

[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 authorized.

[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 rehabilitation, 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

examiner of the primary examiner grade or higher, having the requisite ability, to serve as examiner in chief for periods not exceeding six months each, and any examiner so designated shall be qualified to act as a member of the board of appeals. Not more than one primary examiner shall be among the members of the board of appeals hearing an appeal."

Approved March 4, 1950.

[CHAPTER 52]

AN ACT

March 10, 1950  
[S. 2364]  
[Public Law 453]

To provide for the utilization as a national cemetery of surplus Army Department-owned military real property at Fort Logan, Colorado.

Fort Logan, Colo.  
National Cemetery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when the Secretary of the Army determines that there is need for an additional cemetery or cemeteries for the burial of members of the armed forces of the United States dying in the service or former members whose last discharge therefrom was honorable and certain other persons as provided for by law, he is authorized to utilize such of the federally owned lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army at Fort Logan, Colorado, as are not needed for military purposes for the establishment thereon of a national cemetery.

SEC. 2. Upon the selection by the Secretary of the Army of any lands, as provided in section 1 hereof, he is authorized and directed to establish thereon a national cemetery and to provide for the care and maintenance of such cemetery. No national cemetery established pursuant to this Act shall have an area in excess of one hundred and sixty acres.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to prescribe such regulations as he may deem necessary for the administration of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this Act.

Approved March 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 53]

AN ACT

March 10, 1950  
[S. 2436]  
[Public Law 454]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction, protection, operation, and maintenance of public airports in the Territory of Alaska".

Alaska.  
Public airports.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction, protection, operation, and maintenance of public airports in the Territory of Alaska", approved May 28, 1948 (Public Law 562, Eightieth Congress), is amended by striking out the figures "\$13,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$17,000,000".

62 Stat. 279.  
48 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 485 note.

Approved March 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 54]

AN ACT

March 10, 1950  
[H. R. 4406]  
[Public Law 455]

To provide for the settlement of certain claims of the Government of the United States on its own behalf and on behalf of American nationals against foreign governments.

International Claims  
Settlement Act of 1949.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "International Claims Settlement Act of 1949".