Bakeries, laundries, etc.

SEC. 736. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the construction, replacement, or reactivation of any bakery, laundry, or dry-cleaning facility in the United States, its Territories, or possessions, as to which the Secretary of Defense does not certify, in writing, giving his reasons therefor, that the services to be furnished by such facilities are not obtainable from commercial sources at reasonable rates.

Grades 16-18. Temporary positions.

SEC. 737. In order more effectively to administer the funds appropriated to the Department of Defense, the President, to the extent he deems it necessary and appropriate in the interest of national defense, may authorize positions in the Department of Defense to be placed temporarily in grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949 in accordance with the procedures and standards of that Act, and such positions shall be additional to the number authorized by section 505 of that Act. Under authority herein, grades 16, 17, and 18 in the Department of Defense may be increased only to the extent that the total of such grades in the Department of Defense shall not exceed two hundred.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

5 USC 1105.

Post Office Department.

SEC. 738. During the fiscal year 1955, appropriations of the Department of Defense shall be available for reimbursement to the Post Office Department for payment of costs of commercial air transportation of military mail between the United States and foreign countries.

Short title.

SEC. 739. This Act may be cited as the "Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1955."

Approved June 30, 1954.

Public Law 459 CHAPTER 433

AN ACT

June 30, 1954
[S. 932]

To equalize the treatment accorded to commissioned officers of the Veterinary Corps with that accorded to commissioned officers of other corps of the Army Medical Service, and for other purposes.

Veterinary Corps officers.
Service credit.
61 Stat. 888.
10 USC 559.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first proviso contained in numbered paragraph (1) of subsection 505 (b) of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 is amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, and chaplains promotion lists there shall be no second lieutenants, and the numbers authorized in the grade of first lieutenant in such promotion lists shall be all those not authorized in higher grades:".

10 USC 506c.

(b) The third clause of the second sentence of subsection 506 (c) of such Act is amended to read as follows: "each person appointed and commissioned an officer of the Veterinary Corps shall, at the time of appointment, be credited with an amount of service equal to three years;".

(c) The third sentence of subsection 506 (g) of such Act is amended to read as follows: "Effective December 31, 1947, each commissioned officer of the Medical Corps who on that date has less than four years' service credit, each commissioned officer of the Dental Corps, each Regular Army Chaplain, each commissioned officer of the Judge Advocate General's Department, and each commissioned officer of the Veterinary Corps, who as of that date had less than three years' service credit, shall, for promotion, seniority, and promotion-list-position purposes, be credited as of that date with four years' service and three years' service, respectively."

(d) Each person appointed and commissioned an officer of the Veterinary Corps subsequent to December 31, 1947, who, at time of

appointment, was credited with less than three years' service under the second sentence of subsection 506 (c) of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, shall, for promotion, seniority, and promotion-list-position purposes, be credited as of the date of appointment with three years' service: *Provided*, That no back pay or allowances shall be held to have accrued as the result of the enactment of this subsection for any period prior to the date of enactment thereof.

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Public Law 460 CHAPTER 434

June 30, 1954
[S. 3481]

AN ACT

To amend sections 23A and 24A of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended.

Bank premises.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third paragraph of section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 12, sec. 371c), is amended by deleting therefrom the words "on June 16, 1934," and substituting in lieu thereof the word "solely"; and by deleting therefrom the words "or in maintaining and operating properties acquired for banking purposes prior to such date".

48 Stat. 183; 49 Stat. 717.

SEC. 2. Section 24A of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 12, sec. 371d), is amended by inserting after the words "investments and loans" a comma and the words "together with the amount of any indebtedness incurred by any such corporation which is an affiliate of the bank, as defined in section 2 of the Banking Act of 1933, as amended,".

48 Stat. 184.

48 Stat. 162.
12 USC 221a.

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Public Law 461 CHAPTER 435

June 30, 1954
[H. R. 3413]

AN ACT

To grant oil and gas in lands and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in fee on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana, to individual Indians in certain cases.

Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Mont.
Oil and gas grants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the oil and gas in land located within the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana, allotted on or after March 3, 1927, which is now reserved to the Indians having tribal rights on such reservation by the first section of the Act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1401), relating to oil and gas in certain tribal lands within the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana, is hereby granted to the allottee of such lands, or, if such Indian is deceased, to his heirs or devisees: *Provided*, That if the allottee or his heirs or devisees, relinquished such allotment and received a lieu allotment of other lands in the said reservation or transferred title to such allotment to the Fort Peck Tribe and, in exchange therefor, received an assignment of the same or other lands in the said reservation, the oil and gas hereby granted shall be only that in the land in the lieu allotment or the exchange assignment, as the case may be.

Lieu allotments.

SEC. 2. If on or after March 3, 1927, the allottee or his heirs or devisees, relinquished an allotment made prior to March 3, 1927, and received a lieu allotment of other lands in the said reservation or transferred title to such allotment to the Fort Peck Tribe and, in exchange therefor, received an assignment of the same or other lands