

[CHAPTER 1145]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to effect the settlement of claims for losses and damages inflicted upon the Portuguese territory of Macao by United States Armed Forces during World War II in violation of neutral rights.

December 21, 1950
[H. R. 9484]
[Public Law 886]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay the sum of 1,172,762.39 patacas with interest at the rate of 71.49 patacas daily from December 31, 1949, to the date of payment to the Government of Portugal in full and final settlement of claims for losses and damages inflicted by United States Armed Forces upon persons and property in the territory of Macao during World War II in violation of neutral rights; and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$202,559.52, together with such additional sums as may be necessary, due to any increase in the exchange rate or to the accumulation of interest, to carry out the terms of the settlement.

Portugal.
Payment of claims.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

Approved December 21, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1151]

AN ACT

To amend Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 with respect to certain mothers of veterans.

December 27, 1950
[S. 3263]
[Public Law 887]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended (5 U. S. C. 851), is amended by striking out clauses 5 and 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(5) mothers of deceased ex-servicemen or ex-servicewomen who lost their lives, under honorable conditions while on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during any war, or in any campaign or expedition (for which a campaign badge has been authorized), or of service-connected permanently and totally disabled ex-servicemen or ex-servicewomen who were separated from such Armed Forces under honorable conditions if—

Veterans' Prefer-
ence Act of 1944,
amendments.
62 Stat. 3.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 851 (5), (6).

(A) the father is totally and permanently disabled, or

(B) the mother was widowed, divorced, or separated from the father and—

(1) has not remarried, or

(2) has remarried but (i) her husband is totally and permanently disabled or (ii) she is divorced or legally separated from her husband or such husband is dead at the time preference is claimed."

SEC. 2. (a) Section 3 of such Act, as amended, is amended by striking out "(5) and (6)" and inserting in lieu thereof "and (5)".

(b) Section 10 of such Act is amended by striking out "(5) and (6)" and inserting in lieu thereof "and (5)".

62 Stat. 3.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 852.

62 Stat. 3.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 859.

Approved December 27, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1152]

AN ACT

To amend section 3 of the Postal Salary Act of July 6, 1945.

December 27, 1950
[S. 3654]
[Public Law 888]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers,

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time, etc.

and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945 (59 Stat. 435), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

39 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 853.

"SEC. 3. (a) When the needs of the service require employees to perform service on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, such employees shall be allowed compensatory time for such service on one day within five working days next succeeding the Saturday or Sunday and within thirty days next succeeding the holiday.

"(b) If the service so performed on Saturdays and Sundays is less than eight hours, such service may, in the discretion of the Postmaster General, be carried forward and combined with similar service performed on other Saturdays and Sundays, and such employees may be allowed compensatory time for such combined service or any part thereof at any time, except that, whenever at least eight hours of such service has been accumulated, such employees shall be allowed eight hours compensatory time on one day within five working days next succeeding the Saturday or Sunday on which the total accumulated service was at least eight hours.

"(c) The Postmaster General may, if the exigencies of the service require, authorize the payment of overtime to employees other than supervisory employees whose base salaries, exclusive of longevity salary, are more than \$4,170 per annum, for services performed on Saturdays, Sundays, and Christmas Day during the month of December, in lieu of compensatory time.

"(d) Supervisory employees shall be allowed compensatory time for services performed in excess of eight hours per day, and those whose base salaries, exclusive of longevity salary, are more than \$4,170 per annum shall be allowed compensatory time for services performed on Saturdays, Sundays, and on Christmas Day during the month of December, within one hundred and eighty days from the days such service was performed.

Nonapplicability.

"(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to employees in the Postal Transportation Service; post-office inspectors; rural carriers; traveling mechanics; examiners of equipment and supplies; clerks in third-class post offices; and employees paid on an hourly basis."

Approved December 27, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1153]

AN ACT

Relating to contracts for the transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other mechanical devices.

December 27, 1950
[S. 4102]
[Public Law 889]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General may enter into contracts, for terms not exceeding ten years, for the transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other mechanical devices.

Post Office Department.

Contracts for transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes, etc.

SEC. 2. Contracts for the transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other mechanical devices shall be subject to the provisions of laws relating to the letting of mail contracts, except as otherwise provided in this Act. Advertisements shall state in general terms only the requirements of the service and shall be in the form best calculated to invite competitive bidding. The Postmaster General may reject any and all bids. No contract shall be awarded except to the lowest responsible bidder tendering full and sufficient guaranties to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General of his ability to perform satisfactory service.