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"SEC. 508. The authority conferred by this Act for appointments and enlistments in the Women's Reserve shall be effective during the present war and for six months thereafter, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate."

Duration of authority.

Approved, July 30, 1942.

[CHAPTER 539]

AN ACT

To provide increases of pension payable to dependents of veterans of the Regular Establishment, and for other purposes.

July 30, 1942
[H. R. 1030]
[Public Law 690]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the surviving widow, child, or children, and/or dependent mother or father of any deceased person who died as a result of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service as provided for in part II, paragraph I, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, and persons entitled to pension under the provisions of the general pension law for death resulting from service prior to April 21, 1898, shall be entitled to receive pension at the monthly rates specified below:

Pensions payable to dependents of veterans of Regular Establishment.

38 U. S. C., note fol. ch. 12; Supp. I, note fol. ch. 12.

Widow, age under fifty years, $30; widow, age fifty years or over, $35; widow with one child, $8 additional for such child up to ten years of age, increased to $11 from age ten (with $6 for each additional child up to ten years of age, increased to $10 from age ten) (subject to apportionment regulations); no widow but one child, $15; no widow but two children, $25 (equally divided); no widow but three children, $35 (equally divided) (with $6 for each additional child, total amount to be equally divided); dependent mother or father, $30 (or both) $20 each. As to the widow, child, or children, the total pension payable under this paragraph shall not exceed $62.

Monthly rates.

SEC. 2. As to persons now on the pension rolls or who are in receipt of or applicants for pension under laws in force prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the pension or increase of pension at the rates herein authorized shall commence on the first day of the month following the month in which this Act is enacted, and as to persons not now on the rolls or not in receipt of pension or who do not have an application pending, pension at the rates herein provided shall commence the day following the date of death of the veteran if claim is filed within one year following the date of death; otherwise the date of filing application in the Veterans' Administration: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, all pensions which may be granted under the general pension law either in consequence of claims pending on the date of enactment of this Act or claims filed thereafter in consequence of death occurring from a cause which originated in the service since the 4th day of March 1861 shall be effective as of the day following the date of death of the veteran if claim is filed within one year after the death of such veteran, or otherwise from the date of receipt of the application: *Provided further*, That the rates of pension herein authorized shall not be awarded for any period prior to the first day of the month following the month of enactment of this Act.

Commencement date.
Persons now on pension rolls, etc.

Persons not now on rolls, etc.

Provisos.
Awards under general pension law.
Effective date.

Restriction.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed so as to terminate or reduce any pension heretofore granted, or to deny the increased rates as provided in this Act to those whose names are on the pension roll under the general law at the effective date of this Act, or deny any right, privilege, or benefit conferred by any pension law now in effect, except as to the effective date of commencement as provided in section 2 of this Act.

Effect on pensions heretofore granted, etc.

Effective date of designated awards.

38 U. S. C., note fol. ch. 12; Supp. I, note fol. ch. 12.
55 Stat. 844.

SEC. 4. That notwithstanding any provision of law or veterans regulation, awards of death pension granted under part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended or under Public Law 359, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved December 19, 1941, shall be effective as of the day following the date of death of the veteran, if claim is filed within one year following the date of death.

Approved, July 30, 1942.

[CHAPTER 540]

AN ACT

August 1, 1942
[S. 2322]
[Public Law 691]

To extend the time limit for cooperation between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Farm Security Administration in the development of farm units on public lands under Federal Reclamation projects.

Farm units on public lands.
53 Stat. 1238; 54 Stat. 402; 55 Stat. 266.
43 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 433 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 7, 1939 (Public, Numbered 307, Seventy-sixth Congress, first session), as amended by the Act of June 17, 1940 (Public, Numbered 636, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session), and as amended by the Act of May 28, 1941 (Public, Numbered 77, Seventy-seventh Congress, first session), is hereby further amended by striking out "during the fiscal year 1942", and by inserting in lieu thereof "during the fiscal year 1943".

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 541]

AN ACT

August 1, 1942
[S. 2440]
[Public Law 692]

For the relief of the Bridgeport irrigation district.

Bridgeport irrigation district, Nebr.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the contract of June 14, 1915, between the United States and the Bridgeport irrigation district, North Platte reclamation project, and the indebtedness of the district thereunder for operation and maintenance charges delinquent under said contract for the years 1926 to 1942, both inclusive, be, and the same are hereby, canceled and released, and that the judgment entered on July 30, 1929, in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska against the district and in favor of the United States be, and the same is hereby, released and discharged: *Provided*, That the $23,286 heretofore paid under the contract of June 14, 1915, shall be retained by the United States for the benefits heretofore received by the district under said contract: *And provided further*, That the water right of the district under its Nebraska appropriation, upon the approval of this Act, shall be in the same legal status under the laws of Nebraska as if said contract of June 14, 1915, had never been executed.

Cancelation of contract and discharge of judgment.

Provisos.
Retention of amount paid.

Water right.

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 542]

AN ACT

August 1, 1942
[S. 2645]
[Public Law 693]

To amend article of war 50½.

General courts martial in distant commands.
10 U. S. C. § 1522.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third and fifth paragraphs of article of war 50½ (41 Stat. 797–799), as amended by the Act approved August 20, 1937 (50 Stat. 724), be further amended by adding a further proviso at the end of each of said paragraphs as follows: "*Provided further*, That whenever a branch of the office of the Judge Advocate General is established, under the provisions of the last paragraph of this article, with a distant com-

Functions of commanding general.