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Contracts to obtain Federal aid.

SEC. 7. The city of Ketchikan is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof to obtain a grant or loan of money funds to aid in the construction of the additions and betterments to and extensions of the public utility properties of the city authorized by this Act, and is further authorized to expend surplus moneys in the treasury of the city from the revenues of said public utility properties for such purpose.

Contract with bondholders; enforcement.

SEC. 8. The provisions of this Act and of any resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds hereunder shall constitute a contract with the holders of such bonds from time to time, and the provisions thereof and hereof shall be enforceable by any owner or holder of said bonds by mandamus or by any other appropriate suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Authority for issuance of bonds.

SEC. 9. This Act shall be complete authority for the issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and shall be liberally construed to accomplish its purposes. Any restrictions, limitations, or regulations relative to the issuance of bonds by the city of Ketchikan, Alaska, contained in any other Act shall not apply to bonds issued under this Act, and any Act inconsistent herewith shall be deemed modified to conform with the provisions of this Act for the purposes of this Act only.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 423]

AN ACT

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 5196]
[Public Law 436]

To amend section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act by authorizing common carriers to grant reduced fares to personnel of armed services.

24 Stat. 387.
49 U. S. C. § 22.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act is hereby amended by inserting after "homes;" at the end of the second clause thereof the following clause: "nothing in this part shall be construed to prohibit any common carrier from establishing by publication and filing in the manner prescribed in section 6 reduced fares for application to the transportation of (a) personnel of United States armed services or of foreign armed services, when such persons are traveling at their own expense, in uniform of those services, and while on official leave, furlough, or pass; or (b) persons discharged, retired, or released from United States armed services within thirty days prior to the commencement of such transportation and traveling at their own expense to their homes or other prospective places of abode;".

Reduced fares for personnel of armed services.
24 Stat. 380.
49 U. S. C. § 6.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 424]

JOINT RESOLUTION

September 27, 1944
[H. J. Res. 268]
[Public Law 437]

To provide for the reappointment of Harvey N. Davis and Arthur H. Compton as members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Board of Regents of Smithsonian Institution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of the Congress, which will occur by the expiration of the terms of Harvey N. Davis, of New Jersey, and Arthur H. Compton, of Illinois, on June 14 and 19, 1944, respectively, be filled by the reappointment of the present incumbents for the statutory term of six years.

Approved September 27, 1944.