subject to the laws and regulations, except as may be necessary to adapt the same hereto, applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve: Provided, That the provision of section 12 (a) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, that the monthly base pay of enlisted men with less than four months' service during their first enlistment shall be $21, shall not apply to members of the Limited Service Marine Corps Reserve who are veterans of the World War; Provided further, That all enlisted men of the Limited Service Marine Corps Reserve shall be entitled to allowances for quarters and subsistence and to transportation of dependents and of household effects in the same manner and under like conditions as are now or may hereafter be authorized for enlisted men of the first three pay grades of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Approved, January 20, 1942.

[CHAPTER 14]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) so much of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended, as precedes subsection (a), is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. In order to provide housing for persons engaged in national-defense activities, and their families, and living quarters for single persons so engaged, in those areas or localities in which the President shall find that an acute shortage of housing exists or impends which would impede national-defense activities and that such housing would not be provided by private capital when needed, the Federal Works Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the 'Administrator') is authorized:

(b) Section 1 (b) of such Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the next to last proviso and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Provided, That the cost per permanent family-dwelling unit shall not exceed an average of $3,750 for all types of construction for those units located within the continental United States nor an average of $4,250 for those located elsewhere (exclusive of Alaska), and the cost of no family-dwelling unit shall exceed $4,500 within the continental United States or $4,750 elsewhere, except in the Territory of Alaska, where the cost shall not exceed $7,500, exclusive of expenses of administration, land acquisition, public utilities, and community facilities, and the aggregate cost of all community facilities shall not exceed 3 per centum of the total cost of all projects: Provided further, That the Administrator shall consider that there is no reasonable prospect of disposing of such housing to meet a need extending beyond the emergency he shall construct temporary units."

Sec. 2. Section 2 of such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end of clause (a) the following: "; (4) officers of the Army and Marine Corps not above the grade of captain, and officers of the Navy and Coast Guard, not above the grade of lieutenant, senior grade, assigned to duty at naval or military reservations, posts, or bases, or to duty at defense industries: Provided, That any proceedings for the recovery of possession of any property or project developed or constructed under this title shall be brought
by the Administrator in the courts of the States having jurisdiction of such causes and the laws of the States shall be applicable thereto.

Sec. 3. So much of section 3 of such Act, as amended, as precedes the proviso therein is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purpose of this title, in accordance with the authority therein contained and for administrative expenses in connection therewith, including transfer of household goods and effects as provided by the Act of October 10, 1940 (Public, Numbered 839), and regulations promulgated thereunder, not to exceed the sum of $600,000,000, to remain available until expended."

Sec. 4. Such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

"Sec. 4. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this title to further the national defense by providing housing in those areas where it cannot otherwise be provided by private enterprise when needed, and that such housing may be sold and disposed of as expeditiously as possible: Provided, That in disposing of said housing consideration shall be given to its full market value and said housing or any part thereof shall not, unless specifically authorized by Congress, be conveyed to any public or private agency organized for slum clearance or to provide subsidized housing for persons of low income: Provided further, That the Administrator may, in his discretion, upon the request of the Secretaries of War or Navy transfer to the jurisdiction of the War or Navy Departments such housing constructed under the provisions of this Act as may be considered to be permanently useful to the Army or Navy."

Sec. 5. Amend section 204 of the Act by striking out the figures "$150,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "$300,000,000".

Sec. 6. The second proviso of section 304 of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "Provided further, That the Administrator shall fix fair rentals, on projects developed pursuant to this Act, which shall be based on the value thereof as determined by him, with power during the emergency, in exceptional cases, to adjust the rent to the income of the persons to be housed, and that rentals to be charged for Army and Navy personnel shall be fixed by the War and Navy Departments."

Sec. 7. Section 305 of such Act, as amended, is amended by the addition of the following sentence at the end thereof: "Consultation shall be had with local public officials and local housing authorities to the end that projects constructed under the provisions of this Act shall, so far as may be practicable, conform in location and design to local planning and tradition."

Sec. 8. Section 306 of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 306. The Administrator shall pay from rentals annual sums in lieu of taxes to any State and/or political subdivision thereof, with respect to any real property acquired and held by him under this Act, including improvements thereon. The amount so paid for any year upon such property shall approximate the taxes which would be paid to the State and/or subdivision, as the case may be, upon such property if it were not exempt from taxation with such allowance as may be considered by him to be appropriate for expenditure by the Government for streets, utilities, or other public services to serve such property."

Sec. 9. Section 309 of such Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Preference in such employment shall be given to qualified local residents."
Sec. 10. Such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after section 311 the following new section:

"Sec. 312. Any agency designated by the President to provide temporary shelter under the provisions of Public Law Numbered 9, Seventy-seventh Congress, Public Law Numbered 73, Seventy-seventh Congress, or the Third Supplemental National Defense Appropriations Act, 1942, shall have the same powers with respect to the management, maintenance, operation, and administration of such temporary shelter as are granted to the Federal Works Administrator under section 304 and section 306 of this Act with respect to projects constructed hereunder, and the provisions of section 307 shall apply to such temporary shelter projects and the occupants thereof."

Sec. 11. The first proviso of section 1 (b) of such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting before the colon at the end thereof the following: "and so far as is consistent with emergency needs, contracts shall be subject to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes."

Approved, January 21, 1942.

[CHAPTER 15]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1909, as amended, so as to extend commissary privileges to such other persons as may be specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such part of the Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 768; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 533), as amended, which provides "That hereafter such stores as the Secretary of the Navy may designate may be procured and sold to officers and enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; to the widows of such officers and enlisted men; and to civilian officers and employees of the United States at naval stations and post exchanges beyond the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe", is hereby further amended to read "That hereafter such stores as the Secretary of the Navy may designate may be procured and sold to officers and enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; to the widows of such officers and enlisted men; to civilian officers and employees of the United States, and to such other persons as may be specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Navy, at naval stations and post exchanges beyond the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe."

Approved, January 23, 1942.

[CHAPTER 16]

AN ACT

To amend further the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Civil Service Retirement Act approved May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by striking out the whole thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "Sec. 1. (a) All officers and employees to whom this Act applies who shall have attained, or shall hereafter attain, the age of seventy years and have rendered at least fifteen years of service computed as

Temporary shelter.

42 U. S. C., Supp. 1, §§ 1524, 1546, 1547; Act, p. 12.
Contracts.
54 Stat. 1212.
42 U. S. C., Supp. 1, § 1523 (b).
41 U. S. C., § 5.

January 23, 1942
[5. 860]
[Public Law 410]

Naval Procurement and sale of stores.

January 24, 1942
[5. 860]
[Public Law 411]

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendments.
5 U. S. C., § 691.

Eligibility.