

# PUBLIC LAWS

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## FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, January 3, 1945, and adjourned sine die on Friday, December 21, 1945*

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President until his death, April 12, 1945; HARRY S. TRUMAN, President on and after April 12, 1945; HENRY A. WALLACE, Vice President to January 20, 1945; HARRY S. TRUMAN, Vice President from January 20, 1945, to April 12, 1945; KENNETH MCKELLAR, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### [CHAPTER 1]

#### AN ACT

To further amend section 22 of the Act approved March 4, 1925, entitled "An Act providing for sundry matters affecting the naval service, and for other purposes", by changing the limitation on the total personnel of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (a) of section 22 of the Act approved March 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 1276), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 22. (a) A Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps is hereby authorized to be established and operated under such regulations as the President may prescribe, which regulations shall, so far as may be practicable, conform to the provisions of the National Defense Act approved June 3, 1916, sections 40 to 53, inclusive (39 Stat. L. 191-194), as amended: *Provided*, That the powers conferred therein upon the Secretary of War with regard to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps are hereby conferred upon the Secretary of the Navy with regard to the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps: *Provided further*, That all expenditures in connection with the establishment and operation of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps shall be specifically appropriated therefor: *Provided further*, That members of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps shall be eligible for appointment as Naval Reserve officers under the same conditions as provided by law for the appointment of Naval Reserve officers from other citizens of the United States, and when so appointed shall have the same status and be entitled to the same benefits in all respects as provided by law for other members of the Naval Reserve: *Provided further*, That the word 'naval' wherever used in this section shall be construed to include Marine Corps: *And provided further*, That until the expiration of one year after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as declared by the President or by concurrent resolution of Congress, the total personnel

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[Public Law 1]

Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps.  
34 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 821 (a).

Establishment and operation.  
*Post*, p. 204.

10 U. S. C. § 331 et seq.; Supp. IV, § 383 et seq.  
Powers of Secretary of Navy.

Specific appropriation required.

Eligibility as Naval Reserve officers.

Status and benefits.

"Naval" to include Marine Corps.

Total personnel.

of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps shall not at any one time exceed twenty-four thousand and thereafter the total personnel of such corps shall not at any one time exceed fourteen thousand."

Approved February 13, 1945.

[CHAPTER 2]

AN ACT

February 13, 1945  
[H. R. 1427]  
[Public Law 2]

Relating to the compensation of telephone operators on the United States Capitol telephone exchange.

U. S. Capitol tele-  
phone exchange.  
Compensation of  
operators.  
Post, pp. 242, 245.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That on and after February 1, 1945, the basic rates of compensation of telephone operators on the United States Capitol telephone exchange (whether under the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the House of Representatives or under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate) shall be as follows:

(a) Chief operator, \$3,000 per annum.  
(b) Assistant chief operator, \$2,400 per annum, and \$200 per annum additional so long as the position is held by the present incumbent.

(c) Others, \$1,800 per annum plus—

- (1) \$240 per annum additional in the case of those having more than twenty-five years of service;
- (2) \$180 per annum additional in the case of those having more than twenty and not more than twenty-five years of service;
- (3) \$150 per annum additional in the case of those having more than fifteen and not more than twenty years of service;
- (4) \$120 per annum additional in the case of those having more than ten and not more than fifteen years of service; and
- (5) \$60 per annum additional in the case of those having more than five and not more than ten years of service.

Service computa-  
tion.

In computing such years of service, the term "service" means service as a telephone operator on the United States Capitol telephone exchange (whether under the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the House of Representatives or under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate) and shall not be limited to continuous service.

Amounts author-  
ized.

SEC. 2. The necessary amounts to carry into effect the increases herein provided, from February 1 to June 30, 1945, hereby are authorized to be paid from the appropriations for salaries of officers and employees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives for the fiscal year 1945.

58 Stat. 334, 340.  
Post, p. 78.

Approved February 13, 1945.

[CHAPTER 3]

AN ACT

February 24, 1945  
[H. R. 1808]  
[Public Law 3]

To grant to the Hawaiian Electric Company, Limited, the right to construct certain ditches, tunnels, and oil pipe lines in Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii.

Pearl Harbor, T. H.  
Construction of  
ditches, tunnels, and  
oil pipe lines.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the right is hereby granted to the Hawaiian Electric Company, Limited, a Hawaiian corporation, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate intake and discharge ditches and tunnels for the purpose of taking salt water from and discharging it into Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, and to lay, maintain, and operate oil pipe lines from ship's moorings to the company's properties at Waiiau, Ewa, said Oahu, in the area in Pearl Harbor between the southern boundaries of