SEC. 3. The President may initially fill two of the Deputy Under Secretary positions established in section 1 of this Act by appointing, without further advice and consent of the Senate, the two Deputy Under Secretaries of State who, on the date of the enactment of this Act, held that designation pursuant to authority contained in section 2 of the Act of May 26, 1949 (63 Stat. 111). 5 USC 151b.

SEC. 4. Section 412 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 999), as amended (hereinafter referred to as "such Act"), is amended by striking the first sentence of said section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "There shall be eight classes of Foreign Service officers, including the classes of career ambassador and of career minister. The per annum salary of a career ambassador shall be the same as that for an Assistant Secretary of State.". 22 USC 867.

SEC. 5. Section 501 (a) of such Act is amended by adding the phrase "career ambassadors and" immediately following the word "including". 22 USC 901.

SEC. 6. Section 502 (a) of such Act is amended by inserting the phrase "class of career ambassador and" immediately following the phrase "qualified for appointment to the", and by adding the following sentence at the end of said subsection: "No person shall be appointed into the class of career ambassador who has not (1) served for at least fifteen years in a position of responsibility in a Government agency, or agencies, including at least three years as a career minister; (2) rendered exceptionally distinguished service to the Government; and (3) met such other requirements as the Secretary shall prescribe.". 22 USC 902.

SEC. 7. Section 518 of such Act is amended by inserting the words "career ambassador or" immediately following the phrase "to the class of". 22 USC 913.

SEC. 8. Section 631 of such Act is amended by inserting the words "a career ambassador or" immediately after the words "who is". 22 USC 1001.

SEC. 9. Section 632 of such Act is amended by inserting the words "a career ambassador or" immediately following the words "who is not". 22 USC 1002.

SEC. 10. (a) Section 811 (a) of such Act is amended by striking out "811. (a)" and inserting "811." in lieu thereof and by striking out the phrase "of all participants" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "received by each participant". 22 USC 1071.

(b) Section 811 (b) of such Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.

SEC. 11. Section 821 (a) of such Act is amended by striking the phrase ", not exceeding $13,500 per annum," and "five years next preceding the date of his retirement" and inserting the phrase "highest five consecutive years of service, for which full contributions have been made to the fund," immediately preceding the phrase "multiplied by". 22 USC 1076.

Approved August 5, 1955.

Public Law 251 CHAPTER 577

AN ACT

August 5, 1955
[S. 847]

To authorize the construction of two surveying ships for the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be constructed for the Department of Commerce two surveying ships of not over two thousand five hundred displacement

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tons each, under a limit of cost of $3,700,000 each, including costs of preparation of plans and specifications, cost of inspection during construction, and purchase or construction of complete equipment and outfit: *Provided*, That such limit of cost may be exceeded or shall be reduced by an amount equal to the percentage increase or decrease, if any, in ship construction cost generally dating from January 1, 1955, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 5, 1955.

Public Law 252 CHAPTER 578

August 5, 1955
[H. R. 727]

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance of certain land to the Pecwan Union School District for use as the site of a school.

Pecwan Union School District, Calif.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to provide a site for a school, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to convey to the Pecwan Union School District of the State of California, all of the right, title, and interest (other than mineral rights) of the United States and of the Indians who have an interest therein, in and to that tract of land containing fifteen acres and more particularly described as follows:

The southeast quarter northeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter and northeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter, section 7, containing five acres, and the south half northwest quarter southwest quarter southwest quarter and the north half southwest quarter southwest quarter southwest quarter, section 8, containing ten acres, township 11 north, range 3 east, Humboldt meridian, California.

Approved August 5, 1955.

Public Law 253 CHAPTER 579

August 5, 1955
[H. R. 7194]

AN ACT

To authorize subsistence allowances to enlisted personnel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of subsection 301 (e) the following: "(f) Effective April 15, 1955, under such regulations and in such localities as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, enlisted members granted permission to mess separately whose duties require them to purchase one or more meals from other than Government messes shall be entitled to not to exceed the pro rata allowance authorized for each such meal for enlisted members when rations in kind are not available."

63 Stat. 812.
37 USC 251.

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