

Interior February 14, 1938, between Fred Lookout, principal chief of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and certain attorneys named therein, employed pursuant to Osage council resolution numbered 82, dated December 6, 1937, and extended for a period of three years from February 14, 1941, there is authorized to be expended from any funds collected as a result of any suit brought under said contract such sum as may be necessary to pay the fees of the attorneys so employed, as provided by the terms of the contract.

Approved October 3, 1944.

[CHAPTER 505]

AN ACT

To provide for the continuation on the active list of the Regular Army for the duration [of any of the wars in which the United States is now engaged, and for six months thereafter, of any officer on the active list of the Regular Army who has served as Chief of Staff during the wars in which the United States is now engaged.

December 2, 1944
[H. R. 5493]
[Public Law 460]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That neither the provisions of the Act of June 30, 1882 (22 Stat. 118), which require the retirement of an officer on the active list of the Regular Army upon attaining the age of sixty-four years, nor any other similar provisions of law, shall for the duration of any of the wars in which the United States is now engaged, and for six months thereafter, be applicable to any officer on the active list of the Regular Army who, prior to the enactment of this Act, has served as Chief of Staff during the wars in which the United States is now engaged.

Chief of Staff, Army.
Continuance on active list of Regular Army.
10 U. S. C. § 945.

Approved December 2, 1944.

[CHAPTER 506]

AN ACT

To authorize the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operation of the facilities for the public in the Olympic National Park, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

December 6, 1944
[H. R. 1654]
[Public Law 461]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to acquire by purchase at prices deemed by him reasonable, the buildings, structures, furniture, fixtures, and any other real or personal property of the Olympic Recreation Company and the Olympic Chalet Company within the Olympic National Park in the State of Washington.

Olympic National Park, Wash.

SEC. 2. That for the purposes of this Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved December 6, 1944.

[CHAPTER 507]

AN ACT

To amend the Veterans Regulations.

December 6, 1944
[H. R. 5041]
[Public Law 462]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective on the first day of the month following the month in which this Act is enacted, subparagraph (k) of paragraph II, of part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Veterans Regulations, amendment.
53 Stat. 1181.
38 U. S. C. note foll. § 724.

"II. * * *

"(k) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or the loss of the use of only

Pensions to certain disabled persons.

one foot, or one hand, or one eye, the rate of pension provided in part II, paragraph II, (a) to (j), shall be increased by \$26.25 per month.”

Approved December 6, 1944.

53 Stat. 1180.
38 U. S. C. note foll.
§ 724.

[CHAPTER 508]

AN ACT

December 6, 1944
[H. R. 5289]
[Public Law 463]

To provide for the acceptance and protection by the United States of property within the authorized boundaries of the Everglades National Park project, Florida, pending the establishment of the park, and for other purposes.

Everglades National Park, Fla.
Acceptance of property pending establishment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, (a) for the purpose of protecting the scenery, the wildlife, and other natural features of the region authorized to be established as the Everglades National Park by the Act of May 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 816; 16 U. S. C., secs. 410, 410a-410c), notwithstanding any provision contained in that Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized in his discretion to accept on behalf of the United States any land, submerged land, or interests therein, subject to such reservations of oil, gas, or mineral rights as the Secretary may approve, within the area of approximately two thousand square miles recommended by said Secretary in his report to the Congress of December 3, 1930, pursuant to the Act of March 1, 1929 (45 Stat. 1443): *Provided*, That no general development of the property accepted pursuant to this Act shall be undertaken nor shall the park be established until title satisfactory to the Secretary to a major portion of the lands, to be selected by him, within the aforesaid recommended area shall have been vested in the United States: *Provided further*, That until the property acquired by the United States pursuant to this Act has been cleared of the aforesaid reservations, the Secretary in his discretion shall furnish such protection thereover as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act: *And provided further*, That in the event the park is not established within ten years from the date of the approval of this Act, or upon the abandonment of the park at any time after its establishment, title to any lands accepted pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall thereupon automatically revert in the State of Florida or other grantors of such property to the United States.

Restriction.

Provisional protection.

Reversionary provision.

Establishment upon execution of provisions.

(b) Upon the execution of the aforesaid provisions relating to establishment thereof, the Everglades National Park shall be established by order of the Secretary which shall be published in the Federal Register.

Approved December 6, 1944.

[CHAPTER 509]

AN ACT

December 6, 1944
[S. 1373]
[Public Law 464]

To authorize the Secretary of War to convey to the people of Puerto Rico for school purposes a certain building and lot known as the Mayaguez Barracks Military Reservation now under the jurisdiction of the War Department.

Puerto Rico.
Conveyance of property for school purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized, under such terms and conditions as he may deem advisable, to convey to the people of Puerto Rico for educational purposes a certain building and lot consisting of the Mayaguez Military Barracks and one and seventy-four one-hundredths acres of land, more or less, located in the municipality of Mayaguez,