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Expenses of an attendant.

care may be made prior to completion of such travel: *And provided further*, That when any such person requires an attendant other than an employee of the Veterans' Administration for the performance of such travel, such attendant may be allowed expenses of travel upon a similar basis.

Approved, March 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 53]

AN ACT

March 14, 1940
[S. 3012]
[Public, No. 433]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 662), relative to the payment of the commuted rations of enlisted men.

Enlisted men, Navy.

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 making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 662), insofar as the provisions thereof are embodied in section 908 of title 34 of the United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Payments from accrued commuted rations.

"Money accruing from the commuted rations of enlisted men legally assigned to duty with officers' or other messes, afloat or ashore, may be paid under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy."

Approved, March 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 56]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 15, 1940
[S. J. Res. 206]
[Pub. Res., No. 58]

Creating a commission to arrange for the celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the signing of the first United States patent law.

First patent law, sesquicentennial celebration.

Preamble.

Whereas there will occur on April 10, 1940, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of President George Washington's approval of the first Act of Congress authorizing and regulating the grant of patents as contemplated in article I, section 8, of the Constitution; and

Whereas the encouragement and the protection thus afforded to discoverers and inventors have both inspired and rewarded their genius to the benefit of this Nation and the whole world; and

Whereas the American patent system inaugurated by this Act of Congress has promoted countless applications of the arts and sciences to the needs and well-being of our people and thereby contributed notably to a higher standard of living in our country; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of the institution of a system so beneficial to the people of the United States should be worthily observed: Now, therefore, be it

Commission on arrangements.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a commission consisting of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Patents, the chairman of the House Committee on Patents, the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of Patents, and five other members to be selected by them, with power and authority to make suitable arrangements for an appropriate observance of the sesquicentennial of the first United States patent law.

Inventors' and Patent Day.
President requested to set aside April 10, 1940, as.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States is requested to set aside April 10, 1940, as Inventors' and Patent Day to invite a general public commemoration of an event which has proved so important and salutary to this Nation.