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Ship Island Light-
house Reservation,
Miss.

Portion transferred to
Ship Island Military
Reservation.

Military reservation
to be appraised and
sold.

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CHAP. 694.—An Act Transferring a portion of the lighthouse reservation, Ship Island, Mississippi, to the jurisdiction and control of the War Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the lighthouse reservation, Ship Island, Mississippi, as the Secretary of Commerce deems unnecessary for lighthouse purposes is transferred to and made a part of Ship Island Military Reservation under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of War. Such Ship Island Military Reservation, with the portion of the Ship Island lighthouse reservation hereby made a part of it, shall be reappraised and disposed of subject to all the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the use for permanent construction at military posts of the proceeds from the sale of surplus War Department real property, and authorizing the sale of certain military reservations, and for other purposes," approved March 12, 1926.

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Naval Reserve Force
and Marine Corps Re-
serve.

Mileage to be paid
former officers of, for
travel to their homes,
when released from ac-
tive duty, etc., at other
places.

Proviso.

Applicable only to
releases prior to July 1,
1922.

CHAP. 695.—An Act For the relief of former officers of the United States Naval Reserve Force and the United States Marine Corps Reserve who were released from active duty and disenrolled at places other than their homes or places of enrollment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the General Accounting Office is hereby authorized to pay mileage at the rate of 8 cents per mile, computed by the shortest usually traveled route, for travel actually performed within one year from date and place of release from active duty or disenrollment to their homes or places of enrollment, to such former officers of the United States Naval Reserve Force or United States Marine Corps Reserve who have been released from active service or disenrolled under honorable conditions and not at his own request at places other than their homes or places of enrollment, upon the presentation by such former officers of satisfactory evidence showing that they actually performed such travel to their homes or places of enrollment: *Provided,* That the provisions of this Act shall be applicable only to former officers of the United States Naval Reserve Force or United States Marine Corps Reserve who were actually released from active duty or disenrolled under honorable conditions prior to July 1, 1922.

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District of Columbia.

Medals to be awarded
annually, to two mem-
bers each of police and
fire departments for
conspicuously meritori-
ous services.

Committee to make
awards.

Preference to hold-
ers thereof in making
promotions.

CHAP. 696.—An Act To provide recognition for meritorious service by members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the official recognition of outstanding acts in the line of duty by the members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia there shall be awarded annually one gold medal and one silver medal, appropriately inscribed, to those two members of each department who have by outstanding or conspicuous services earned such awards.

SEC. 2. The awards shall be made annually by a committee of five persons, consisting of the head of each department and three civilians appointed by the commissioners of said District; all to serve without compensation on such committee of award.

SEC. 3. When promotions are being made in the departments the holders of such medals shall be preferred to other members of said departments, other things being equal.

SEC. 4. To provide for the cost of such medals there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually such sum as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deem necessary for the purpose.

Cost to be appropriated for.

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CHAP. 697.—An Act To extend the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Cairo, Illinois.

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[H. R. 17311.]
[Public, No. 1025.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Cairo, Illinois, authorized to be built by the Cairo Bridge and Terminal Company, its legal representatives, successors, or assigns, by the Act of Congress approved April 2, 1926, is hereby extended to April 2, 1930.

Mississippi River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Cairo, Ill.

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Amendment.

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

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CHAP. 698.—An Act To amend the Act approved June 22, 1926, entitled "An Act to amend that part of the Act approved August 29, 1916, relative to the retirement of captains, commanders, and lieutenant commanders in the line of the Navy."

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[H. R. 17322.]
[Public, No. 1026.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved June 22, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 781, chapter 649; United States Code Appendix, title 34, section 311a), entitled "An Act to amend that part of the Act approved August 29, 1916, relative to the retirement of captains, commanders, and lieutenant commanders in the line of the Navy," is hereby amended by striking out the figures "1929" appearing in the first sentence of said Act, and in lieu thereof inserting the figures "1931", so that as amended said Act shall read as follows:

Navy.
Retirement of line
officers.
Vol. 44, p. 761, amend-
ed.

"That until March 5, 1931, the provisions contained in the Act approved August 29, 1916 (Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 579), which provide for the retirement of captains, commanders, and lieutenant commanders of the line of the Navy who are more than fifty-six, fifty, and forty-five years of age, respectively, and who have become ineligible for promotion on account of such age, be, and the same are hereby, modified to the extent that captains, commanders, and lieutenant commanders shall not become ineligible for promotion and shall not be retired until they have completed thirty-five, twenty-eight, and twenty-one years, respectively, of commissioned service in the Navy, and upon the completion of such service, if not recommended for promotion, they shall be retired without regard to age under the conditions specified in said Act: *Provided,* That the commissioned service of Naval Academy graduates, for the purpose of this Act only, shall be computed from June 30 of the calendar year in which the class with which they graduated completed its academic course, or, if its academic course was more or less than four years, from June 30 of the calendar year in which it would have completed an academic course of four years."

Time extended for
modification of age and
service requirements
for retirement and pro-
motion of line cap-
tains, etc.
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Proviso.
Commissioned serv-
ice of Academy grad-
uates, computed from
June 30 of acad-
emic course.

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