Secretary of Defense currently and fully informed with respect to the status, progress, and cost of, and all other pertinent matters concerning, such public works project. No person shall be appointed as Director of Installations unless the Secretary of Defense is satisfied that he has had a substantial amount of experience in the construction of public works of the types constructed by the military departments. The Secretary of Defense shall provide for furnishing the Director of Installations with such engineering, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel as he may require in order adequately to perform his functions.

Contracts.

SEC. 409. Whenever—

65 Stat. 700. 41 USC 153, 254.

(a) the President determines that compliance with the requirements of Public Law 245, Eighty-second Congress in the case of contracts made pursuant to this Act with respect to the establishment or development of military installations and facilities in foreign countries would interfere with the carrying out of the provisions of this Act; and

(b) the Secretary of Defense and the Comptroller General have agreed upon alternative methods for conducting an adequate audit of such contracts,

the President is authorized to exempt such contracts from the requirements of Public Law 245, Eighty-second Congress.

Approved July 14, 1952.

## Public Law 535 — CHAPTER 727

AN ACT

July 14, 1952 [H. R. 6845]

To continue until the close of June 30, 1953, the suspension of duties and import taxes on metal scrap, and for other purposes.

*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 September 30, 1950 (Public Law 869, Eighty-first Congress, ch. 1119, second session), is hereby amended by striking out "June 30, 1952" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1953": *Provided*, That this Act shall not apply to lead scrap.

64 Stat. 1093. 19 USC 1001, par. 301 note.

Approved July 14, 1952.

## Public Law 536 — CHAPTER 728

AN ACT

July 14, 1952 [H. R. 7721]

To extend the benefits of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 to persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States after the termination of the state of war between the United States and the Government of Japan and prior to July 2, 1955.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That (a) section 2 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a semicolon and the following: "and (6) those ex-service men and women who have served on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during the period beginning April 28, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955 (the period after the termination of the state of war between the United States and the Government of Japan during which persons may be inducted under existing law for training and service in the Armed Forces), and have been separated from such Armed Forces under honorable conditions".

Veterans preference. 58 Stat. 387; 62 Stat. 3. 5 USC 851.

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