

[CHAPTER 38]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at a celebration commemorating the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, to be held at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, April 16 through 19, inclusive, 1950.

February 26, 1950  
 [S. 2681]  
 [Public Law 450]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at a celebration to be held April 16 through 19, inclusive, 1950, at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, commemorating the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

U. S. Marine Band.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of defraying expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such celebration there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sufficient sum to cover the cost of transportation and pullman accommodations for the leaders and members of the Marine Band, and allowance not to exceed \$8 per day each for additional traveling and living expenses while on duty, such allowance to be in addition to the pay and allowance to which they would be entitled while serving their permanent station.

Appropriation au-  
 thorized.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing Act, having been presented to the President of the United States on Tuesday, February 14, 1950, for his approval and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

To expedite the rehabilitation of Federal reclamation projects in certain cases.

March 3, 1950  
 [H. R. 7220]  
 [Public Law 451]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second sentence of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the return of rehabilitation and betterment costs of Federal reclamation projects", approved October 7, 1949, is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a semicolon and the following: "except that, any such determination may become effective prior to the expiration of such sixty days in any case in which each such committee approves an earlier date and notifies the Secretary, in writing, of such approval: *Provided,* That when Congress is not in session the Secretary's determination, if accompanied by a finding by the Secretary that substantial hardship to the water users concerned or substantial further injury to the project works will result, shall become effective when the chairman and ranking minority member of each such committee shall file with the Secretary their written approval of said findings."

Federal reclamation  
 projects.  
 Return of rehabili-  
 tation, etc., costs.

63 Stat. 725.  
 43 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
 § 504.

Approved March 3, 1950.

[CHAPTER 50]

AN ACT

To amend section 482 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Board of Appeals in the United States Patent Office.

March 4, 1950  
 [S. 2328]  
 [Public Law 452]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 482 of the Revised Statutes (35 U. S. C. 7) is amended by adding the following paragraph:

Patent Office, Board  
 of Appeals.  
 Examiner in chief.

"The Commissioner, when in his discretion considered necessary to maintain the work of the board of appeals current, may designate any