

February 20, 1929.
[H. R. 13565.]
[Public, No. 779.]

CHAP. 271.—An Act To amend the Act entitled “An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes,” approved July 3, 1926.

Retirement of civil service employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes,” approved July 3, 1926, is hereby amended by adding a fourth paragraph to section 2 of said Act, as follows:

Continuance legalized of employees retained without prior authority.
Vol. 44, p. 905, amended.
ed.

“In all cases where an employee otherwise eligible for continuance has been retained beyond retirement age without prior authority the Civil Service Commission may issue certificate of continuance legalizing the service of such employee and authorizing his further continuance as provided in paragraph 1 of this section, upon being satisfied that the retention was due to erroneous or incomplete records of age or service or to faulty administration on the part of the department or office concerned and not to any attempt or desire by the employee to deceive for the purpose of defeating any provision of this Act.”

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[H. R. 132.]
[Public, No. 780.]

CHAP. 272.—An Act Authorizing the erection of a sanitary fireproof hospital at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Dayton, Ohio.

Dayton, Ohio.
Construction of fireproof hospital at Volunteer Soldiers' Home at, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected at the central branch of said home at Dayton, Ohio, on land now owned by the United States, a sanitary fireproof hospital of a capacity for five hundred beds. Such hospital shall include all the necessary buildings with the appropriate mechanical equipment, including roads and trackage facilities leading thereto, for the accommodation of patients, and storage, laundry, and necessary furniture equipment, and accessories, as may be approved by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Equipment, etc.

Admission of disabled honorably discharged female nurses who served in any war.

SEC. 2. That in addition to the persons now by law entitled to the privileges of treatment in this hospital when constructed there shall be admitted and treated honorably discharged nurses (female) who have served with the armed forces of the United States in any war and who are disabled by diseases or wounds and by reason of such disability are either temporarily or permanently incapacitated from earning a living.

Contracts for authorized, or construction by Board of Managers.

SEC. 3. That in carrying the foregoing authorization into effect the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the construction of the plant, or to purchase materials in the open market or otherwise, and to employ laborers and mechanics for the construction of the plant complete at a limit of cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Limit of cost.

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[H. R. 496.]
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CHAP. 273.—An Act Authorizing an appropriation for development of potash jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce by improved methods of recovering potash from deposits in the United States.

Potash deposits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the

Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, and the sum of not to exceed \$50,000 for each succeeding fiscal year for three years, to be expended jointly by the Department of Agriculture through its Bureau of Soils and the Department of Commerce through its Bureau of Mines, for the purchase of necessary incidental supplies for conducting chemical engineering and manufacturing research and employing clerical and technical assistance for the purpose of determining more improved methods and cheaper processes for recovering potash from the leucite, alunite, and other potash-bearing deposits in the United States.

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Sum authorized for developing improved methods of recovering potash from.
Ante, p. 1134.

CHAP. 274.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, and for other purposes," approved July 12, 1921.

February 20, 1929.
[H. R. 5491.]
[Public, No. 782.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso under the heading "Contingent, Bureau of Ordnance," contained in the Naval Appropriation Act approved July 12, 1921 (Forty-second Statutes at Large, page 128), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Navy.
Ordnance.
Vol. 42, p. 128, amended.

"*Provided further,* That hereafter no money appropriated for ordnance or ordnance material or material purchased therewith shall be used for any other purpose than that for which the appropriation was made, except that this provision shall not prohibit the transfer to other bureaus or departments of used or obsolescent material which is no longer needed for the purpose for which originally acquired."

Money to be used only for material, etc., for which appropriation made.

Transfer of used, etc., material allowed.

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CHAP. 275.—Act For the relief of the Nez Perce Tribe of Indians.

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[H. R. 12520.]
[Public, No. 783.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Court of Claims, with the right of appeal by either party to the Supreme Court of the United States, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, determine, adjudicate, and render final judgment on all legal and equitable claims of whatsoever nature of the Nez Perce Tribe of Indians in Idaho, or of any band thereof, against the United States, arising under or growing out of the original Indian title, claim, or rights of the said Indian tribe or any band thereof, including all title, claim, or rights growing out of treaties of June 11, 1855 (Twelfth Statutes, page 957), and June 9, 1863 (One hundred and forty-eighth Statutes, page 673), and an agreement of May 1, 1893, approved by Act of Congress of August 15, 1894 (Twenty-eighth Statutes, page 286), with the said Nez Perce Tribe or bands of Indians, in connection with the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in the States of Idaho and Oregon, and more particularly as to the following claims:

Nez Perce Indians, Idaho.
Claims of, to be adjudicated in Court of Claims.

Vol. 12, p. 957; Vol. 14, p. 647; Vol. 28, p. 326.

Claims specified.

Reserved lands sold and no compensation to Indians.

Vol. 28, p. 326.

1. Claim for compensation for that part of the Old Agency land and improvements near Fort Lapwai, Idaho, reserved from sale by the agreement of May 1, 1893, between the United States and the Nez Perce Tribe of Indians (Twenty-eighth Statutes, page 286), and thereafter disposed of by the United States without compensation to said Indians and described as follows: