

land office was or is situated such transcripts, documents, and records of the office aforesaid as may not be required for use of the United States and which the State may desire to preserve.

SEC. 2. That when the public surveys in any State have been so far completed that in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior it is no longer necessary to maintain a public survey office in said State, he may turn over to the State the field notes, maps, plats, records, and all other papers appertaining to land titles in such public survey office that may not be needed by the United States and which the State may elect to receive.

Field notes, etc., of surveys, may be turned over to the State.

SEC. 3. The transcripts, documents, records, field notes, maps, plats, and other papers mentioned in sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall in no case be turned over to the authorities in any State until such State has provided by law for the reception and safekeeping of same as public records, and for the allowance of free access to the same by the authorities of the United States.

Provision for safekeeping required.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

CHAP. 416.—An Act To provide for the preparation, printing, and distribution of pamphlets containing the Declaration of Independence, with certain biographical sketches and explanatory matter.

May 28, 1926.
[H. R. 11202.]
[Public, No. 309.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior shall prepare and have printed at the Government Printing Office a pamphlet containing the Declaration of Independence, with a brief summary of the historical events preceding and resulting in its creation, a short biographical sketch of each of the principal characters involved in the struggle for independence, and such other educational matter as may be deemed appropriate. The Bureau of Education shall distribute one copy of such pamphlet to every public or private school, college, or university in the United States or any Territory or possession of the United States.

Declaration of Independence.
Preparation directed of pamphlet containing, etc.

Distribution by Education Bureau.

SEC. 2. There shall be distributed through the folding rooms of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, three hundred copies of such pamphlet to each Senator and one hundred and fifty copies to each Representative, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner.

Congressional distribution.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$3,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Amount authorized for.
Post, p. 854.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

CHAP. 417.—An Act To amend in certain particulars the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, and for other purposes.

May 28, 1926.
[H. R. 11511.]
[Public, No. 310.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 90 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

National Defense Act amendments.

“SEC. 90. That funds allotted by the Secretary of War for the support of the National Guard shall be available for the purchase and issue of forage, bedding, shoeing, and veterinary services, and supplies for the Government animals issued to any organization, and for animals owned or hired by any State, Territory, District of

National Guard.
Funds allowed for care, etc., of animals issued to, owned, etc., by.
Vol. 43, p. 471, amended.

Compensation for help.

Provisos.
Number of detailed enlisted men, pay, etc.

Officer for caretakers in heavier-than-air squadron.
Civilians as other caretakers.

Commissioned officers not increased hereby.
Instruction provisions.
Vol. 39, p. 207, amended.

Attendance at schools conducted by Regular Army officers.

Locations.

Pay, etc., to officers, attending.

Attendance at Army service schools.
Vol. 39, p. 207.

Limited number of officers and enlisted men allowed.
Vol. 42, p. 1035, amended.

Field training with Army.
Pay, etc.
Officers.

Vol. 42, p. 631.

Enlisted men.
Vol. 42, p. 632.

Columbia, or National Guard organization, not exceeding the number of animals authorized by Federal law for such organization and used solely for military purposes, and for the compensation of competent help for the care of material, animals, armament, and equipment of organizations of all kinds, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe: *Provided*, That the men to be so compensated shall not exceed five for each organization, except heavier-than-air squadrons, for each of which a maximum of ten to be so compensated is hereby authorized, and shall, save as otherwise provided in the next succeeding proviso, be duly enlisted therein and detailed by the organization commander, and shall be paid by the United States disbursing officer in each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That in each heavier-than-air squadron one caretaker may be a commissioned officer not above the grade of first lieutenant, and that in any organization whenever it shall be found impracticable to secure the necessary competent caretakers for the material, animals, armament, or equipment thereof from the personnel of such organization, the organization commander may employ one civilian caretaker therefor who shall be entitled to such compensations as may be fixed by the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That nothing in this section shall be held to increase the number of commissioned officers authorized by law."

SEC. 2. That section 97 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 97. Under such regulations as the President may prescribe the Secretary of War may provide for assemblages of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the National Guard for the purpose of attending schools to be conducted by officers of the Regular Army detailed by the Secretary of War for that purpose, or for the purpose of participating in small arms competitions. Such assemblages may be held either within or without the State, Territory, or District of Columbia, to which the members of the National Guard designated to attend them shall belong. Officers and warrant officers attending such assemblages shall be entitled to pay, allowances, and transportation, and enlisted men to pay, transportation, and subsistence at the same rates as for encampments or maneuvers for field or coast-defense instruction."

