aggravated, in active service (1) during World War I or World War II as each is defined by laws providing service-connected compensation or pension benefits for veterans of World War I and World War II and their dependents, or (2) on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress under the joint resolution entitled 'Joint resolution to provide certain benefits for certain persons who shall have served in the Armed Forces of the United States on and after June 27, 1950', approved May 11, 1951 (38 U. S. C., sec. 745)".

65 Stat. 40.

SEC. 2. (a) Subsection (b) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to amend laws relating to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy, and for other purposes", approved June 30, 1950 (10 U. S. C., sec. 1092a), is amended in the following respects:

64 Stat. 303.

(1) By inserting "(1)" immediately before "during World War I"; and

(2) By inserting immediately before the colon preceding the first proviso of such subsection the following: ", or (2) on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress under the joint resolution entitled 'Joint resolution to provide certain benefits for certain persons who shall have served in the Armed Forces of the United States on and after June 27, 1950', approved May 11, 1951 (38 U. S. C., sec. 745)".

65 Stat. 40.

(b) This section shall apply to the Air Force Academy.

Applicability.

Approved June 3, 1954.

Public Law 382 CHAPTER 252

AN ACT

June 3, 1954
[H. R. 4940]

To provide for the redemption of District of Columbia tax stamps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, where any cigarette or alcoholic-beverage tax stamps issued under District of Columbia tax laws have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intended, or for which the owner may have no use, the amount paid for such stamps may be refunded within the limit of appropriations therefor, or allowed as a credit on the purchase of new stamps. No such refund or allowance shall be made unless the owner of such stamps shall file a written claim therefor with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or their designated agent within the time prescribed in this Act and unless the Commissioners or their designated agent upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the facts, and subject to regulations prescribed by the Commissioners, certify that such refund or allowance is just and equitable.

D. C. tax stamps. Redemption.

SEC. 2. No refund or allowance shall be made in any case (1) until the stamps so spoiled or rendered useless shall have been returned to the Commissioners or their designated agent, or (2) until satisfactory proof has been made to the Commissioners or their designated agent showing the reason why the same cannot be returned, or (3), if so required by the Commissioners or their designated agent, unless the person presenting the same can satisfactorily trace the history of said stamps from their issuance to the filing of his claim as aforesaid: *Provided*, That no refund shall be made in those cases where the owner may be made whole by allowing him a credit on the purchase of new

stamps: *And provided further*, That no claim for a refund, or allowance for such stamps, shall be allowed unless presented within six months after the stamps have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intended, or, in the case of stamps for which the owner may have no use, within six months from the date of purchase thereof, except that as to stamps which have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intended, or for which the owner may have no use, prior to the effective date of this Act, a claim for a refund or allowance for credit may be filed within six months after the effective date of this Act.

Approved June 3, 1954.

Public Law 383 CHAPTER 253

June 3, 1954
[H. R. 7308]

AN ACT

To repeal section 307 of title III of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended.

Extension.

64 Stat. 1254.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 307 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 2297), is amended by striking out the date "June 30, 1954" and inserting in lieu thereof the date "June 30, 1958".

Approved June 3, 1954.

Public Law 384 CHAPTER 254

June 3, 1954
[H. R. 7541]

AN ACT

To promote the national defense by including a representative of the Department of Defense as a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

62 Stat. 266.
50 USC 151.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 271, Sixty-third Congress, approved March 3, 1915 (38 Stat. 930; 50 U. S. C. 151a), as amended, be amended by striking out "the chairman of the Research and Development Board of the Department of Defense" and inserting in lieu thereof "one Department of Defense representative who is acquainted with the needs of aeronautical research and development".

Approved June 3, 1954.

Public Law 385 CHAPTER 261

June 4, 1954
[H. R. 116]

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, so as to prohibit the transportation of fireworks into any State in which the sale or use of such fireworks is prohibited.

Fireworks transportation.
62 Stat. 738.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 39 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"§ 836. Transportation of fireworks into State prohibiting sale or use

"Whoever, otherwise than in the course of continuous interstate transportation through any State, transports fireworks into any State,