

1 Stat. 15.
Wearing of decorations.

forces, hereby expressly granting the consent of Congress required for this purpose by clause 8 of section 9, article I, of the Constitution: *Provided*, That any such officer or enlisted man or any such former officer or former enlisted man holding any office of profit or trust under the United States is hereby authorized to wear any decoration, order, medal, or emblem accepted pursuant to authority contained in this Act, or heretofore accepted by such persons from the government of a cobelligerent nation, neutral nation, or of an American Republic."

Approved August 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 435]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

August 1, 1947
[H. J. Res. 238]
[Public Law 315]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 Stat. 681.
19 U. S. C. § 1201,
par. 1772.

"PAR. 1772. Standard newsprint paper. For the purposes of this paragraph (but only until July 1, 1948, in the case of paper in rolls of less than 15 inches in width) paper which is in rolls not less than 9 inches in width shall be deemed to be standard newsprint paper insofar as width of rolls is concerned."

Approved August 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 436]

AN ACT

To amend section 200 of Public Law 844, Seventy-fourth Congress, June 29, 1936, to permit recognition of officers and enlisted men retired from the military and naval forces of the United States as representatives of certain organizations in the presentation of claims to the Veterans' Administration.

August 1, 1947
[H. R. 3546]
[Public Law 316]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 200 of Public Law 844, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved June 29, 1936, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

49 Stat. 2031.
38 U. S. C. § 101.
Presentation of
claims to Veterans'
Administration.

"Retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard of the United States, while not on active duty, shall not by reason of their status as such be subject to the provisions of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code (18 U. S. C. 198 and 203) and section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99) in the presentation of claims under statutes administered by the Veterans' Administration as accredited representatives of an organization specified in or recognized under this section."

Approved August 1, 1947.

35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

[CHAPTER 437]

AN ACT

To extend the period for providing assistance for certain war-incurred school enrollments.

August 1, 1947
[H. R. 3682]
[Public Law 317]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to enable authorities which are still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments to meet their needs during the transition from war to peacetime conditions, the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to continue to make during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, contributions for the operation and maintenance of school facilities

Contributions for
operation, etc., of
school facilities.

to local school agencies requiring assistance that have received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, Federal contributions administered by him for the maintenance and operation of their school facilities. Appropriations and existing appropriations heretofore authorized (to the Federal Works Administrator) for similar purposes are hereby authorized to carry out the purposes of this Act. The amount hereinbefore authorized shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1948.

Approved August 1, 1947.

Appropriations authorized.
Ante, p. 697.

[CHAPTER 438]

AN ACT

To provide for the orderly transaction of the public business in the event of the death, resignation, or separation from office of regional disbursing officers of the Treasury Department.

August 1, 1947
[S. 907]

[Public Law 318]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the orderly transaction of the public business in the event of the death or of the resignation or separation from office of the Chief Disbursing Officer", approved December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1086; U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 5, sec. 249b), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Treasury Department.
Chief Disbursing Officer or regional disbursing officer.

"That in case of the death or of the resignation or separation from office of the Chief Disbursing Officer or any regional disbursing officer of the Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, the accounts of such Chief Disbursing Officer or regional disbursing officer may be continued and payments made in his name by an Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer designated by the Secretary of the Treasury or by an assistant regional disbursing officer designated by the Secretary of the Treasury or designated by an official of the Treasury Department authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to make such designation, for a period of time not to extend beyond the last day of the second month following the month in which such death, resignation, or separation shall occur. Such accounts and payments shall be allowed, audited, and settled in the General Accounting Office, and the checks signed in the name of the former Chief Disbursing Officer or regional disbursing officer shall be honored by the Treasurer of the United States, in the same manner as if the former Chief Disbursing officer or regional disbursing officer had continued in office. The former Chief Disbursing Officer or regional disbursing officer, his estate, or the surety on his official bond, shall not be subject to any legal liability or penalty for the official acts and defaults of the Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer or assistant regional disbursing officer acting in the name or in the place of the former Chief Disbursing Officer or regional disbursing officer under this Act, but the Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer or the assistant regional disbursing officer, and his surety, shall be responsible therefor under his bond. The bond of the Acting Chief Disbursing Officer or acting regional disbursing officer shall be an amount at least equal to the minimum amount of the bond required of the Chief Disbursing Officer or the regional disbursing officer, respectively. The Secretary of the Treasury may, from time to time, require the Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer, or the assistant regional disbursing officer, to renew and increase his bond to the United States."

Continuation of accounts in case of death, etc.

Liability for official acts.

Bond.

Approved August 1, 1947.