

Precedence of appointees after declaration of war, etc.

34 U. S. C. § 735.

Regular Navy of the same rank or grade whose length of service in such rank or grade on the date of the declaration of such national emergency or war is one-half or the nearest one-half of that of the Reserve officer: *Provided further*, That a Naval Reserve officer appointed after the declaration of the war or national emergency shall take precedence, upon reporting for active duty, next after the officer of the Regular Navy of the same rank or grade whose length of service in such rank or grade on the date the Reserve officer reports for active duty, is one-half or the nearest one-half of that of the Reserve officer."

SEC. 9. The Act of June 24, 1926, entitled "An Act to authorize the construction and procurement of aircraft and aircraft equipment in the Navy and Marine Corps, and to adjust and define the status of operating personnel in connection therewith" (44 Stat. 766) is hereby amended by deleting the word "rigid" in line 10 of paragraph 1 of section 3.

Approved, August 27, 1940.

[CHAPTER 695]

AN ACT

August 27, 1940
[H. R. 10213]
[Public, No. 776]

To permit American vessels to assist in the evacuation from the war zones of certain refugee children.

Neutrality Act of 1939, amendment.
Ante, pp. 7, 611.
22 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 245 J-3.

Evacuation of refugee children by American vessels.
Ante, pp. 4, 7.
22 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§§ 245 J-1, 245 J-2.

Safe conduct.
Ante, p. 4.

Markings on vessels.

Proviso.
American sponsors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4, as amended, of the Neutrality Act of 1939 is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 4." and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) The provisions of sections 2 (a) and 3 shall not prohibit a vessel, in ballast, unarmed, and not under convoy, and transporting refugee children, under sixteen years of age, from war zones, or combat areas, and shall not prohibit such vessel entering into such war zones or combat areas for this purpose, together with such necessary American citizen adult personnel in charge as may be approved by the Secretary of State, subject to the provisions of the immigration laws, if such vessel is proceeding under safe conduct granted by all of the States named in the proclamations issued under the authority of section 1 (a), and if such vessel has painted on a large scale prominently, distinctly, and unmistakably on each side thereof and upon the superstructure thereof plainly visible from the air an American flag and a statement to the effect that such vessel is a refugee-child rescue ship of the United States or under United States registry: *Provided*, That every such child so brought into the United States shall, previous to departure from the port of embarkation, have been so sponsored by some responsible American person, natural or corporate, that he will not become a public charge."

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[CHAPTER 704]

AN ACT

August 27, 1940
[S. 2997]
[Public, No. 777]

For the relief of the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors.

Greenlee County Board of Supervisors, Clifton, Ariz.
Payment to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors at Clifton, Arizona, the sum of \$1,700 in full satisfaction of the claim of said board of supervisors against the United States arising out of damage to the