SEC. 3. That section 99 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 99. NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS, AND ENLISTED MEN AT SERVICE SCHOOLS, AND SO FORTH.—Under such regulations as the President may prescribe, the Secretary of War may, upon the recommendation of the governor of any State or Territory, or the commanding general of the National Guard of the District of Columbia, authorize a limited number of selected officers, warrant officers, or enlisted men of the National Guard to attend and pursue a regular course of study at any military-service school of the United States, except the United States Military Academy, or to be attached to an organization of the same arm, corps, or department to which such officer or enlisted man shall belong, for routine practical instruction at or near an Army post during a period of field training or other outdoor exercises; and any such officer, or warrant officer, shall receive, out of any National Guard allotment of funds available for the purpose, the pay and allowances provided in the Pay Readjustment Act of June 10, 1922, for officers and warrant officers of the National Guard when authorized by law to receive Federal pay and the travel allowances provided in section 12 thereof, and any such enlisted man shall receive therefrom, except as otherwise provided in section 14 of the Pay Read-

justment Act of June 10, 1922, the same pay and allowances, including allowances for quarters, subsistence, and travel to which an enlisted man of the Regular Army of like grade would be entitled for attending such school, college, or practical course of instruction under orders from proper military authority, while in actual attendance at such school, college, or practical course of instruction, and for the necessary period of travel from and to his home station: *Provided*, That all pay and allowances accruing to any officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man, including that for the period of travel to home stations, may be paid prior to departure from the post or other place at which such service is performed: *Provided further*, That an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man who becomes sick in line of duty while undergoing the training provided for by this section or the training provided for by section 94 or section 97 of this Act shall, while he is so sick during the period he is authorized to engage in such training, be entitled to pay and allowances the same as if he were actually participating in such training."

SEC. 4. That payment of armory drill pay heretofore made to enlisted men of the National Guard who attended less than 60 per centum of the drills or other exercises prescribed for their organizations during any month be, and the same are hereby, validated, notwithstanding the first proviso in section 110 of the National Defense Act, approved June 3, 1916, as amended by the Acts of June 4, 1920, and September 22, 1922.

SEC. 5. That the schools of instruction for adjutants general from the States and the District of Columbia held in the District of Columbia during the months of May, 1924, and March, 1925, shall be deemed to have been held under the provisions of section 97 of the National Defense Act, approved June 3, 1916, as amended, and that payments for the pay and allowances of officers of the National Guard and payments for the traveling expenses of officers of the Regular Army heretofore made in connection with such schools be, and the same are hereby, validated.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

CHAP. 418.—An Act To provide for the condemnation of land for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of streets, avenues, roads, or highways in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all condemnation proceedings instituted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 1 of Chapter XV of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia for the acquisition of land for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of Piney Branch Road between Thirteenth and Butternut Streets; Thirteenth Street, extended, except through the Walter Reed Hospital Reservation; Concord Avenue; Nicholson Street, or any street, avenue, road, or highway, or a part of any street, avenue, road, or highway in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia, all or any part of the entire amount found to be due and awarded by the jury in said proceedings as damages for, and in respect of, the land condemned for such streets, avenues, roads, or highways, or parts of streets, roads, avenues, or highways, plus all or any part of the costs and expenses of said proceedings, may be assessed by the jury as benefits: *Provided, however*, That if the total amount of damages awarded by the jury in any such proceedings, plus the costs and

Provisos.
Pay, etc., prior to departure from post.

Allowances if becoming sick while training.

Payments for less than 60 per cent attendance at drills, etc.

Vol. 39, p. 209; Vol. 41, p. 784.
Vol. 42, p. 1035.

Adjutants general schools of instruction.

Pay, etc., for attendance to, in 1924 and 1925, validated.
Vol. 39, p. 207.

May 28, 1926.
[S. 2537.]

[Public, No. 311.]

District of Columbia. Opening, etc., designated streets and others under highway system.
Vol. 34, p. 151.

Award of damages may be assessed as benefits.

Proviso.
Discretionary action of Commissioners if damages in excess of benefits.