
Fish hatchery.

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 and directed to construct, equip, maintain, and operate a new fish hatchery in the vicinity of Paint Bank, Virginia.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Approved August 3, 1956.