

SEC. 46. The Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act, or any charter or certificate of incorporation made thereunder.

Right reserved.

SEC. 47. SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Cooperative Association Act".

Short title.

Approved, June 19, 1940.

[CHAPTER 398]

AN ACT

To amend an Act to authorize the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to make certain disposition of condemned ordnance, guns, projectiles, and other condemned material in their respective Departments.

June 19, 1940  
[H. R. 7074]  
[Public, No. 643]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to make certain disposition of condemned ordnance, guns, and cannonballs in their respective departments", approved May 22, 1896, as amended, is amended to read as follows:*

Army and Navy  
condemned ordnance,  
etc.

"That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are each hereby authorized, in their discretion, to loan or give to soldiers' monument associations, posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, posts of the American Legion, and other recognized war veteran associations, State museums, and incorporated museums operated and maintained for educational purposes only, whose charter denies them the right to operate for profit, municipal corporations, and posts of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, condemned or obsolete ordnance, guns, projectiles, books, manuscripts, works of art, drawings, plans, models, and other condemned or obsolete material which may not be needed in the service of either of said Departments.

29 Stat. 133; 45 Stat.  
773.

50 U. S. C. § 67.  
Loans or gifts to  
certain organizations.

"Such loan or gift shall be made subject to rules and regulations covering the same in each Department, and the Government shall be at no expense in connection with any such loan or gift."

No expense to Gov-  
ernment.

SEC. 2. All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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[CHAPTER 399]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the recognition of the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the University of Pennsylvania by Benjamin Franklin and the beginning of university education in the United States, and providing for the representation of the Government and people of the United States in the observance of the anniversary.

June 20, 1940  
[S. J. Res. 214]  
[Pub. Res., No. 86]

Whereas there are to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at other places during the year 1940 celebrations commemorating the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the University of Pennsylvania by Benjamin Franklin, said institution being the first university to be established in what are now the United States; and

University of Penn-  
sylvania bicentennial.  
Preamble.

Whereas, in accordance with resolutions of the president and fellows of the University of Pennsylvania, there will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st of September 1940 formal ceremonies of celebration of the bicentennial, in the presence of the governing boards, faculties, students, and alumni of the university, the delegates of other institutions, distinguished guests, and a large number of friends and benefactors; and

Whereas the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia will be officially represented at the ceremonies; and Whereas the University of Pennsylvania endeavors to foster and maintain the ideals of truth and freedom so dear to Americans: Therefore be it

Observance of anniversary.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Government and people of the United States unite with the University of Pennsylvania in a fitting and appropriate observance of the two-hundredth anniversary of its founding, which marked the formal beginning of university education in the United States (Harvard, William and Mary, and Yale were founded before the University of Pennsylvania, but they were not universities until after the University of Pennsylvania became a university).

Bicentennial Commission, establishment.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States University of Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) to be composed of fifteen Commissioners, as follows: The President of the United States and four persons to be appointed by him, the President of the Senate and four Members of the Senate to be appointed by said President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four Members of the House to be appointed by said Speaker.

Duties.

SEC. 3. The Commission, on behalf of the United States, shall cooperate with the representatives of the University of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the city of Philadelphia in the appropriate observance of such anniversary, and shall extend appropriate courtesies to the delegates of foreign universities and other foreign learned bodies or individuals attending the celebration as guests of the University of Pennsylvania.

No compensation; chairman; "honorary chairman."

SEC. 4. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number, but the President of the United States shall be designated as the "honorary chairman" of the Commission.

Appropriation authorized.  
Post, p. 1037.

SEC. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000 to be expended by the Commission for expenses, including actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, incurred while discharging its functions under this joint resolution. The Commission shall have power to select, hire, and fix the compensation of such officers and employees as shall be necessary for the performance of its duties without regard to the provisions of other laws applicable to employment or compensation of officers or employees of the United States.

Vacancies.

SEC. 6. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by the President of the United States.

Approved, June 20, 1940.

[CHAPTER 400]

AN ACT

Providing for the reorganization of the Navy Department, and for other purposes.

June 20, 1940

[S. 4026]

[Public, No. 644]

Reorganization of the Navy Department.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following changes are hereby made in the organization of the Department of the Navy:

Designated Bureau, etc., abolished.

(a) The Bureau of Construction and Repair, the Office of the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, the Bureau of Engineering, and the Office of the Chief of the Bureau of Engineering are hereby abolished.