administering six thousand four hundred centers of charitable and religious work assisted by thirty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven prominent citizens of all races and creeds who have formally associated themselves in the close relationship of lay leadership; and

Whereas the Salvation Army, acting under a charter issued by the State of New York in 1899, is an organization designed to operate as a religious and charitable organization with the following purposes: The spiritual, moral, and physical reformation of all who need it; the reclamation of the vicious, criminal, dissolute, and degraded; visitation among the poor and lonely and sick; the preaching of the Gospel and dissemination of Christian truth by means of open-air and indoor meetings: Therefore be it

National Salvation Army Week.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States is requested and authorized to officially proclaim the week beginning November 28, 1954, through December 4, 1954, as "National Salvation Army Week".

Approved August 31, 1954.

## Public Law 724 CHAPTER 1142

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[S. 361]

To provide for renewal of and adjustment of compensation under contracts for carrying mail on water routes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the last two paragraphs of section 3951 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (39 U. S. C., sec. 434), are amended by striking out the words "star-route or screen vehicle service" wherever they appear in such paragraphs and inserting in lieu thereof "star-route, screen vehicle service, or inland water-route".

Approved August 31, 1954.

## Public Law 725 CHAPTER 1143

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[S. 2308]

To authorize and direct the investigation by the Attorney General of certain offenses, and for other purposes.

Attorney General and FBI.

Authority to investigate certain offenses.

62 Stat. 683.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, and without limiting the authority to investigate any matter which may have been or may hereafter be conferred upon them, or upon any other department or agency of the Government, the Attorney General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall have authority to investigate any violation of title 18, United States Code, involving Government officers and employees. Any information, allegation, or complaint received in any department or agency of the executive branch of the Government relating to said violations involving Government officers and employees shall be expeditiously reported to the Attorney General by the head of such department or agency, unless the responsibility to perform an investigation with respect thereto is specifically otherwise assigned by another provision of law, or unless the Attorney General otherwise directs with respect, as to any department or agency of the Government, to

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