SEC. 308. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 9 of the Act of March 2, 1917, as amended (48 U. S. C., sec. 734), is hereby amended by inserting after "the Philippine Trade Act of 1946" the following: "or the Philippine Trade Agreement Revision Act of 1955". 60 Stat. 158.

Approved August 1, 1955.

Public Law 197 CHAPTER 439

AN ACT

August 1, 1955 [H.R. 3560]

To provide for the relief of certain members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and for other purposes.

Armed Forces. Validation of certain station-allowance payments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of station per diem allowances heretofore made to commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force permanently stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, or Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, after January 31, 1949, and before October 13, 1950, for service at Fort Richardson, Alaska, or Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, are validated to the extent that those station per diem allowances were paid, because the military department concerned determined that no Government mess was available to those commissioned officers and warrant officers under regulations promulgated pursuant to section 12 of the Act of June 16, 1942 (ch. 413, 56 Stat. 364), as amended by section 203 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (ch. 756, 60 Stat. 859). Any commissioned officer or warrant officer who has made a repayment to the United States of the amount so paid to him as station per diem allowances is entitled to be paid the amount involved, if otherwise proper. 37 USC 112 note.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the Army, Navy, and Air Force from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available to the military department concerned for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act.

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Public Law 198 CHAPTER 440

AN ACT

August 1, 1955 [H.R. 2406]

To amend subsection (e) of section 1 of title 5 of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as amended.

D. C. taxes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (e) of section 1 of title 5 of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as amended (47 D. C. Code, sec. 1601), is amended to read as follows:

50 Stat. 683. Exemption.

"(e) Property transferred exclusively for public or municipal purposes, to the United States or the District of Columbia, or exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious purposes, shall be exempt from any and all taxation under the provisions of this section."

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