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Ante, p. 366.

(Public Law Numbered 139, Seventy-seventh Congress), and reading as follows: "*Provided further*, That no obligations shall be incurred for or on account of objects appropriated for under this head to the Military Establishment except in pursuance of specific appropriations." is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That with respect to the $500,000,000 provided by this Act which is not for payments under the aforesaid contract authorizations, no obligations shall be incurred for or on account of the objects specified under this head except in pursuance of said specific appropriation."

Contract obligations.
Public Law 422, 77th Congress.

Approved, July 16, 1941.

[CHAPTER 304]

AN ACT

July 17, 1941
[H. R. 4823]
[Public Law 180]

Providing for the rank of officers ordered to perform special or unusual duty, and of commanders of special naval units afloat.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to those officers who may be serving in the grade of vice admiral by virtue of the provisions of section 18 of the Act of May 22, 1917 (40 Stat. 89; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 212), naval officers, not to exceed a total of nine at any one time, designated by the President to perform special or unusual duty, or to command naval units afloat organized for the purpose of performing a special or unusual mission may, within the discretion of the President, have the rank, pay, and all allowances of a vice admiral while so serving. In time of war or national emergency the provisions of this Act shall be applicable only to officers on the active list of the rank or grade of captain and above. At all other times the said provisions shall apply only to officers of the rank or grade of rear admiral.

Navy.
Officers performing special duty.

Number.

Rank, pay, etc.

Application of provisions.

Approved, July 17, 1941.

[CHAPTER 305]

JOINT RESOLUTION

July 17, 1941
[H. J. Res. 63]
[Public Law 181]

Requesting the President to proclaim February 11, 1942, as Edison Day, in commemoration of the birthday of Thomas Alva Edison.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating February 11, 1942, as Thomas Alva Edison Day and calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on said date and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

Thomas Alva Edison Day.
Proclamation authorized.
7 F. R. 685.

Approved, July 17, 1941.

[CHAPTER 307]

AN ACT

July 18, 1941
[H. R. 1094]
[Public Law 182]

To grant pension for disability or death resulting from service in the United States Coast Guard before July 2, 1930, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration granting pension and other benefits to veterans and their dependents are hereby extended to the officers and enlisted men of the United States Coast Guard and their dependents for disability resulting from personal injury or disease contracted in line of duty, or

Coast Guard.
Extension of pension laws to.