60 Stat. 810.
63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.
Appropriation.

55a), and subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to appoint and fix the compensation of such attorneys and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the President such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

46 Stat. 476.
Waiver.

SEC. 3. Section 13 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended (5 U. S. C. 716), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"Any person entitled to annuity from the civil-service retirement and disability fund may decline to accept all or any part of such annuity by a waiver signed and filed with the Commission. Such waiver may be revoked in writing at any time, but no payment of the annuity waived shall be made covering the period during which such waiver was in effect."

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July 16, 1952
[S. 3161]

AN ACT

To amend part I of the Interstate Commerce Act to provide for filing of equipment trust agreements and other documents evidencing or relating to the lease, mortgage, conditional sale, or bailment of railroad equipment.

Interstate Commerce Act, amendment.
24 Stat. 379.
49 USC ch. 1.
Railroad equipment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That part I of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 49), is hereby amended by inserting, after section 20b, the following new section:

"SEC. 20c. Any mortgage, lease, equipment trust agreement, conditional sale agreement, or other instrument evidencing the mortgage, lease, conditional sale, or bailment of railroad cars, locomotives, or other rolling stock, used or intended for use in connection with interstate commerce, or any assignment of rights or interest under any such instrument, or any supplement or amendment to any such instrument or assignment (including any release, discharge or satisfaction thereof, in whole or in part), may be filed with the Commission, provided such instrument, assignment, supplement or amendment is in writing, executed by the parties thereto, and acknowledged or verified in accordance with such requirements as the Commission shall prescribe; and any such instrument or other document, when so filed with the Commission, shall constitute notice to and shall be valid and enforceable against all persons including, without limitation, any purchaser from, or mortgagee, creditor, receiver, or trustee in bankruptcy of, the mortgagor, buyer, lessee or bailee of the equipment covered thereby, from and after the time such instrument or other document is so filed with the Commission; and such instrument or other document need not be otherwise filed, deposited, registered or recorded under the provisions of any other law of the United States of America, or of any State (or political subdivision thereof), territory, district or possession thereof, respecting the filing, deposit, registration or recordation of such instruments or documents. The Commission shall establish and maintain a system for the recordation of each such instrument or document, filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, and shall cause to be marked or stamped thereon, a consecutive number, as well as the date and hour of such recordation, and shall maintain, open to public inspection, an index of all such instruments or documents, including any assignment, amendment, release, discharge or satisfac-

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tion thereof, and shall record, in such index the names and addresses of the principal debtors, trustees, guarantors and other parties thereto, as well as such other facts as may be necessary to facilitate the determination of the rights of the parties to such transactions."

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Public Law 557 CHAPTER 882

AN ACT

July 16, 1952
[H. R. 1180]

To facilitate the performance of research and development work by and on behalf of the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, and for other purposes.

Armed forces.
Research and development.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each of the Secretaries of the military departments is hereby authorized to establish such advisory committees or panels as may be necessary for the conduct of the research and development activities of his department, and to employ such part-time advisory personnel as they may deem necessary in carrying out such activities. Persons holding other offices or positions under the United States for which they receive compensation, while serving as members of such committees, shall receive no additional compensation for such service. Other members of such committees and other part-time advisory personnel so employed may serve without compensation or may receive compensation at a rate not to exceed $50 for each day of service, as determined by the appointing authority.

Employment of noncitizens.

SEC. 2. No provision of law prohibiting employment of or payment of compensation or expenses to any person not a citizen of the United States shall apply to any expert, scientific, technical, or professional person whose appointment or employment in connection with the research and development activities of the military departments is determined by the Secretary concerned to be necessary.

Contracts.

SEC. 3. Contracts of the military departments for services and use of facilities for research or development may be made for a term not to exceed five years, and may be extended for an additional period not to exceed five years, subject to the availability of appropriations therefor.

SEC. 4. Any contract of the military departments for research or development, or both, may provide for the acquisition or construction by, or furnishing to, the contractor of such research, developmental, or test facilities and equipment as may be determined by the Secretary concerned to be necessary for the performance thereof. Such research, developmental, or test facilities and equipment, including specialized housing therefor, may be acquired or constructed at Government expense, and may be furnished to the contractor by lease, loan, or sale at fair value, and with or without reimbursement to the Government for the use thereof: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this subsection shall be deemed to authorize new construction or improvements having general utility: *Provided further*, That nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the installation or construction of facilities on property not owned by the Government which would not be readily removable or separable without unreasonable expense or unreasonable loss of value, unless adequate provision is made in the contract for (1) reimbursement to the Government of the fair value of such facilities upon the completion or termination of the contract, or within a reasonable time thereafter, or (2) an