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other notarial acts: *Provided*, That no fee of any character shall be paid to any officer for the performance of any notarial act herein authorized: *Provided further*, That whenever the Coast Guard shall be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Treasury during a national emergency, the Secretary of the Treasury shall have and may exercise as to the Coast Guard the authority of the Secretary of the Navy under this Act: *And provided further*, That the signature without seal of any officer of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard acting as such notary public shall be prima facie evidence of his authority.

Approved April 9, 1943.

[CHAPTER 37]

AN ACT

April 9, 1943
[H. R. 1366]
[Public Law 25]

To provide temporary additional compensation for employees in the Postal Service.

Postal Service.
Additional compensation for employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all officers and employees in the Postal Service whose rates of compensation are prescribed by the Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1925, as amended, and all other officers and employees paid from appropriations made for the field service of the Post Office Department, shall receive additional compensation at the rate of $300 per annum, except that employees paid on an hourly, fee, part time, or per diem basis, and fourth-class postmasters and special delivery messengers, shall receive an increase of 15 per centum of their earned basic compensation, and the allowance to third-class postmasters for clerk hire is hereby increased by 15 per centum, but such increase in compensation or allowance shall not in any case exceed an average of $25 per month for the fiscal year or fractional part thereof: *Provided*, That the additional compensation at the rate of $300 per annum shall not be considered in computing or fixing earned basic compensation for any purpose under this Act.

43 Stat. 1053.
39 U. S. C. § 53 *et seq.*; Supp. II, § 197 *et seq.*
Post, p. 572.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, pp. 441, 446.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on May 1, 1943, and shall terminate on June 30, 1945, or such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may prescribe.

Effective date; duration.

Approved April 9, 1943.

[CHAPTER 38]

AN ACT

April 9, 1943
[S. 829]
[Public Law 26]

To amend sections 6 and 11 of the Act approved July 24, 1941, entitled "An Act authorizing the temporary appointment or advancement of certain personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes", as amended, to provide for the grade of commodore, and for other purposes.

Navy and Marine Corps.
Temporary appointments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act approved July 24, 1941, entitled "An Act authorizing the temporary appointment or advancement of certain personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes" (55 Stat. 604), as