

Appraisal of land and timber by committee prior to payment.

Assessment and payments.

Manner and frequency of appraisals; computation of amounts due.

Payment of expenses.

Receipts insufficient to meet payments due; additional sum from surplus.

Provisos. Maximum aggregate of payments.

Excess covered in.

Amount available for administration of designated legislation. 50 Stat. 874.

Balance covered in.

Inconsistent Acts, etc., repealed.

entitled under this Act: *Provided further*, That prior to making any payment under this authorization an appraisal of the land and timber thereon shall be made, within six months after the passage of this Act, by a committee to consist of a representative of the Secretary of the Interior, one representative for the two counties interested, and a third person satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior and the county officials, but who shall not be an employee of the United States nor a resident of, nor a property owner in, either Coos or Douglas County. Upon appraisal thereof, the land and timber thereon shall be assessed as are other similar properties within the respective counties, and payments hereunder in lieu of taxes shall be computed by applying the same rates of taxation as are applied to privately owned property of similar character in such counties.

SEC. 2. Appraisals of the land and timber thereon shall be made, in the manner prescribed in section 1 hereof, not less frequently than once in each ten-year period, and the amounts due hereunder in any year shall be computed as specified in section 1 of this Act upon the basis of the last appraisal. The expenses of making the appraisements provided for in this Act shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury upon certification by the Secretary of the Interior, from that portion of the receipts derived from such lands and timber payable to the counties and shall be deducted from any amount due said counties.

SEC. 3. If, during any one year, 75 per centum of the receipts are insufficient fully to meet the payments due the counties hereunder, the Secretary of the Treasury, upon certification by the Secretary of the Interior, may pay an additional sum from any surplus of 75 per centum of prior year receipts: *Provided, however*, That in no event shall the aggregate of payments during any ten-year period commencing with the period beginning July 1, 1940, exceed 75 per centum of the receipts deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant fund for such period: *Provided further*, That at the end of each ten-year period, any balance of the 75 per centum not required for payments to the counties shall be covered into the general fund of the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 4. Not to exceed 25 per centum of the annual receipts shall be available, in such amounts as the Congress shall from time to time appropriate for the administration of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874), insofar as it applies to the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. Any balance not used for administrative purposes shall be covered into the general fund of the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 5. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 24, 1939.

[CHAPTER 145]

AN ACT

To further extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Garrison, North Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at or near Garrison, North Dakota, authorized to be built by the State of North Dakota, by the Act of Congress approved February 10, 1932, and heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved February 14, 1933, June 12, 1934, May 24, 1935, June 5,

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Missouri River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Garrison,
N. Dak.

47 Stat. 43, 804;
48 Stat. 946; 49 Stat.
288, 1476; 52 Stat. 764.

1936, and June 16, 1938, are hereby further extended two and four years, respectively, from June 12, 1938.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 24, 1939.

[CHAPTER 146]

AN ACT

To increase further the efficiency of the Coast Guard by authorizing the retirement under certain conditions of enlisted personnel thereof with twenty or more years of service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commandant of the Coast Guard (hereinafter referred to as the "Commandant") shall assemble annually a Coast Guard Enlisted Personnel Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), to be composed of not less than three commissioned officers on the active list of the Coast Guard. It shall be the duty of the Board to recommend for retirement such enlisted men of the Coast Guard, who have twenty or more years of service, whom the Board determines, in its discretion, should be retired from active service. The recommendations of the Board shall be transmitted to the Commandant for final action. If the Commandant shall approve the recommendations of the Board, the enlisted man concerned shall be notified thereof in writing, and any enlisted man who, within thirty days after receipt of such notification, files with the Commandant a written protest of the action taken by the Board in his case, shall not be retired involuntarily under this Act unless a subsequent annual Board again determines in its discretion, that such enlisted man should be retired and so recommends, in which case such enlisted man may, upon approval by the Commandant, be retired from active service with retired pay as prescribed by section 5 hereof. At the expiration of thirty days after receipt by an enlisted man of notice as aforesaid, in the event that no such protest is filed by him within the period prescribed, such enlisted man may, upon approval by the Commandant, be retired from active service with retired pay as prescribed by section 5 hereof. If the Commandant shall disapprove any recommendation of the Board, the enlisted man concerned shall retain his status in the Coast Guard to the same extent as if his case had not been considered.

SEC. 2. An enlisted man of the Coast Guard who has twenty or more years of service may, upon suitable application to and approval by the Commandant, be retired from active service with retired pay as prescribed by section 5 hereof.

SEC. 3. The total number of enlisted men who may be retired in any one fiscal year under sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall not exceed the whole number nearest to 1 per centum of the total enlisted force of the Coast Guard on the active list as of January 1 of such year, to be divided in such proportion between retirements under sections 1 and 2 of this Act as may be determined by the Commandant.

SEC. 4. The Commandant is authorized to call any enlisted man who has been retired pursuant to this Act into active service for such duty as he may be able to perform. While so employed such enlisted man shall receive full pay, allowances, and benefits authorized by law, shall be eligible for promotion, and shall be entitled to the benefits of continuous service for such rank and for such length of time as he is or has been employed in active service, and

Amendment.

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Coast Guard.
Retirement of enlisted personnel with twenty or more years of service.

Coast Guard Enlisted Personnel Board, meetings, membership, etc.
Recommendations for retirements.

Protest; effect of.

Consideration and decision by subsequent annual Board.

Retirement, with pay, if no protest filed.

Status if Commandant disapproves Board's recommendation.

Voluntary retirement.

Limitation on number in any one fiscal year.

Recall to active service.

Pay, etc., while so employed.

Promotions; service credits.