

- (a) Section 1443, Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 381);
- (b) Section 1453, Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 417);
- (c) Section 1454, Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 418);
- (d) The last sentence of the second proviso of the second paragraph under the heading "Pay of the Navy" of the Act of May 13, 1908, as it appears on page 128, volume 35, of the Statutes at Large (34 U. S. C. 383).

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of March 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 1270; 34 U. S. C. 1017), is hereby amended by changing the final period to a colon and adding the following: "Provided further, That all authority hereby vested in the President shall hereafter be exercised by the Secretary of the Navy with respect to commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps."

Approved June 17, 1948.

[CHAPTER 500]

AN ACT

To provide for the carrying of mail on star routes, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3951 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 434), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"The Postmaster General may, in his discretion and in the interest of the postal service, notwithstanding the provisions of section 3949 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 429), by mutual agreement with the holder of any star-route contract, renew such contract at the rate prevailing at the end of the contract term, for additional terms of four years with such bond as may be required by the Postmaster General. Any such contract may be terminated at the end of any four-year term at the option of the Postmaster General or the contractor or terminated at any time by operation of any existing law.

"The Postmaster General may, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, with the consent of the contractor, and without regard to the provisions of sections 3958 and 3961 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, secs. 438 and 441), readjust the compensation of a star-route contractor for increased or decreased costs occasioned by changed conditions occurring during the contract term which could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time of making his original proposal or executing his bond for a renewed contract as provided herein."

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 501]

AN ACT

To further amend the thirteenth paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thirteenth paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended (10 U. S. C., Supp. V, 535), is further amended to read as follows:

"The Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized to detail personnel of the Army of the United States, without regard to component, as students at such technical, professional, and other civilian educational institutions, or as students, observers, or investigators at such industrial plants, hospitals, and other places as shall be best suited to enable

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Star mail routes.

Renewal of contract.

Termination.

Readjustment of compensation.

39 U. S. C. §§ 438, 441.

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[Public Law 670]

National Defense Act, amendment.
41 Stat. 786.
10 U. S. C. § 535.

Detail of personnel as students, etc.