

1916 and April 1917; or who has served or hereafter serves in the military or naval forces of the United States after September 16, 1940, and who was not at any time during such period or thereafter separated from such forces under other than honorable conditions, who was not a conscientious objector who performed no military duty whatever or refused to wear the uniform, or who was not at any time during such period or thereafter discharged from such military or naval forces on account of alienage.”

Approved November 21, 1945.

[CHAPTER 492]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of additional cadets at the United States Military Academy, and additional midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy, from among the sons of persons who have been or shall hereafter be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the number of cadets authorized by law enacted prior to the enactment of this Act at the United States Military Academy, and the number of midshipmen authorized by law enacted prior to the enactment of this Act at the United States Naval Academy, are each hereby increased by such number as may be appointed by the President from the United States at large from among the sons of persons who have been or shall hereafter be awarded a Medal of Honor in the name of Congress for acts performed while in any of the armed forces of the United States: *Provided,* That all such appointees are otherwise qualified for admission.

Approved November 24, 1945.

[CHAPTER 493]

AN ACT

Authorizing appointments to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy of sons of members of the land or naval forces of the United States who were killed in action or have died of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, in active service during the present war, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second paragraph of the Act of June 8, 1926 (44 Stat. 703, 704), as amended by the Act of December 1, 1942 (56 Stat. 1024), is amended to read as follows:

“The number of cadets now authorized by law at the United States Military Academy and the number of midshipmen now authorized by law at the United States Naval Academy are each hereby increased by forty from the United States at large, to be appointed by the President from among the sons of members of the land or naval forces (including male and female members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and of all components thereof) of the United States, who were killed in action or have died, or may hereafter die, of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, or preexisting injury or disease aggravated, in active service during World War I or World War II (as each is defined by laws providing service-connected compensation or pension benefits for veterans of World War I and World War II and their dependents): *Provided,* That the determination of the Veterans’ Administration as to service connection of the cause of death shall be binding upon the Secretary

November 24, 1945  
[H. R. 1591]  
[Public Law 228]

Persons awarded  
Medal of Honor.  
Appointment of sons  
to U. S. Military  
and Naval Academies.

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[H. R. 1868]  
[Public Law 229]

10 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 1091a; 34 U. S. C.,  
Supp. IV, § 1036a.

Members of land or  
naval forces killed in  
action, etc.  
Appointment of sons  
to U. S. Military  
and Naval Academies.

of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively: *Provided further*, That all such appointees are otherwise qualified for admission: *And provided further*, That appointees under this Act shall be selected in order of merit as established by competitive examination.”

Approved November 24, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 494]

## AN ACT

To include stepparents, parents by adoption, and any person who has stood in loco parentis among those persons with respect to whom allowances may be paid under the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, and for other purposes.

November 24, 1945  
[H. R. 2525]  
[Public Law 230]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4 of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 361), as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph: “As used in this section, the terms ‘father’, ‘mother’, ‘parent’, and ‘parents’ shall include a stepparent, a parent by adoption, and any person, including a former stepparent, who has stood in loco parentis to the person concerned at any time for a continuous period of not less than five years: *Provided*, That a stepparent-stepchild relationship shall be deemed to be terminated by the stepparent’s divorce from the blood parent.”

Pay Readjustment  
Act of 1942, amend-  
ment.  
37 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 104.  
Person standing in  
loco parentis.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month occurring after its enactment. No pay or allowances for any period prior to the effective date of this Act shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act.

Effective date.

Approved November 24, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 495]

## AN ACT

To provide for the extension of certain oil and gas leases.

November 30, 1945  
[S. 1459]  
[Public Law 231]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the last sentence in the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to grant a preference right to certain oil and gas leases”, approved July 29, 1942, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: “The term of any five-year lease expiring prior to December 31, 1946, maintained in accordance with the applicable statutory requirements and regulations and for which no preference right to a new lease is granted by this section, is hereby extended to December 31, 1946.”

56 Stat. 726.  
30 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 226b.

Approved November 30, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 496]

## AN ACT

To amend section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act for the control of floods on the Mississippi River and its tributaries and for other purposes”, approved May 15, 1928.

November 30, 1945  
[H. R. 1902]  
[Public Law 232]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act for the control of floods on the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and for other purposes”, approved May 15, 1928 (45 Stat. 536; 33 U. S. C. 702d), is hereby amended by deleting the words “In all such proceedings the court, for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the property and assessing the compensation to be paid, shall appoint three commissioners, whose award, when confirmed by the court, shall be final”, and substituting therefor the words, “In

Flood control, Mis-  
sissippi River.

Condemnation pro-  
ceedings.