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by inserting after the first sentence thereof a new sentence as follows: "Any such annuitant who died during the period beginning on February 29, 1948, and ending on April 30, 1948, leaving a surviving wife or husband, shall be deemed to have made the election authorized in the foregoing proviso and to have named such wife or husband to receive an annuity as provided in such proviso, but no such annuity shall become due or payable to such wife or husband prior to April 1, 1948."

Annuity for certain surviving spouses.

Approved June 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 637]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Permitting the free entry of certain articles imported to promote international good will, and for other purposes.

June 25, 1948
[H. J. Res. 433]
[Public Law 769]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any articles, including approximately forty-eight railroad cars and incidental equipment, certified by the Secretary of State as being donated in promotion of international good will by the people or Government of the Republic of France for sale for charitable purposes in the United States or for presentation, in the case of the railroad equipment, to noncommercial organizations in the United States may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption free of customs duties, fees, or charges, internal-revenue taxes, and marking or other import requirements or restrictions.

Free imports.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be effective as to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of its enactment and prior to the close of December 31, 1948.

Effective date.

Approved June 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 643]

AN ACT

To ratify and confirm amendments to certain contracts for the furnishing of petroleum products to the United States.

June 25, 1948
[H. R. 4659]
[Public Law 770]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That contract amendments relating to prices to be paid for petroleum products entered into by any department, agency, or establishment of the executive branch of the Government, in the calendar year 1946 following the removal of price controls on petroleum products, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and such amendments shall be treated as valid in the determination and adjustment of claims by or against the United States under such contracts.

Petroleum products. Validation of certain contract amendments.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of accounts of accountable officers of the Government of the United States covering payments made under contract amendments which are, and to the extent that such payments are, ratified and confirmed by section 1 hereof.

Credit in accounts.

SEC. 3. Amounts which have been refunded or collected by set-off, or otherwise, from contractors on account of payments made under contract amendments herein ratified and confirmed, are authorized to be repaid to said contractors upon presentation of a claim therefor to the General Accounting Office.

Repayment of amounts to certain contractors.

Approved June 25, 1948.