

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.

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[CHAPTER 400]

AN ACT

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

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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.

(b) The functions of the Bureau of Construction and Repair and the functions of the Bureau of Engineering are hereby transferred to and consolidated under one bureau to be known as the Bureau of Ships, with a Chief of Bureau at the head thereof. The duties of the Bureau of Ships shall be assigned by the Secretary of the Navy and performed under his authority and the orders of the Chief of the Bureau of Ships shall be considered as emanating from the Secretary of the Navy, and shall have full force and effect as such.

Establishment of Bureau of Ships. *Post*, pp. 876, 872.

Duties.

(c) The Chief of the Bureau of Ships shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years, from among the officers of the active list of the Navy who are specially qualified and experienced in naval engineering or naval architecture. The Chief of the Bureau of Ships shall have the same rank and shall be entitled to the same pay, allowances, and privileges of retirement as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by or in pursuance of law for other Chiefs of Bureaus in the Navy Department, and shall take precedence ahead of all other officers on duty in the Bureau of Ships.

Appointment of Chief.

Rank, etc.

(d) An officer on the active list of the Navy who is specially qualified and experienced in naval engineering or naval architecture shall be detailed as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships. He shall, while so serving, have the rank of rear admiral and shall receive the highest pay and allowances of that rank: *Provided*, That if the Chief of the Bureau of Ships be specially qualified and experienced in naval engineering, the Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships shall be specially qualified and experienced in naval architecture; and if the Chief of the Bureau of Ships be specially qualified and experienced in naval architecture, the Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships shall be specially qualified and experienced in naval engineering: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall operate to deprive the incumbents in office as the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair and the Chief of the Bureau of Engineering on the effective date of this Act of the rank, pay, allowances, or retirement privileges to which they may be entitled under existing law, nor to affect the status of any officer heretofore retired from said offices.

Detail of Naval officer as Assistant Chief.

Rank, etc.

Proviso.
Qualifications.

Rank, pay, etc., of designated officers.

(e) Officers on the active list of the Navy who are specially qualified and experienced in naval engineering or naval architecture shall be detailed as heads of the major divisions in the Bureau of Ships.

Heads of major divisions.

(f) The Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships and then the heads of the major divisions of that Bureau shall succeed to the duties of the Chief of Bureau during his absence or disability, or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office, in such order as may be directed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Succession to duties of Chief.

(g) All records and property (including office equipment) of the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Construction and Repair, and all the personnel used in the administration and functions of such Bureaus are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Ships for use in the administration and functions transferred or provided by this Act: *Provided*, That any civilian personnel transferred by this section found by the Secretary of the Navy to be in excess of the personnel necessary for the administration of the Bureau of Ships shall be retransferred under existing law to other positions in the Government service, or separated from the service in accordance with the applicable provisions of section 10 (a) of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

Transfer of personnel, records, etc.

Proviso.
Civilian personnel in excess of number required.

53 Stat. 563.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 1331 (a).

Transfer of designated funds.

(h) The unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds available for use in connection with the exercise of any

function herein transferred to the Bureau of Ships shall be transferred to that Bureau for use in connection with the exercise of the functions so transferred. All funds available in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1941 under the headings "Salaries, Bureau of Construction and Repair" and "Salaries, Bureau of Engineering" shall be transferred and consolidated into one appropriation account to be entitled "Salaries, Bureau of Ships", and all funds available in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1941 under the headings "Engineering" and "Construction and Repair" shall be similarly transferred and consolidated into another appropriation account to be entitled "Maintenance, Bureau of Ships", and, further, such part of the funds available under the appropriations "Instruments and Supplies", "Maintenance, Supplies, and Accounts", and "Ordnance and Ordnance Stores" for the fiscal year 1941, as relate to the procurement of equipage, supplies, and services necessary to the maintenance and operation of vessels, and repairs to such equipage, but not including technical ordnance equipage and technical supplies, shall be transferred upon approval of the Bureau of the Budget to the appropriation "Maintenance, Bureau of Ships", provided the Secretary of the Navy shall authorize and direct the transfer of cognizance over such equipage, supplies, and services and repairs to equipage to the Bureau of Ships.

Additional duties of Chief of Naval Operations.

SEC. 2. In addition to the duties now prescribed by law the Chief of Naval Operations shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, be charged with the coordination of the functions of the Naval Establishment afloat, together with the determination of priorities relating to repair and overhaul of ships in commission or about to be commissioned.

Under Secretary, appointment.

SEC. 3. The President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to appoint from civil life, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an Under Secretary in the Department of the Navy to serve during any national emergency declared by him to exist, including the present limited emergency. The Under Secretary of the Navy shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy or required by law and shall be next in succession to the Secretary of the Navy during his absence or disability or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office. The compensation of the Under Secretary of the Navy shall be at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, next after the Under Secretary of the Navy, shall hereafter succeed to the duties of the Secretary of the Navy during his absence or disability, or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office.

Duties; succession to duties of Secretary.

Compensation.

Assistant Secretary, succession to duties of Secretary.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. All laws or parts of laws so far as they are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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[CHAPTER 407]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved May 24, 1938, entitled "An Act for the relief of the Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama" and for the relief of Jose Antonio Sossa D.

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 for the relief of the Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama", approved May 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 1317, ch. 271), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not

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Comision Mixta Demarcadora de Limites Entre Colombia y Panama.

Payments to Colombia and Panama.