

neering) in the Coast Guard, and hereafter the engineer in chief shall be selected from the active list of engineer officers not below the grade of lieutenant commander (engineering): *And provided further*, That an officer who shall hereafter serve as engineer in chief shall, when retired, be retired with the rank of engineer in chief and with the pay of a captain (engineering) on the retired list, and that an officer whose term of service as engineer in chief has expired may be appointed a commander (engineering) and shall be an additional number in that grade; but if not so appointed, he shall take the place on the lineal list in the grade that he would have attained had he not served as engineer in chief and be an additional number in such grade: *And provided further*, That a constructor, after ten years' commissioned service in the Revenue-Cutter Service and Coast Guard, shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant commander, and after twenty years' commissioned service the rank, pay, and allowances of a commander.

SEC. 3. That hereafter no commissioned officer of the Coast Guard shall be promoted to a higher grade or rank on the active list, except to commandant or to engineer in chief, until his mental, moral, and professional fitness to perform all the duties of such higher grade or rank have been established to the satisfaction of a board of examining officers appointed by the President, and until he has been examined by a board of medical officers and pronounced physically qualified to perform all the duties of such higher grade or rank: *Provided*, That if any commissioned officer shall fail in his physical examination for promotion and be found incapacitated for service by reason of physical disability contracted in the line of duty, he shall be retired with the rank to which his seniority entitled him to be promoted: *Provided further*, That hereafter when a commissioned officer of the Coast Guard who has had forty years' service shall retire, he shall be placed on the retired list with the rank and retired pay of one grade above that actually held by him at the time of retirement; and, in the case of a captain, the rank and retired pay of one grade above shall be the rank of commodore and the pay of a commodore in the Navy on the retired list.

SEC. 4. That an ensign, an ensign (engineering), or a district superintendent with the rank of ensign, shall be required to complete three years' service in his grade, after which he shall be eligible for promotion to the next higher grade without regard to the number already in that higher grade.

SEC. 5. That nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to reduce the rank, pay, or allowances of any commissioned officer of the Coast Guard as now provided by law.

Approved, January 12, 1923.

CHAP. 26.—An Act To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and their successors in office, to construct a bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from the foot of Arch Street, in the city of Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, to the borough of Duboistown, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania," approved August 11, 1916.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act approved August 11, 1916, authorizing the commissioners of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and their successors in office, to construct a bridge across the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from the foot of Arch Street, in the city of Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, to the borough of Duboistown, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, be, and the same is hereby, revived and reenacted:

Rank, etc., when retired.

On expiration of service.

Constructor.  
Rank, pay, etc.

Promotions after examination.

*Provided*.  
Retirement for physical disability.

Retirement at one grade higher after forty years' service.

Captains.

Ensigns, etc.  
Promotion after three years' service.

No rank, etc., reduced.

January 15, 1923.

[H. R. 12170.]

[Public, No. 382.]

West Branch of Susquehanna River.  
Lycoming County, Pa., may bridge, Williamsport to Duboistown.  
Vol. 39, p. 512, re-enacted.

*Proviso.*  
Commencement, etc.

*Provided, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge hereby authorized be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.*

Approved, January 15, 1923.

January 22, 1923.

[H. R. 7658.]

[Public, No. 383.]

**CHAP. 27.**—An Act To amend the Act approved August 25, 1919, entitled "An Act for the relief of contractors and subcontractors for the post offices and other buildings and work under the supervision of the Treasury Department, and for other purposes."

Public buildings.  
Reimbursement to  
contractors, etc.  
Vol. 41, p. 231.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved August 25, 1919, entitled "An Act for the relief of contractors and subcontractors for the post offices and other buildings and work under the supervision of the Treasury Department, and for other purposes," be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to consider and act upon the claim of William Dall, of Cleveland, Ohio, embraced within the provisions of the aforesaid Act, approved August 25, 1919, where the failure to file said claim within the period of three months fixed in said Act was due to mental disability on the part of the said William Dall, in charge of such contract and claim, provided such claim be filed within sixty days from the passage of this Act.*

Approved, January 22, 1923.

Provisions extended  
to claim of William  
Dall.

January 22, 1923.

[H. R. 13374.]

[Public, No. 334.]

**CHAP. 28.**—An Act Making appropriations for the Navy Department and the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and for other purposes.

Navy Department  
appropriations.

*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 Navy Department and the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, namely:*

Secretary's Office.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

### SALARIES, NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Secretary, Assistant,  
chief clerk, etc.

*Proviso.*

Pay restriction.

Secretary of the Navy, \$12,000; Assistant Secretary, \$5,000; and for chief clerk and such other employees as the Secretary of the Navy may deem necessary, \$108,000; in all, \$125,000: *Provided, That, other than the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding \$1,800 per annum, except the following: One \$4,000, two at \$3,000 each, one \$2,500, six at \$2,400 each, two at \$2,250 each, and three at \$2,000 each.*

Department contin-  
gent expenses.

Library.

### CONTINGENT EXPENSES, NAVY DEPARTMENT.

For professional and technical books and periodicals, law books, and necessary reference books, including city directories, railway guides, freight, passenger, and express tariff books, for department library, \$2,000.

Stationery, furniture,  
etc.

For stationery, furniture, newspapers, plans, drawings, and drawing materials; purchase and exchange of motor trucks or motor delivery wagons, maintenance, repair, and operation of motor trucks or motor delivery wagons, and one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle, to be used only for official purposes; garage rent; street-