

SEC. 5. Employees of the Perry's Victory Memorial Commission at the time of the enactment of this legislation, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be employed by the National Park Service, in the administration, protection, and development of said national monument.

Employees.

SEC. 6. That the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1919 (40 Stat. 1322-1324), and Acts supplemental thereof and amendatory thereto and all other Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Inconsistent provisions repealed.

Approved, June 2, 1936.

[CHAPTER 478.]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Mississippi State Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Pascagoula River at or near Wilkerson's Ferry, Mississippi.

June 2, 1936.
[S. 4583.]

[Public, No. 632.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Mississippi State Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Pascagoula River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Wilkerson's Ferry, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Pascagoula River.
Mississippi in a y
bridge at Wilkerson's
Ferry.
Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.
U. S. C., p. 1474.

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

Amendment.

Approved, June 2, 1936.

[CHAPTER 479.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the presentation of silver medals to the personnel of the Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

June 2, 1936.
[S. J. Res. 209.]

[Pub. Res., No. 93.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and hereby is, directed to cause to be made at the United States Mint such number of silver medals as he may deem appropriate and necessary, respectively, to be presented to the deserving personnel of the Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition that spent the winter night at Little America or who commanded either one of the expedition ships throughout the expedition, to express the high admiration in which the Congress and the American people hold their heroic and undaunted accomplishments for science, unequalled in the history of polar exploration.

Second Byrd Ant-
arctic Expedition.
Medals to be pre-
sented to personnel of.
Act, p. 176.

Approved, June 2, 1936.

[CHAPTER 481.]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the Marine Band at the Arkansas Centennial Celebration, at Little Rock, Arkansas, the Texas Centennial, at Dallas, Texas, and the National Confederate Reunion, at Shreveport, Louisiana, between the dates from June 6 to June 16, 1936, inclusive.

June 3, 1936.
[S. 4354.]

[Public, No. 633.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at the Arkansas Centennial Celebration, at Little Rock, Arkansas, the Texas Centennial at Dallas, Texas, and the National Confederate Reunion at Shreveport, Louisiana, between the dates from June 6 to June 16, 1936, inclusive.

Marine Band.
Attendance of, at
Arkansas Centennial
Celebration, the Texas
Centennial, and the
National Confederate
Reunion, authorized.

Appropriation authorized for expenses.
Post, p. 1629.

Proviso.
Per diem allowance; additional to pay, etc.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such celebrations and reunion there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$11,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That in addition to transportation and Pullman accommodations the leaders and members of the Marine Band be allowed not to exceed \$5 per day each for actual living expenses while on this duty, and that the payment of such expenses shall be in addition to the pay and allowances to which they would be entitled while serving at their permanent station.

Approved, June 3, 1936.

[CHAPTER 482.]

AN ACT

To protect the United States against loss in the delivery through the mails of checks in payment of benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes", approved August 17, 1912 (37 Stat. 312; 38 U. S. C., sec. 50), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Pensions, compensation, insurance, or other allowances or benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veterans' Administration shall be paid by checks drawn, pursuant to certification by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, by the Division of Disbursement of the Treasury Department in such form as to protect the United States against loss, without separate vouchers or receipts, and payable by the Treasurer of the United States, except in any case in which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may consider a voucher necessary for the protection of the Government. Such checks shall be transmitted by mail to the payee thereof at his last-known address, and the envelope or cover thereof may bear an appropriate notice of the prohibition hereafter set forth in this section.

"Postmasters, delivery clerks, letter carriers, and all other postal employees are prohibited from delivering any mail addressed by the United States bearing such notice and containing any such check (except that in the case of checks in payment of allowances and benefits other than pensions, compensation, or insurance, the prohibition shall apply only insofar as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs deems it necessary to protect the United States against loss), to any person whomsoever, if the addressee has died or removed, or in the case of a widow believed by the postal employee intrusted with the delivery of such mail to have remarried (unless such mail is addressed by the United States in the name which the widow shall have acquired by remarriage); and the postmaster in every such case shall forthwith return such mail with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if because of death or remarriage, the date thereof, if known. Checks returned as herein provided on account of death or remarriage shall be canceled."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraphs:

"At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Postmaster General, under such regulations as he may prescribe, shall designate postmasters and other employees of the Post Office Department and

June 3, 1936.
[H. R. 9496.]
[Public, No. 634.]

Veterans' Administration.
Vol. 37, p. 312.
U. S. C., p. 1627.

Checks issued for veterans' benefits.
Protection against loss.

Transmittal by mail to payee's last known address.

Delivery of, where addressee has died or removed, prohibited.

Exception.

Widow remarrying.

Return of mail with statement.

Cancellation of returned checks.

Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, amendment.
Ante, p. 1101.

Issuance of bonds.
Designation of postal employees as fiscal agents.