or parcels of land abut each other and one of such lots or parcels belongs to the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, with the approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, are hereby authorized and empowered, when in their judgment and discretion it is for the best interest of the District of Columbia, to exchange such District-owned land, or part thereof, for the abutting lot or parcel of land, or part thereof: *Provided*, That no such exchange shall be made unless the Commissioners of said District shall, thirty days prior thereto, publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the said District a notice of their intention to make such exchange and such notice shall include a description by lot or parcel number or otherwise of all lots or parcels to be exchanged and the appraised value thereof. The said Commissioners are hereby authorized to execute a proper deed of conveyance for the land belonging to the District to be conveyed and to accept a proper deed of conveyance from the owner of such abutting real estate. If, in the opinion of the Commissioners, the value of the land to be conveyed to the District is in excess of the value of the land to be conveyed by the District, the Commissioners are authorized to pay, within the limitation of appropriations therefor, to the abutting property owner the amount of such excess as determined by the Commissioners, on the basis of an appraisal, and, if the value of the land to be conveyed by the District is in excess of the value of the land to be conveyed to the District, the Commissioners shall require the abutting property owner to pay such excess as determined by the Commissioners, on the basis of an appraisal, as part of the consideration for the said exchange.

Approved August 1, 1951.

Public Law 101 — CHAPTER 286

AN ACT

August 2, 1951
[H. R. 1072]

To amend the existing law to provide the privilege of renewing expiring five-year level-premium-term policies of United States Government life insurance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso of the first paragraph of section 301 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That at the expiration of any five-year period a five-year level-premium-term policy may be renewed for a successive five-year period at the premium rate for the attained age without medical examination."

World War Veterans' Act, 1924, amendment.
57 Stat. 41.
38 U. S. C. § 512.

Approved August 2, 1951.

Public Law 102 — CHAPTER 287

AN ACT

August 2, 1951
[H. R. 1201]

To amend section 4 of the Act of March 2, 1933 (47 Stat. 1423), as amended, so as to provide that a mess operated under the direction of a Supply Corps officer can be operated either on a quantity or on a monetary-ration basis.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to effect needed changes in the Navy ration", approved March 2, 1933 (47 Stat. 1423), as amended, is further amended by striking out the words "limit of the cost of rations on destroyers, submarines, mine sweepers, tugs, aircraft, and other vessels and stations subsisted under the direction of commanding officers" and substituting in lieu thereof the words "monetary limit of the cost of

Navy ration.

34 U. S. C. § 902d.

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