

# PUBLIC LAWS

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, January 6, 1943, and adjourned sine die on Tuesday, December 21, 1943*

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President; HENRY A. WALLACE, Vice President; CARTER GLASS, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[CHAPTER 1]

## AN ACT

Authorizing appropriations for the United States Navy for additional ship repair facilities, and for other purposes.

February 19, 1943  
[H. R. 1446]  
[Public Law 1]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$210,000,000 for essential equipment and facilities at either private or public plants for repairing, altering, or converting any vessel operated by the Navy or being prepared for naval use.

Navy.  
Ship repair facilities.  
*Post*, pp. 55, 210.

SEC. 2. The authority herein granted shall include the authority to acquire lands at such locations as the Secretary of the Navy may deem best suited to the purpose of the authority herein contained, erect or extend buildings, acquire the necessary machinery and equipment, and shall be in addition to all authority heretofore granted for these purposes.

Acquisition of lands,  
etc.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy from time to time, but not less frequently than every sixty days, shall transmit to the Congress a full report of all acquisitions of land, by lease or otherwise, effected under the authority of this Act.

Reports to Con-  
gress.

Leases.

22 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, §§ 411-419.  
*Post*, p. 20.

SEC. 4. Hereafter any ship, boat, barge, or floating drydock of the Navy may be leased in accordance with the Act approved March 11, 1941 (55 Stat. 31), but not otherwise disposed of, for periods not beyond the termination of the present wars, but title thereto shall remain in the United States.

Approved February 19, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 7]

## AN ACT

March 2, 1943

[S. 707]

[Public Law 2]

To provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant Attorney General.

Department of Jus-  
tice.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 348 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 295), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Assistant Attorneys  
General.

“There shall be in the Department of Justice six officers, learned in the law, called the Assistant Attorneys General, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall assist the Attorney General and Solicitor General in the performance of their duties.”

Approved March 2, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 8]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

March 2, 1943

[H. J. Res. 82]

[Public Law 3]

To provide urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943.

Urgent deficiency  
appropriations, 1943.

*Resolved 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, to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, namely:

## LEGISLATIVE

## SENATE

Inquiries and in-  
vestigations.

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, including compensation to stenographers of committees, at such rate as may be fixed by the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, but not exceeding 25 cents per hundred words, fiscal year 1943, \$200,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for per diem and subsistence expenses except in accordance with the provisions of the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, approved June 3, 1926, as amended.

Per diem and sub-  
sistence.

To enable the Official Reporters of Debates of the Senate to pay employees of their office engaged in work connected with reporting or transcribing of official proceedings of the Senate additional compensation amounting to 10 per centum of their earned basic compensation as is not in excess of the rate of \$2,900 per annum, in accordance with the terms of Public Law 821, Seventy-seventh Congress, second session, approved December 22, 1942, \$676.17.

44 Stat. 688.  
5 U. S. C. § 821;  
Supp. II, § 823.Reporting or tran-  
scribing proceedings.  
*Post*, p. 441.56 Stat. 1068.  
5 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 29 note, § 26a  
note.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Special and select committees: For an additional amount for expenses of special and select committees authorized by the House, fiscal year 1943, \$250,000.