

“SEC. 4C. Any civilian member of the teaching staffs retiring under the provisions of this Act, as amended, may at the time of his retirement elect to receive in lieu of the life annuity to be paid by the Secretary of the Navy under the provisions of this Act a reduced annuity payable to him during his life, and an annuity after his death payable to his beneficiary, duly designated in writing and filed with the Secretary of the Navy at the time of retirement, during the life of such beneficiary (a) equal to or (b) 50 per centum of such reduced annuity and upon the death of such surviving beneficiary all payments shall cease and no further annuities shall be due or payable. The amounts of these two annuities shall be such that their combined actuarial value on the date of retirement as determined under the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act shall be the same as the actuarial value of the single life annuity provided by this Act.”

Choice of annuities.

46 Stat. 468.  
5 U. S. C. § 691 et seq.; Supp. V, § 691 et seq.  
Ante, pp. 339, 658, 659, 706, 706; post, pp. 850, 859.

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 741]

AN ACT

To amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, for the purpose of making a clerical correction.

August 2, 1946  
[S. 2259]

[Public Law 597]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 104 (c) of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 is amended to read as follows:

Ante, p. 131.

“(c) All of the provisions of this title shall be subject to the requirement that, to the fullest extent practicable, the Commission shall require that the lost or damaged property be rebuilt, replaced, or repaired before payments of money are actually made to claimants under this title: *Provided*, That if the Commission determines it is impossible for any reason beyond the control of the claimant, or is impractical to rebuild, replace, or repair the lost or damaged property, the Commission may make payment to the claimant without making said requirement: *Provided, however*, That as a condition to the making of such payment, the Commission shall require that the whole of such payment shall be reinvested in such manner as will further the rehabilitation or economic development of the Philippines: *And provided further*, That nothing in this subsection shall preclude the partial payment of claims as the rebuilding, replacing, or repairing of the property progresses.”

Replacement, etc., of property.

Exception.

Reinvestment of payment.

Partial payment of claims.

Ante, p. 131.  
Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. Section 105 of such Act is amended to read as follows: “SEC. 105. Not later than six months after its organization, and every six months thereafter, the Commission shall make a report to the Congress concerning operations under this title.”

Ante, p. 134.

SEC. 3. Section 201 of such Act is amended on page 8, lines 12 and 17, after the word “Philippines,” by addition of the following “(Republic of the Philippines).”

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 742]

AN ACT

To permit the Secretary of the Navy to delegate the authority to compromise and settle claims for damages to property under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department, and for other purposes.

August 2, 1946  
[S. 2349]

[Public Law 598]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of December 5, 1945 (Public Law 246, Seventy-ninth Congress), is hereby amended by adding another section thereto as follows:

Navy.  
59 Stat. 596.  
34 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 600a-600c.

Delegation of authority.

"SEC. 4. Where the net amount received in settlement does not exceed \$1,000, the authority of the Secretary of the Navy as set forth in section 1 may be exercised by such person or persons as he may designate."

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 743]

AN ACT

To provide for refunds to railroad employees in certain cases, so as to place the various States on an equal basis, under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, with respect to contributions of employees.

August 2, 1946  
[H. R. 3420]  
[Public Law 599]

Railroad employees.  
Refunds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any case where an employee amount (as hereinafter defined) was paid from a State unemployment fund to the Unemployment Trust Fund, an aggregate amount equal thereto shall be paid from the Unemployment Trust Fund, as refunds, to employees who paid into the State fund the contributions upon which such payment into the Unemployment Trust Fund was based, except that in case any such employee is deceased, payment shall be made to his estate; and the payment so made in the case of any employee shall be in proportion to the contributions paid by such employee into the State fund: *Provided,* That payment in any such case shall be made only if application therefor is made to the Railroad Retirement Board within twelve months after the date of enactment of this Act.

Application.

Definitions.

(b) As used in this Act—

(1) The term "employee amount" means any amount paid from a State unemployment fund to the Unemployment Trust Fund which would not have been required to be paid, under the provisions of section 13 (c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, if such section 13 (c) had not required payment of amounts based on contributions collected from employees.

(2) The term "Unemployment Trust Fund" means the fund established by section 904 of the Social Security Act.

(3) The term "employees" has the same meaning as in the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

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52 Stat. 1111.  
45 U. S. C. § 363 (c);  
Supp. V. § 363 (c).

49 Stat. 640.  
42 U. S. C. § 1104;  
Supp. V. § 1104.

45 U. S. C. § 367;  
Supp. V. § 361 *et seq.*  
*Ante*, p. 722 *et seq.*

[CHAPTER 744]

AN ACT

To authorize certain administrative expenses in the Government service, and for other purposes.

August 2, 1946  
[H. R. 6533]  
[Public Law 600]

Transfer of civilian employees.  
Travel expenses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) under such regulations as the President may prescribe, any civilian officer or employee of the Government who, in the interest of the Government, is transferred from one official station to another, including transfer from one department to another, for permanent duty, shall, except as otherwise provided herein, when authorized, in the order directing the travel, by such subordinate official or officials of the department concerned as the head thereof may designate for the purpose, be allowed and paid from Government funds the expenses of travel of himself and the expenses of transportation of his immediate family (or a commutation thereof in accordance with the Act of February 14, 1931) and the expenses of transportation, packing, crating, temporary storage, drayage, and unpacking of his household goods and personal effects (not to exceed seven thousand pounds if uncrated or eight thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds if

Post, p. 807.