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to exceed forty per centum of the pay of their grade or rating: *Provided*, That no warrant or petty officer shall be appointed or rated as such without a suitable examination or period of probation to determine his fitness for his grade or rating. That an enlisted man or a warrant or petty officer who has served thirty years in the Service shall, upon suitable application, be placed on waiting orders and receive seventy-five per centum of the pay and increase of his grade or rating: *Provided*, That such enlisted man, warrant or petty officer may be assigned to such duties as he may be able to perform.

Provisos.
Examination.

Waiting orders.

Assignment.

SEC. 9. That a third lieutenant or an engineer officer with the rank of third lieutenant who has served five years in his grade shall, upon passing the examinations now required by law, be eligible to promotion to the next higher grade: *Provided*, That there shall be no increase in the total number of lieutenants nor in the total number of engineer officers below the rank of first lieutenant authorized by law: *Provided further*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent promotions to fill vacancies as now provided by law.

Eligibility for promotion.

Provisos.
Restriction.

Promotions to fill vacancies.

SEC. 10. That engineer officers who now have or who may hereafter have the rank of captain, first lieutenant, second lieutenant, or third lieutenant in the Revenue-Cutter Service shall hereafter have the title of captain of engineers, first lieutenant of engineers, second lieutenant of engineers, and third lieutenant of engineers, respectively, and the titles of chief engineer, first assistant engineer, and second assistant engineer are hereby abolished. That precedence between line and engineer officers of the same rank shall be determined by length of continuous service as a commissioned officer.

Title of engineers.

Precedence.

SEC. 11. That an enlisted man upon first entering the Revenue-Cutter Service shall have credited to his account the sum of forty-five dollars, and upon each subsequent enlistment the sum of twenty dollars, for uniform clothing, and such amount shall be paid to said enlisted man at the expiration of his term of enlistment if he has served a full term as prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury and has received an honorable discharge.

Enlisted men.
Allowance for clothing.

SEC. 12. That the presidents and recorders of Revenue-Cutter Service courts and commanding officers of vessels of the Revenue-Cutter Service be, and are hereby, authorized to administer oaths of allegiance and such other oaths as may be necessary for the proper conduct of said Service; and that commanding officers of vessels of the Revenue-Cutter Service be, and are hereby, authorized to administer oaths generally in Alaska.

Oaths.

SEC. 13. That the number of officers allowed in the grades of second lieutenant and third lieutenant and second lieutenant of engineers and third lieutenant of engineers is hereby increased five in each of said grades.

Increase of officers.

SEC. 14. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, April 16, 1908.

CHAP. 146.—An Act For completing the pediment of the House wing of the Capitol.

April 16, 1908.
[H. R. 17983.]
[Public, No. 97.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the expenditure of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, authorized for the purpose of completing the pediment of the House wing of the Capitol by placing suitable statuary thereon, said expenditure to be made under the direction of the Speaker of the House, the Joint Committee on the Library, and the Superintendent of the Capitol.

Capitol.
Completion of pediment of House wing authorized.
Post, p. 344.

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