

February 24, 1915.  
[H. R. 17765.]

**CHAP. 54.**—An Act To regulate details of majors in the Ordnance Department.

[Public, No. 251.]  
Army.  
Details of majors in  
Ordnance Department  
modified.  
Vol. 31, p. 755.  
*Ante*, p. 357.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That majors may be detailed in the Ordnance Department, under section twenty-six of the Act approved February second, nineteen hundred and one, and Acts amendatory thereof, without a compulsory period of service out of that department.

Approved, February 24, 1915.

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[H. R. 17982.]

**CHAP. 55.**—An Act To make Nyando, New York, a port through which merchandise may be imported for transportation without appraisement.

[Public, No. 252.]  
Customs.  
Nyando, N. Y.,  
granted immediate  
transportation privi-  
leges.  
Vol. 21, p. 173.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the privileges of the first section of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of Nyando, New York.

Approved, February 24, 1915.

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[H. R. 18172.]

**CHAP. 56.**—An Act To increase the limit of cost of the United States post-office building at Seymour, Indiana.

[Public, No. 253.]  
Seymour, Ind.  
Limit of cost in-  
creased, public build-  
ing at.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the limit of cost of the United States post-office building at Seymour, Indiana, be, and the same is hereby, increased \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to meet the additional cost of construction of said building by the substitution of stone instead of brick with stone trimmings, as specified in the existing specification.

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[S. 2335.]

**CHAP. 57.**—An Act To provide for the register and enrollment of vessels built in foreign countries when such vessels have been wrecked on the coasts of the United States or her possessions or adjacent waters and salvaged by American citizens and repaired in American shipyards.

[Public, No. 254.]

Shipping.

Registry, etc., allow-  
ed shipwrecked ves-  
sels purchased by  
citizens.  
R. S., sec. 4136, p.  
796; amended.  
Vol. 34, p. 17.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section forty-one hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States be reenacted and revised to read as follows:

"SEC. 4136. The Secretary of Commerce may issue a register or enrollment for any vessel wrecked on the coasts of the United States or her possessions or adjacent waters, when purchased by a citizen or citizens of the United States and thereupon repaired in a shipyard in the United States or her possessions, if it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Commerce, if he deems it necessary, through a board of three appraisers appointed by him, that the said repairs put upon such vessels are equal to three times the appraised salvaged value of the vessel: *Provided*, That the expense of the appraisal herein provided for shall be borne by the owner of the vessel: *Provided further*, That if any of the material matters of fact sworn to or represented by the owner, or at his instance, to obtain the register of any vessel are not true, there shall be a forfeiture to the United States of the vessel in respect to which the oath shall have been made, together with tackle, apparel, and furniture thereof."

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Value of repairs.

*Provisos.*  
Expense of appraisal.

Forfeiture for false  
oaths.