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Claims arising in foreign countries, etc.

incident to their service." is hereby amended, effective as of the date of approval of said Act, to read as follows: "The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to claims arising in foreign countries or possessions thereof which are cognizable under the provisions of the Act of January 2, 1942 (55 Stat. 880; 31 U. S. C. 224d), as amended, or to claims for personal injury or death of military personnel or civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army if such injury or death occurs incident to their service."

Short title.

SEC. 5. This Act may be cited as the "Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945".

Approved May 29, 1945.

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[CHAPTER 136]

JOINT RESOLUTION

May 29, 1945
[H. J. Res. 177]
[Public Law 68]

Repealing a portion of the appropriation and contract authorization available to the Maritime Commission.

Maritime Commission, construction fund.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That out of the current unexpended balance of appropriations heretofore made to the Maritime Commission under the head "Construction fund, United States Maritime Commission Act, June 24, 1936, revolving fund", the sum of $3,100,000,000 shall be carried to the surplus fund and be covered into the Treasury immediately upon the approval of this joint resolution: *Provided*, That the present contract authorization for ship construction and facilities incident thereto is hereby reduced by $4,265,000,000.

49 Stat. 1987.
46 U. S. C. § 1116.

Contract authorization, reduction.

Approved May 29, 1945.

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[CHAPTER 137]

AN ACT

May 29, 1945
[S. 645]
[Public Law 69]

To suspend until six months after the termination of the present wars section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 481), as amended.

Naval officers, shore duty.
34 U. S. C. § 222.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 481), as amended, is hereby suspended until six months after the termination of the present wars as determined by the proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress, whichever is earlier.

Approved May 29, 1945.

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[CHAPTER 138]

AN ACT

May 29, 1945
[S. 647]
[Public Law 70]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the State of Rhode Island, for highway purposes only, a strip of land within the naval advance base depot at North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

Rhode Island.
Conveyance of land to State.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to convey (subject to section 2 of this Act) to the State of Rhode Island, for highway purposes only, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a strip or parcel of land, the metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department, consisting of two and five hundred eighty-three one-thousandths acres, more or less, situated within the boundaries of the United States Naval Advance Base Depot, North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island.