

"Each executive department, and each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction of any executive department, shall establish and maintain such record as will enable it to determine the amount deducted within each fiscal year from the basic salary, pay, or compensation of each employee within its jurisdiction to whom this Act applies. When such employee is transferred from one office to another a certified abstract of his official record shall be transmitted to the office to which the transfer is made.

Record of salary reductions to be kept, etc.

Transmittal on transfer.

"When application is made to the Commissioner of Pensions for return of deductions and accrued interest, as provided in this section, such application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the proper officer showing the complete record of deductions, by fiscal years, and other data necessary to the proper adjustment of the claim.

Certificate of deductions, etc., to accompany applications for return thereof.

"The Commissioner of Pensions, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall establish rules and regulations for crediting and reporting deductions and for computing interest hereunder."

Rules, etc., to be established.

SEC. 2. That section 13 of such Act of May 22, 1920, is amended to read as follows:

Vol. 41, p. 619, amended.

"SEC. 13. That it shall be the duty of the head of each executive department and the head of each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction of any executive department to report to the Civil Service Commission, in such manner as said commission may prescribe, the name and grade of each employee to whom this Act applies in or under said department or establishment who shall be at any time in a nonpay status, showing the dates such employee was in a nonpay status, and the amount of salary, pay, or compensation lost by the employee by reason of such absence. The Civil Service Commission shall keep a record of appointments, transfers, changes in grade, separations from the service, reinstatements, loss of pay, and such other information concerning individual service as may be deemed essential to a proper determination of rights under this Act, and shall furnish the Commissioner of Pensions such reports therefrom as he shall from time to time request as necessary to the proper adjustment of any claim for annuity hereunder, and shall prepare and keep all needful tables and records required for carrying out the provisions of this Act, including data showing the mortality experience of the employees in the service and the percentage of withdrawal from such service, and any other information that may serve as a guide for future valuations and adjustments of the plan for the retirement of employees under this Act.

Period of nonpay status of employees, etc., to be reported to Civil Service Commission.

Record of individual services to be kept by Commission.

Reports, etc., to Commissioner of Pensions to adjust annuity claims.

"The Commissioner of Pensions shall make a detailed comparative report annually showing all receipts and disbursements on account of refunds, allowances, and annuities, together with the total number of persons receiving annuities and the amounts paid them."

Annual reports of receipts, disbursements, etc.

Approved, February 14, 1922.

CHAP. 52.—An Act To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Gulf Ports Terminal Railway Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida, to construct a bridge over and across the headwaters of Mobile Bay and such navigable channels as are between the east side of the bay and Blakely Island, in Baldwin and Mobile Counties, Alabama," approved October 5, 1917.

February 14, 1922.
[S. 2994.]
Public, No. 143.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved October 5, 1917, authorizing the Gulf Ports Terminal Railway Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida, to construct, operate, and maintain a bridge or bridges and trestles over and across the navigable channels of the mouth of Mobile River

Mobile River, etc., Ala.

Time extended for bridging, by Gulf Ports Terminal Railway Company.

Vol. 40, p. 339; Vol. 41, p. 1100.

from Bay Port, in township four south, range two east, on the east shore of the waters of Mobile Bay, in Baldwin County, Alabama, on a direct line, to a point on Blakely Island, in Mobile County, on the east shore of Mobile River, opposite the municipal docks of the city of Mobile, Alabama, at a point or points suitable to the interests of navigation, be, and the same is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge or bridges and trestles herein authorized be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.

Proviso.
Commencement and completion.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 14, 1922.

February 14, 1922.
[S. J. Res. 99.]
[Pub. Res., No. 39.]

CHAP. 53.—Joint Resolution Providing a site upon public grounds in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, for the erection of a statue of Dante.

Statue of Dante.
Erection of, in District of Columbia, authorized.
Locations excluded.

Proviso.
Approval of design and site.
No expense.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to grant permission for the erection on public grounds of the United States in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, other than those of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, Potomac Park, and the White House, a statue of Dante: *Provided*, That the site chosen and the design of the monument shall be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts and that the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of the said monument.

Approved, February 14, 1922.

February 17, 1922.
[S. 1831.]
[Public, No. 144.]

CHAP. 54.—An Act To amend section 237 of the Judicial Code.

Judicial Code.
Vol. 39, p. 726, amended.
Supreme Court.
Writ of error to, against decision of State court on validity of a contract, as repugnant to the Constitution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 237 of the Judicial Code is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

“In any suit involving the validity of a contract wherein it is claimed that a change in the rule of law or construction of statutes by the highest court of a State applicable to such contract would be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, the Supreme Court shall, upon writ of error, reexamine, reverse, or affirm the final judgment of the highest court of a State in which a decision in the suit could be had, if said claim is made in said court at any time before said final judgment is entered and if the decision is against the claim so made.”

Approved, February 17, 1922.

February 17, 1922.
[H. R. 9724.]
[Public, No. 145.]

CHAP. 55.—An Act Making appropriations for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and for other purposes.

Treasury Department.
Appropriations for salaries and expenses of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, namely:

Secretary's Office.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Secretary, Undersecretary.
Appointment, duties, etc., of Undersecretary.

Salaries: Secretary of the Treasury, \$12,000; Undersecretary of the Treasury, to be nominated by the President and appointed by him, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall