

"The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase any lands within the boundaries of the Nevada and Toiyabe National Forests in the State of Nevada which, in his judgment, should become the property of the United States in order that they may be so managed with other lands of the United States as to minimize soil erosion and flood damage or promote efficiency and economy of administration, and to pay for said lands from the receipts derived from the sale of natural resources, other than mineral, and the occupancy of publicly owned lands within said national forests, which receipts are hereby authorized to be appropriated for that purpose to the extent of amounts not exceeding \$10,000 per annum until said lands have been acquired; all lands so acquired thereafter to be subject to and administered under the laws applicable to lands acquired under the provisions of said Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U. S. C. 519, 520, 521), as amended: *Provided*, That the provisions of sections 500 and 501 of title 16 of the United States Code shall not be applicable to receipts so appropriated and expended. Any appropriated amounts which are, or which heretofore have been, unexpended and unobligated at the close of the fiscal year for which appropriated shall be transferred to the national-forest receipts of that fiscal year, and amounts so transferred and such portions of the receipts of any fiscal year as are not, or heretofore have not been, appropriated for the ensuing fiscal year shall be disposed of in the same manner as other national-forest receipts."

Approved May 26, 1944.

Purchase of lands.

Payment.

36 Stat. 962; 39 Stat. 1150.
Post, p. 737.
Disposition of unobligated funds.

[CHAPTER 205]

AN ACT

Authorizing appropriations for the United States Navy for additional ordnance manufacturing and production facilities, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1944
[S. 1771]

[Public Law 311]

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, \$65,000,000 for necessary tools, equipment, and facilities for the manufacture or production of ordnance material, munitions, and equipment at either private or public plants.

Navy.
Ordnance manufacturing facilities.
Appropriation authorized.
Post, pp. 609, 867.

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, erect or extend buildings, acquire the necessary machinery and equipment, and in private establishments provide plant-protection installations, 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.

Report to Congress.

Approved May 26, 1944.

[CHAPTER 207]

AN ACT

To increase the service-connected disability rates of compensation or pension payable to veterans of World War I and World War II and veterans entitled to wartime rates based on service on or after September 16, 1940, for service-connected disabilities, and to increase the rates for widows and children under Public Law 484, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, and to include widows and children of World War II veterans for benefits under the latter Act.

May 27, 1944
[H. R. 3356]

[Public Law 312]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the monthly rates of compensation or pension payable to veterans of World War I

Service-connected disability compensation or pension.

55 Stat. 844.
38 U. S. C., Supp.
III, note foll. § 732, Vet.
Reg. No. 1 (a), Pt. 2.

Widows and children of World War I veterans.

48 Stat. 1281.
38 U. S. C. §§ 503-505, 506-507a; Supp. III, § 503.
Post, p. 803.

Effective date of increases.

Extension of benefits.

48 Stat. 1281.
38 U. S. C. §§ 503-505, 506-507a; Supp. III, § 503.
Post, p. 803.

"Widow."
57 Stat. 555.
38 U. S. C., Supp. III, note foll. § 372, Vet. Reg. No. 10, Par. V.

and World War II, including veterans entitled to wartime rates under Public, 359, Seventy-seventh Congress, December 19, 1941, for service on or after September 16, 1940, for service-incurred disability, not including the special awards and allowances fixed by law, which are payable under any laws or regulations administered by the Veterans' Administration are hereby increased by 15 per centum.

SEC. 2. That the monthly rates of compensation payable to widows and children under authority of Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, June 28, 1934, as amended, shall be as follows: Widow but no child, \$35; widow and one child, \$45 (with \$5 for each additional child); no widow but one child, \$18; no widow but two children, \$27 (equally divided); no widow but three children, \$36 (equally divided) with \$4 for each additional child (the total amount to be equally divided).

SEC. 3. The increases provided by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the first month following the passage of this Act.

SEC. 4. The benefits of Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, June 28, 1934, as amended, are hereby extended to widows and children of persons who served during the period of the present war, as defined in existing law, subject to the administrative, definitive, and regulatory provisions of Public, Numbered 484, as amended: *Provided*, That the definition of "widow" shall be that contained in section 6 of Public Law Numbered 144, Seventy-eighth Congress, July 13, 1943.

Approved May 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 208]

AN ACT

May 27, 1944
[H. R. 3377]
[Public Law 313]

To increase the rate of pension for World War veterans from \$40 to \$50 per month, to \$60 per month in certain specified cases, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph I (f), part III, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read:

"I (f) The amount of pension payable under terms of part III shall be \$50 monthly, except that where such veterans shall have been rated permanent and total and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of ten years or reach the age of sixty-five years, the amount of pension shall be \$60 monthly: *Provided*, That—"

The provisions of this Act shall apply to veterans of both World War I and World War II.

Approved May 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 209]

AN ACT

May 27, 1944
[S. 771]
[Public Law 314]

To provide for payment of pensions and compensation to certain persons who are receiving retired pay.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who is receiving pay pursuant to any provision of law relating to the retirement of persons in the regular military or naval service, and who would be eligible to receive pension or compensation under the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration if he were not receiving such retired pay, shall be entitled to receive such pension

Pensions and compensation to certain persons receiving retired pay.