

[CHAPTER 673]

AN ACT

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

October 11, 1949
[S. 2372]
[Public Law 347]

Atomic Energy
Act of 1946, amend-
ments.
60 Stat. 757.
42 U. S. C. § 1802 (c);
Supp. II, § 1802 notes.

Chairman.

Compensation.

Authority to make
recommendations.

60 Stat. 758.
42 U. S. C. § 1802 (d);
Supp. II, § 1802 notes.
Infra.

Chairman of Military
Liaison Committee.

Supra.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (c) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE.—There shall be a Military Liaison Committee consisting of a Chairman, who shall be the head thereof, and of a representative or representatives of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, detailed or assigned thereto, without additional compensation, in such number as the Secretary of Defense may determine. Representatives from each of the three Departments shall be designated by the respective Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall receive compensation at a rate prescribed by law for the Chairman of the Munitions Board. The Commission shall advise and consult with the Committee on all atomic-energy matters which the Committee deems to relate to military applications, including the development, manufacture, use and storage of bombs, the allocation of fissionable material for military research, and the control of information relating to the manufacture or utilization of atomic weapons. The Commission shall keep the Committee fully informed of all such matters before it and the Committee shall keep the Commission fully informed of all atomic energy activities of the Department of Defense. The Committee shall have authority to make written recommendations to the Commission on matters relating to military applications from time to time as it may deem appropriate. If the Committee at any time concludes that any action, proposed action, or failure to act of the Commission on such matters is adverse to the responsibilities of the Department of Defense, derived from the Constitution, laws, and treaties, the Committee may refer such action, proposed action, or failure to act to the Secretary of Defense. If the Secretary concurs, he may refer the matter to the President, whose decision shall be final."

SEC. 2. Section 2 (d) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 is amended by striking out "Army or the Navy" and inserting in lieu thereof, "Army, Navy, or Air Force".

SEC. 3. Section 2 (d) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 is also amended by inserting at the end thereof the following two sentences: "Likewise, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, any active or retired officer of the Army, Navy, or Air Force may serve as Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee established by subsection (c) of this section, without prejudice to his commissioned status as such officer. Any such officer serving as Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee shall receive, in addition to his pay from the United States as such officer, an amount equal to the difference between such pay and the compensation prescribed in subsection (c) of this section."

Approved October 11, 1949.

[CHAPTER 674]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the reforestation and revegetation of the forest and range lands of the national forests, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 348]

Whereas the national forests of the United States contain approximately eighty million acres of the Nation's commercial timber lands and approximately eighty-three million acres of the Nation's important grazing lands; and