SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply to payments with respect to the care given to disabled soldiers, sailors, and airmen on and after the first day of the month next following the month during which this Act is enacted: *Provided*, That said payments shall be made regardless of whether said veteran may be receiving domiciliary care or hospitalization in said home and the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration for medical, hospital, and domiciliary care shall be available for this purpose: *Provided further*, That no such payment to a State or Territory shall be made until the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs determines that the veteran, on whose account such payment is requested, is eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility, and after such determination of eligibility such payment shall be made covering the period of eligibility from the date such care commenced, except that no such payment shall be made effective prior to the date of receipt by the Veterans' Administration of an appropriate request for determination of eligibility in the case of any eligible veteran with respect to whom such request is not received within ten days following the date such care commenced.

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AN ACT

To integrate the Judge Advocate's promotion list with that of the Army to restore lost seniority and grade, and for other purposes.

Army.
Judge Advocate's promotion list.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 247 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (formerly the Selective Service Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 643; 10 U. S. C. 65)) be amended to read:

"Regular Army officers shall be permanently appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the commissioned officer grades of major general, brigadier general, colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, captain, and first lieutenant."

SEC. 2. The names of officers on the Judge Advocate's promotion list who were transferred thereto from the Army promotion list shall be entered on the Army promotion list in the positions they would have attained if they had not been transferred to the Judge Advocate's promotion list: *Provided*, That the names of officers on the Judge Advocate's promotion list in the permanent grade of colonel shall be entered on the Army promotion list without change in the order of their precedence on the Judge Advocate's promotion list.

SEC. 3. The names of officers on the Judge Advocate's promotion list, other than those provided for in section 2, shall be entered on the Army promotion list in the positions they would have attained if they had been entered on the Army promotion list at the time of original appointment.

SEC. 4. To the extent necessary to give effect to sections 2 and 3, officers on the Judge Advocate's promotion list who would have attained a higher grade had they been carried on the Army promotion list rather than on the Judge Advocate's promotion list shall, within one hundred and twenty days after the date of enactment of this Act and in the manner prescribed in the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, be considered for and, if selected, be promoted to such higher grade. Officers considered for promotion to the grades of captain, major, and lieutenant colonel under the provisions of this section but not selected

61 Stat. 795.
34 USC 3a note.

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shall be deemed to have failed of selection within the meaning of section 509 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947. 10 USC 559c.

SEC. 5. To the extent necessary to give effect to sections 2, 3, and 4, the Secretary of the Army shall adjust the dates of rank in permanent grade of the officers described therein. For an officer entered on the Army promotion list in the grade of lieutenant colonel under this Act or promoted to that grade under section 4 hereof, the date specified as the adjusted date of rank shall be considered as the beginning of a period of service under a permanent appointment in the grade of lieutenant colonel for the purposes of section 510 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 897; 10 U. S. C. 559d).

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as changing existing laws pertaining to the appointment and commissioning of Regular Army officers in the Judge Advocate General's Corps or to the status of the Judge Advocate General's Corps as a special branch of the Army.

SEC. 7. No officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps shall suffer a reduction in grade by reason of the enactment of this Act. An officer who, on the day prior to the effective date hereof, is a "deferred officer" within the meaning of section 509 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 shall not, by reason of any provision of this Act, cease to be a "deferred officer". 10 USC 559c.

SEC. 8. The second paragraph of section 247 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (formerly the Selective Service Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 643; 10 U. S. C. 65)) and the last sentence of section 308 of the Army Organization Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 270; 10 U. S. C. 61–1) are hereby repealed. Repeals.

SEC. 9. No retroactive pay or allowances shall accrue as a result of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of the Army, or such subordinate as he may designate, shall have authority to make all determinations necessary in the administration of this Act.

SEC. 11. This Act shall become effective thirty days after the date of its enactment. Effective date.

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AN ACT

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To extend certain civilian-internee and prisoner-of-war benefits under the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, to civilian internees and American prisoners of war captured and held during the hostilities in Korea.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 5 of the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended (50 App. U. S. C., sec. 2004), is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection at the end thereof. Civilian internees and prisoners of war. Korean hostilities. 62 Stat. 1242.

"(g) (1) As used in this subsection, the term 'civilian American citizens' means any person who, being then a citizen of the United States, was captured in Korea on or after June 25, 1950, by any hostile force with which the Armed Forces of the United States were actually engaged in armed conflict subsequent to such date and prior to the date of enactment of this subsection, or who went into hiding in Korea in order to avoid capture or internment by any such hostile force; except (A) a person who at any time voluntarily, knowingly, and without duress, gave aid to or collaborated with or in any manner served any such hostile force, or (B) a regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the Armed Forces of the United States.