

SEC. 2. In the case of any Member of the House of Representatives other than the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, the majority whip, and the minority whip, the aggregate amount of the charges which may be so paid from the contingent fund for any fiscal year shall not exceed \$500.

Limitation on amount paid from contingent fund.

SEC. 3. After June 30, 1949, no telegrams shall be charged to the official business of the House of Representatives by any Member.

SEC. 4. Effective July 1, 1949, the clerk hire of each Member of the House of Representatives shall be at the rate of \$12,500 per annum. No person shall receive basic compensation from such clerk hire at a rate in excess of \$5,000 per annum.

Clerk hire.

SEC. 5. The last sentence of section 501 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "now" the words "or hereafter".

59 Stat. 301,
5 U. S. C. § 931.

SEC. 6. As used in this Act, (a) the term "Member" or "Member of the House of Representatives" includes a Representative in Congress, a Delegate from a Territory, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and (b) the term "State" includes the several States, the Territories, and Puerto Rico.

Definitions.

Approved June 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 239]

AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer to the United States section, International Boundary and Water Commission, by the War Assets Administration of a portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, and adjacent borrow area, without exchange of funds or reimbursement.

June 23, 1949
[H. R. 1338]
[Public Law 122]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is hereby authorized to accept by transfer without reimbursement or exchange of funds, and to assume permanent custody and control over, in connection with the lower Rio Grande flood-control project under the jurisdiction of said United States section, that portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, and adjacent borrow area, described as follows:

International Bound-
ary and Water Com-
mission, U. S. section.
Transfer of land at
Brownsville, Texas.

Tract 1, Fort Brown.—A tract containing two hundred and forty-one and six one-hundredths acres in the Espiritu Santo grant in Cameron County, Texas, out of and a part of the Fort Brown military reservation as shown on map recorded in volume 8, page 23, of the map records of Cameron County, Texas.

Tract 2, Borrow Area.—A tract containing seventeen and four-tenths acres in share numbered 19 of the Espiritu Santo grant, Cameron County, Texas, conveyed to the United States of America by deed from Carrie M. Combe, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Frederick J. Combe, deceased, recorded in volume 322, page 352, of the deed records of Cameron County, Texas; both of said tracts being shown on drawing numbered 4311-RC-12, San Benito, Texas, January 15, 1947, of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, United States section, designated "Flood Control Project—Lower Rio Grande, Texas—Fort Brown Military Reservation", and on field notes attached thereto, which drawing and field notes are on file with said United States section and with the War Assets Administration, said property having heretofore been declared surplus to the War Assets Administration; and the War Assets Administration, or other Federal agency in responsible charge, is authorized and directed to transfer said property to the said United States section without reimbursement or exchange of funds.

Transfer of building.

SEC. 2. There shall likewise be transferred to said United States section, in connection with the transfer of said land, that certain building thereon situate, known and numbered as warehouse building 252.

Sale of improvements.

SEC. 3. The improvements on said land, except warehouse building 252, may be sold by the War Assets Administration under its existing authority, for use on the premises where now situated, subject to the provision that such use shall be in conformity with the terms and conditions of licenses to be issued therefor by the Secretary of State under the authority of the Act of August 27, 1935 (49 Stat. 906; 22 U. S. C., sec. 277e): *Provided*, That such licenses shall not be inconsistent with the primary purpose of flood control and the use of said land as a floodway, as determined by the Secretary of State. Any such improvements not sold for use on the premises may be sold by the War Assets Administration for removal from the premises within one year from the date of sale. To the extent that any such improvements are not sold under the provisions hereof within a period of one year from the effective date of this Act, title thereto shall remain in the United States, and jurisdiction and control thereover shall vest in the said United States section.

Granting of licenses.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of State shall, in order to assure beneficial public use of this land not inconsistent with the primary purpose of flood control, grant a license or licenses to the city of Brownsville, Texas, under the authority of the Act of August 27, 1935, to use portions of the lands transferred to the United States section under this Act for municipal parks, golf course, museums, athletic fields, including stadiums, and other public purposes not inconsistent with the primary purpose of flood control and with the use of said land as a floodway, as determined by the Secretary of State and subject to such terms and conditions as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be necessary to protect the interests of the United States: *Provided*, That application is made by the city of Brownsville for such license or licenses within a period of one year from the effective date of this Act: *Provided further*, That such license or licenses shall not be inconsistent with those granted under section 3 hereof for the use of the improvements therein specified: *Provided further*, That except for this provision granting to the city of Brownsville a preferential right for one year to be granted a license or licenses, nothing in this section shall be construed as modifying or impairing the authority of the Secretary of State over said lands under said Act of August 27, 1935.

49 Stat. 906.
22 U. S. C. § 277e.

Time limitation.

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[CHAPTER 240]

AN ACT

June 24, 1949
[S. 1023]

[Public Law 123]

To amend section 9 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, so as to grant credit in accordance with such section for service for which, through inadvertence, no deductions from salary are made.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 9 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "including any case in which such deductions are required to be made but are not made due to error on the part of the employing agency and such error being made without the knowledge of the employee affected by the mistake".

Approved June 24, 1949.

46 Stat. 475.
5 U. S. C. § 736b;
Supp. II, § 736b.
Post, p. 476.