

Duty at distant stations.

(b) When on duty at distant stations where the pay and emoluments to which they are entitled cannot be disbursed regularly, commissioned and warrant officers, and enlisted men of the armed services, may have their pay and emoluments advanced under such regulations as the heads of the departments concerned may prescribe.

(c) The regulations prescribed for the administration of this section shall, insofar as practicable, be uniform for the services concerned.

Unliquidated amount.

SEC. 2. In the event the person to whom an advance of pay is made pursuant to section 1 of this Act dies or is separated from the service for any reason prior to the liquidation of such advance, the amount remaining unliquidated at the time of death or separation shall be passed to credit in the account of the disbursing officer concerned: *Provided*, That such amount remaining unliquidated shall remain a debt from such person or his estate due the United States.

Repeals.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 1563 of the Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. A. 875) is hereby repealed.

(b) That part of paragraph 1, subheading "Pay of the Navy", heading "Bureau of Supplies and Accounts" of the Act of March 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1181; 34 U. S. C. A. 875), which authorizes advances in pay to officers of the Navy and Marine Corps under certain conditions, is hereby repealed.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 601]

AN ACT

October 5, 1949
[H. R. 4875]
[Public Law 319]

To amend title 28 of the United States Code relating to travel expense allowances for Government employee witnesses.

Title 28, U. S. Code, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 1823 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "5 cents" and "\$6" and inserting in lieu "7 cents" and "\$9", respectively. Accordingly said section 1823 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 950.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1823 (a).
Ante, p. 103.

"SEC. 1823. United States officers and employees.

Travel expenses of witnesses.

"(a) Any officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof, summoned as a witness on behalf of the United States, shall be paid his necessary expenses incident to travel by common carrier, and if travel is made by privately owned automobile mileage at a rate not to exceed 7 cents per mile, together with a per diem allowance not to exceed \$9 in lieu of subsistence under regulations prescribed by the Attorney General. Such expenses for appearing as a witness in any case involving the activity in connection with which such person is employed shall be payable from the appropriation otherwise available for travel expenses of such officer or employee under proper certification by a certifying officer of the department or agency concerned."

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 602]

AN ACT

October 5, 1949
[H. R. 5465]
[Public Law 320]

To amend section 4 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.

53 Stat. 1201.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 698 (e).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by substituting a colon for the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "*Provided*, That in cases of officers and employees paid on a fee basis, the maximum basic salary, pay, or com-

pensation' which may be used for the purposes of this Act shall be \$10,000 per annum."

SEC. 2. This amendment shall become effective April 1, 1948.

Approved October 5, 1949.

Effective date.

[CHAPTER 603]

AN ACT

Authorizing transfer of land to the county of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, for a hospital site.

October 5, 1949
[H. R. 5670]
[Public Law 321]

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized, if he finds it to be for the best interest of the United States and the Indians of New Mexico, to convey to the county of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, upon payment by said county of one-half of the appraised fair market value thereof, as determined by the Secretary, such portion of the land in the city of Albuquerque, county of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, now set aside and reserved for the use of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for hospital purposes as he may find necessary or desirable to enable said premises to be used for the construction and operation of a hospital by the county of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico: *Provided,* That if the county of Bernalillo and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall enter into a contract or contracts whereby facilities for the treatment of Indians are to be made available at a hospital constructed upon land transferred to the county of Bernalillo under the terms of this Act, of a value equal to or in excess of one-half of the appraised fair market value of the property so transferred, the Secretary of the Interior may make such transfer without reimbursement to the Treasury of the United States.

Bernalillo County,
N. Mex.
Conveyance.

Contracts.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 604]

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction on the State of California over the lands and residents of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation in said State, and for other purposes.

October 5, 1949
[H. R. 5310]
[Public Law 322]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after January 1, 1950, all lands located on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation in the State of California, and the Indian residents thereof, shall be subject to the laws, civil and criminal, of the State of California, but nothing contained in this section shall be construed to authorize the alienation, encumbrance, or taxation of the lands of the reservation, or rights of inheritance thereof whether tribally or individually owned, so long as the title to such lands is held in trust by the United States, unless such alienation, encumbrance, or taxation is specifically authorized by the Congress.

Agua Caliente In-
dian Reservation.
Jurisdiction of Cali-
fornia.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the allotment in severalty to Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, and subject to the provisions of section 3 of this Act, no valid and existing permit covering lands located on the reservation, the terms of which have been fully met by the permittee, shall be terminated without the consent of the permittee prior to December 31, 1950.

Termination of per-
mit.

SEC. 3. The city of Palm Springs in Riverside County, California, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and subsequent to an appropriate resolution adopted by the business committee of the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians, giving approval, is hereby granted an easement not to exceed sixty feet in width for public use,

Palm Springs, Calif.
Easement.