of 1951, as amended by this Act, within a reasonable period of years, consistent with the exigencies of the public business, and to make such reports with respect to the action taken as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission. The Civil Service Commission shall include in its annual report to the Congress a statement of the progress made in carrying out the purposes of this section.

5 USC 2062.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 7. (a) Section 401 of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1953 (Public Law 455, Eighty-second Congress), is repealed, effective as of June 29, 1953.

Effective dates.

66 Stat. 418.
5 USC 2062a.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of the Act of December 21, 1944, are hereby repealed.

58 Stat. 846.
5 USC 61d, 61e.

SEC. 8. The first section and section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the first day of the first pay period which begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 2, 1953.

Public Law 103 CHAPTER 179

AN ACT

July 6, 1953
[H. R. 3425]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint a member of the Metropolitan Police Department or a member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia as Director of the District Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes", approved May 21, 1951.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint a member of the Metropolitan Police Department or a member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia as Director of the District Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes", approved May 21, 1951 (Public Law 37, Eighty-second Congress), is amended to read as follows:

Civil defense, D. C. Appointments.

65 Stat. 44.

"That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to appoint a member of the Metropolitan Police Department or a member of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia to any position in any office or agency of the government of the District of Columbia, to which office or agency there may be transferred the functions of the Office of Civil Defense (authorized to be abolished by Reorganization Plan Number 5 of 1952), with the salary provided by law for such position, chargeable to the appropriation for the newly established office or agency: *Provided*, That during the tenure of his appointment such member so appointed shall be deemed to be a member of such Metropolitan Police Department or such Fire Department, as the case may be, for all purposes of rank, seniority, allowances, privileges and benefits, including retirement and disability benefits under the provisions of section 12 of the Act approved September 1, 1916 (39 Stat. 718–721), as amended, to the same extent as though the appointment had not been made, and at the termination of such appointment he shall be entitled to resume his status within the Metropolitan Police Department or Fire Department, as the case may be, which shall include any promotion in rank to which he may have become entitled: *Provided further*, That retirement and disability benefits and salary deductions shall be based on the salary of the rank or position held in the Metropolitan Police Department or the Fire Department, as the case may be, prior to his appointment to such position in such office or agency succeeding to the functions of the Office of Civil Defense or the salary of the position or rank

66 Stat. 825.

D. C. Code 4-113 to 4-597, *passim*.

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he would have attained in the Metropolitan Police Department or the Fire Department had his appointment to such position in such office or agency not been made, whichever is greater.

"SEC. 2. As used in this Act the terms 'Metropolitan Police Department' and 'Fire Department' shall include, respectively, offices or agencies succeeding to the functions of such departments pursuant to Reorganization Plan Number 5 of 1952."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect at such time as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall transfer the functions of the Office of Civil Defense of the District of Columbia to a newly established Office of Civil Defense or any other office or agency, pursuant to Reorganization Plan Number 5 of 1952.

Approved July 6, 1953.

Public Law 104. CHAPTER 180

July 6, 1953
[S. 1550]

AN ACT

To authorize the President to prescribe the occasions upon which the uniform of any of the Armed Forces may be worn by persons honorably discharged therefrom.

Armed Forces. Uniforms. 10 USC 1393.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 125 of the Act of June 3, 1916 (39 Stat. 216), as amended, is further amended by deleting the words "of ceremony" wherever they appear therein and substituting therefor the words "authorized by regulations of the President".

10 USC 1028b; 14 USC 167b-2; 34 USC 399d.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of June 21, 1930 (46 Stat. 793), as amended, is further amended by deleting the words "of ceremony" and substituting therefor the words "authorized by regulations of the President".

Approved July 6, 1953.

Public Law 105 CHAPTER 181

July 8, 1953
[S. 35]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Airport Act in order to provide for an extension for a limited period of the program for the repair and rehabilitation of public airports damaged by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

Federal Airport Act, amendment. 62 Stat. 1111. 49 USC 1116. Reimbursement for damage to public airports.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 17 of the Federal Airport Act, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By deleting the last sentence of subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Appropriations made pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended."

(b) By amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"TIME LIMITATIONS ON FILING OF REQUESTS

"(d) No request for reimbursement of the cost of rehabilitation or repair of a public airport submitted pursuant to this section shall be considered by the Secretary unless such request was submitted to him within six months after the occurrence of the damage upon which the request is based, or, in the case of a request relating to damage occurring while the airport was under the control and management of the United States, within six months after the transfer of such control and man-