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OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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HARRY S. TRUMAN, President; KENNETH MCKELLAR, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[CHAPTER 2]

AN ACT

To provide for adjustment between the proper appropriations, of unpaid balances in the pay accounts of naval personnel on the last day of each fiscal year, and for other purposes.

February 9, 1946  
[S. 1467]  
[Public Law 294]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon certification to the Comptroller General and the Secretary of the Treasury by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts on transfer and counterwarrants of the net amount of the unpaid and overpaid balances occurring in the individual pay accounts of naval personnel on the last day of any fiscal year, such net amount shall be charged against the appropriation for the fiscal year in which such balances occurred, and from which such amount was payable, and shall be credited to and payable from the corresponding appropriation for the next succeeding fiscal year.

Naval personnel.  
Pay accounts.

Approved February 9, 1946.

[CHAPTER 3]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified executive civil service of the United States", approved November 26, 1940, so as to provide for counting military service of certain employees of the legislative branch in determining the eligibility of such employees for civil-service status under such Act.

February 12, 1946  
[S. 102]  
[Public Law 295]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (b) of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified executive civil service of the United States", approved November 26, 1940 (54 Stat. 1212; U. S. C., title 5, sec. 631 (b)), is amended by adding at the end of such subsection a new sentence as follows: "In the case of an individual who shall have held such a position in the legislative branch for at least two years and who shall have been separated from such position for the purpose of entering the military

Civil service.  
Status of certain  
legislative employees.

5 U. S. C. § 631b (b).

or naval service, such individual shall be deemed, for the purposes of this subsection, to have held such position during the period within which he shall have served in the military or naval forces.”

Approved February 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 4]

AN ACT

February 12, 1946  
[S. 765]  
[Public Law 296]

Concerning the establishment of meteorological observation stations in the Arctic region of the Western Hemisphere, for the purpose of improving the weather forecasting service within the United States and on the civil international air transport routes from the United States.

Meteorological re-  
porting stations.  
Post, p. 944.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to improve the weather forecasting service of the United States and to promote safety and efficiency in civil air navigation to the highest possible degree, the Chief of the Weather Bureau, under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce, shall, in addition to his other functions and duties, take such action as may be necessary in the development of an international basic meteorological reporting network in the Arctic region of the Western Hemisphere, including the establishment, operation, and maintenance of such reporting stations in cooperation with the State Department and other United States governmental departments and agencies, with the meteorological services of foreign countries and with persons engaged in air commerce.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
Post, p. 474.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved February 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 5]

AN ACT

February 12, 1946  
[S. 1545]  
[Public Law 297]

To amend article 38 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy.

Navy.  
General courts-mar-  
tial.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That article 38 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy (Rev. Stat., sec. 1624, art. 38), as amended or superseded by the Act approved February 16, 1909, chapter 131, section 10 (35 Stat. 621), as amended by the Act approved August 29, 1916, chapter 417 (39 Stat. 586), is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

34 U. S. C. § 1200,  
art. 38.

“ART. 38. CONVENING AUTHORITY.—General courts-martial may be convened:

“First. By the President, the Secretary of the Navy, the commander in chief of a fleet, and the commanding officer of a naval station or a larger shore activity beyond the continental limits of the United States; and

“Second. When empowered by the Secretary of the Navy, by the commanding officer of a division, squadron, flotilla, or other naval force afloat, and by the commandant or commanding officer of any naval district, naval base, or naval station, and by the commandant, commanding officer, or chief of any other force or activity of the Navy or Marine Corps, not attached to a naval district, naval base, or naval station.”

Approved February 12, 1946.