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appropriation available on the date of the enactment hereof for pay of the Army: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War determines that the induction or call of said persons in said erroneous grade or rank was without fault on the part of said persons so inducted or called.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. Payments heretofore erroneously made to such persons described in section 1 hereof are hereby ratified and validated and credit therefor shall be allowed by the Comptroller General of the United States in the accounts of disbursing officers making said payments: *Provided*, That any amounts collected from any person on account of payments which are herein validated shall be refunded to said person upon the presentation of a claim therefor to the Comptroller General of the United States who is authorized and directed to certify said claim to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of any funds available for pay of the Army.

Validation of payments.

Proviso. Refunds.

Approved, February 6, 1942.

[CHAPTER 43]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes.

February 6, 1942
[H. R. 6333]
[Public Law 438]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $450,000,000 for the establishment or development of naval shore activities by the construction of such temporary or permanent public works as the Secretary of the Navy may consider necessary, including buildings, facilities, accessories, and services, with which shall be included the authority to acquire the necessary land: *Provided*, That contracts for construction may be entered into without regard to the provisions of section 3709, Revised Statutes.

Navy, public works. Appropriation authorized. *Post*, p. 66.

Proviso. 41 U. S. C. § 5.

SEC. 2. The limits of cost on the construction of quarters and housing on property owned by the United States fixed by this and all prior Acts shall not be construed to prohibit or exclude additional expenditures for utilities, services, and general improvements, including but not restricted to electricity, gas, water, sewage disposal, roads, walks, grading, and drainage.

Additional expenditures.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to utilize funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated for the construction of naval public works for the temporary relief of contractors and their employees for losses incurred as a direct result of enemy action.

Relief of contractors for certain losses.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Navy shall transmit to the Congress on or before January 10, 1943, a statement by projects of the obligations incurred pursuant to the authorization provided in this Act.

Report to Congress.

Approved, February 6, 1942.

[CHAPTER 44]

AN ACT

To provide for the adjustment of tobacco, wheat, and cotton-marketing quotas and acreage allotments in certain cases where farm land is acquired by the United States for defense purposes.

February 6, 1942
[H. R. 6353]
[Public Law 439]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 313 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, amendments. 52 Stat. 47; 53 Stat. 1261. 7 U. S. C. § 1313.

"(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part 1, any person who owned a farm, which in 1940 or thereafter was acquired

Transfer of tobacco allotments.