

other notarial acts: *Provided*, That no fee of any character shall be paid to any officer for the performance of any notarial act herein authorized: *Provided further*, That whenever the Coast Guard shall be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Treasury during a national emergency, the Secretary of the Treasury shall have and may exercise as to the Coast Guard the authority of the Secretary of the Navy under this Act: *And provided further*, That the signature without seal of any officer of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard acting as such notary public shall be prima facie evidence of his authority.

Approved April 9, 1943.

[CHAPTER 37]

AN ACT

To provide temporary additional compensation for employees in the Postal Service.

April 9, 1943  
[H. R. 1366]  
[Public Law 25]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all officers and employees in the Postal Service whose rates of compensation are prescribed by the Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1925, as amended, and all other officers and employees paid from appropriations made for the field service of the Post Office Department, shall receive additional compensation at the rate of \$300 per annum, except that employees paid on an hourly, fee, part time, or per diem basis, and fourth-class postmasters and special delivery messengers, shall receive an increase of 15 per centum of their earned basic compensation, and the allowance to third-class postmasters for clerk hire is hereby increased by 15 per centum, but such increase in compensation or allowance shall not in any case exceed an average of \$25 per month for the fiscal year or fractional part thereof: *Provided*, That the additional compensation at the rate of \$300 per annum shall not be considered in computing or fixing earned basic compensation for any purpose under this Act.

Postal Service.  
Additional compensation for employees.

43 Stat. 1053.  
39 U. S. C. § 53 et  
seq.; Supp. II, § 197 et  
seq.  
Post, p. 572.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.  
Post, pp. 441, 446.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on May 1, 1943, and shall terminate on June 30, 1945, or such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may prescribe.

Effective date; duration.

Approved April 9, 1943.

[CHAPTER 38]

AN ACT

To amend sections 6 and 11 of the Act approved July 24, 1941, entitled "An Act authorizing the temporary appointment or advancement of certain personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes", as amended, to provide for the grade of commodore, and for other purposes.

April 9, 1943  
[S. 829]  
[Public Law 26]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 6 of the Act approved July 24, 1941, entitled "An Act authorizing the temporary appointment or advancement of certain personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes" (55 Stat. 604), as

Navy and Marine Corps.  
Temporary appointments.

34 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 350e.

amended by the Act approved June 30, 1942 (56 Stat. 465; 34 U. S. C. 350), be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Commodore.

"SEC. 6. The rank and grade of commodore are hereby established for the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That all officers appointed to the rank of commodore pursuant to the authority of this Act, while serving in such rank, shall be entitled to the pay and allowances provided for an officer of the sixth pay period. Temporary appointments under the authority of this Act shall, if they are to a grade above that of captain in the Navy or colonel in the Marine Corps, be made by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; if to other ranks or grades, they shall be made by the President alone."

Approval.

55 Stat. 605.  
34 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 350j (b).

SEC. 2. Paragraph (b) of section 11 of the aforesaid Act is hereby amended by striking out the proviso thereto, so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

Coast Guard.

"(b) Personnel of the Coast Guard in relationship to the Coast Guard in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply to personnel of the Navy in relationship to the Navy."

Approved April 9, 1943.

[CHAPTER 39]

AN ACT

April 9, 1943  
[S. 853]

[Public Law 27]

To amend the Act of March 3, 1909, as amended by the Act of January 23, 1942, providing for the sale of naval stores, in order to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to permit the sale of naval stores in the continental United States during the war and six months thereafter to civilian officers and employees of the United States, and to other persons at stations where purchase from private agencies is found to be impracticable.

Navy, Marine  
Corps, and Coast  
Guard.  
Procurement and  
sale of stores.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That such part of the Act approved March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 753), as was amended by the Act approved January 23, 1942, entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, and for other purposes', approved March 3, 1909, as amended, so as to extend commissary privileges to such other persons as may be specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Navy" (56 Stat. 13; 34 U. S. C. 533), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That such stores as the Secretary of the Navy may designate may be procured and sold to officers and enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and to the widows of such officers and enlisted men. Such designated stores may also be procured and sold to civilian officers and employees of the United States, and to such other persons as may be specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Navy—

34 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 533.

"(1) At naval stations and post exchanges beyond the continental United States or in Alaska; and

"(2) At naval stations and post exchanges within the continental United States, in time of war and not exceeding six months thereafter, when the Secretary of the Navy finds that it is impracticable for the said civilian officers and employees and other persons to procure such stores from private agencies without impairing the efficient operation of the stations. The Secretary of the Navy may prescribe regulations governing sales under this Act."

Approved April 9, 1943.