

shall be paid an immediate life annuity beginning on the first day of the month following the date of final separation from the service. Such annuity shall have a value equal to an annuity computed as provided in section 4 of this Act reduced by one-sixth of 1 per centum for each full month any such officer or employee is (A) under the age of sixty years if he has rendered at least thirty years of service computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act, or (B) under the age of sixty-two years if he has rendered less than thirty years of service computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act."

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 909]

AN ACT

To amend section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton".

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton", approved March 3, 1927, be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. That, of the reports issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to the Act entitled 'An Act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semimonthly cotton crop reports and providing for their publication simultaneously with the ginning reports of the Department of Commerce', approved May 3, 1924, only five shall be issued hereafter, one as of August 1, one as of September 1, one as of October 1, one as of November 1, and one as of December 1, each of which shall state the condition and progress of the crop and the probable number of bales which will be ginned, these reports to be issued simultaneously with the cotton-ginning reports of the Bureau of the Census relating to the same dates, the two reports to be issued from the same place at 11 antemeridian of the eighth day following that to which the respective reports relate. When such date of release falls on Sunday, a legal holiday, or other day which pursuant to statute or Executive order is a nonworkday in the Department of Agriculture at Washington generally, the report shall be issued at 11 o'clock antemeridian of the next succeeding workday."

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 910]

AN ACT

To extend temporarily the time for filing applications for patents, for taking action in the United States Patent Office with respect thereto, for preventing proof of acts abroad with respect to the making of an invention, 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 rights of priority provided by section 4887 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 32), as amended, for the filing of applications for patent for inventions, discoveries, and designs, which rights had not expired on the 8th day of September 1939, or which rights have arisen since the 8th day of September 1939, shall be, and the same are hereby, extended until the expiration of a period of twelve months from the passage of this Act in favor of the citizens of the United States and of citizens or subjects of all countries which have extended, or which now extend or which within said period of twelve months shall extend substantially reciprocal privileges to citizens of the United States, and such

46 Stat. 471.  
5 U. S. C. § 698;  
Supp. V, § 698.

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Cotton statistics.

44 Stat. 1373.  
7 U. S. C. § 475.  
Reports.

43 Stat. 115.  
7 U. S. C. § 475.

August 8, 1946  
[H. R. 5223]  
[Public Law 690]

Patents.  
Rights of priority  
for filing applications.