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material for stock) and for personal and contractual services under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe: *Provided further*, That no expenditure shall be incurred under the naval procurement fund, which is not properly chargeable to available funds under a naval appropriation, and the naval procurement fund shall be promptly reimbursed from the appropriate naval appropriations for all expenditures properly chargeable thereto on the basis of transfer and counterwarrants prepared in the Navy Department and certified to the Secretary of the Treasury by a duly authorized representative of the Navy: *Provided further*, That such warrants when signed by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be entered in the appropriation accounts as of the fiscal year in which the expenditures were made and without revision by any officer of the Government; any adjustments between accounts subsequently found necessary in the audit and settlement of the accounts by the General Accounting Office shall be made as of current dates on the basis of new transfer and counterwarrants: *Provided further*, That advance check payments may be made to the Naval Procurement Fund upon written request to the Paymaster General of the Navy from the appropriate naval appropriation for all or any part of the costs ultimately chargeable to such naval appropriation, subject to appropriate adjustments being made on the basis of the completed actual cost of the supplies, materials, equipment, and services involved: *Provided further*, That the naval supply account fund shall be hereafter designated as the naval stock fund: *Provided further*, That the Paymaster General of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the naval procurement fund for payment any existing obligations under the naval stock fund which do not represent the acquisition of materials for stock: *And provided further*, That hereafter the naval stock fund shall be charged with the cost of transporting material purchased free on board cars or on wharf or free alongside vessels at points specified in contract to activities to which initial delivery is to be made only when the contract on which the material is being procured is drawn under that fund so that the issue price of the material may include the transportation costs on materials so procured, and similar transportation costs on materials procured under other contracts shall be charged to the appropriation under which each contract is drawn or to the corresponding current appropriation as may be available, or the Secretary of the Navy may direct any transportation costs to be charged directly to the proper appropriation which would otherwise be ultimately chargeable.

Restriction.

Reimbursement.

Warrants.

Adjustments.

Advance check payments.

Naval stock fund, designation.

Transfer of certain obligations.

Transportation charges.

Approved, July 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 485]

AN ACT

July 3, 1942
[S. 2454]
[Public Law 654]

To prescribe the relative rank of members of the Navy Nurse Corps in relation to commissioned officers of the Navy, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the members of the Navy Nurse Corps shall have relative rank as follows:

Navy Nurse Corps.
Relative rank prescribed.
Post, p. 1074.

(a) The superintendent, the relative rank of lieutenant commander.

Superintendent.

(b) The assistant superintendents, not to exceed one for each three hundred members of the Navy Nurse Corps, the relative rank of lieutenant.

Assistant superintendents.

(c) Chief nurses, the relative rank of lieutenant (junior grade).

Chief nurses.

(d) Nurses, the relative rank of ensign.

Nurses.

SEC. 2. As regards medical and sanitary matters and all other work within the line of their professional duties, the members of the Navy Nurse Corps shall have authority in and about naval hospitals and other medical activities next after the commissioned officers of the Medical Corps and Dental Corps of the Navy. The Secretary of the Navy shall make the necessary regulations prescribing the rights and privileges conferred by such relative rank.

Authority.

Rights and privileges.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy shall fix the money value of the uniforms which members of the Navy Nurse Corps are required to have upon their first appointment in the Navy: *Provided*, That he may authorize such uniforms to be issued in kind or, in lieu thereof, that payment in cash of the money value fixed in accordance with the foregoing be made to members so appointed, for the purchase of such uniforms;

Money value of uniforms.

Proviso.
Issue; cash payment in lieu.

SEC. 4. In time of war or when the Secretary of the Navy shall direct the wearing of uniforms at all times, he may fix the money value of additional outdoor uniforms which may be issued in kind to all members of the Navy Nurse Corps, or authorize payment in cash in lieu thereof for the purchase of such outdoor uniforms as may be prescribed by the United States Navy Uniform Regulations: *Provided*, That but one complete uniform outfit may be furnished to a member of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Additional outdoor uniforms.

Proviso.
Limitation.

Approved, July 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 486]

AN ACT

To suspend the requirement for the performance of annual labor on certain mining claims.

July 3, 1942
[H. R. 6295]
[Public Law 655]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States which requires that on each mining claim located after May 10, 1872, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than $100 worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, shall be suspended as to all valid mining claims in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska, which are situated within the exterior limits of any area withdrawn by Executive order for purposes of national defense, and such suspension shall remain in force and effect until the end of the assessment year during which the order of withdrawal is vacated by the President or by Act of Congress. Where it is found necessary to utilize the surface of valid mining claims for purposes of national defense, the record holders thereof are authorized to enter into agreements providing for such use with any executive department or Federal agency exercising control or jurisdiction over the land.

Mining claims.
Suspension of annual labor requirements.
30 U. S. C. § 28.

Ante, p. 271.

Alaska included.

Duration.

Use of surface.

Approved, July 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 488]

AN ACT

To amend sections 12A and 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended.

July 7, 1942
[S. 2565]
[Public Law 656]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 263), is amended by striking out the second and third sentences thereof and substituting the following: "Such representatives shall be presidents or first vice presidents of Federal Reserve

Federal Reserve Act, amendments.
49 Stat. 705.
Federal Open Market Committee, election of representatives.