"b. A vacancy in the office of referee may be filled without any changes in the salary or arrangements upon the recommendations of the Director, the district judge or judges, and the circuit council that the office be so continued. If a change in the salary or arrangements is recommended by the Director, the district judge or judges, or the circuit council, a vacancy shall not be filled until the Conference has acted thereon."

SEC. 2. Subdivision a of section 34 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 62a) is hereby amended by striking the word "senior" and inserting in the place thereof the word "chief" and to make the last sentence thereof read as follows: "Upon the expiration of his term, a referee in bankruptcy shall continue to perform the duties of his office until his successor is appointed and qualifies provided the filling of the vacancy has been authorized as provided in subdivision b of section 43 of this Act."

62 Stat. 42.
11 USC 62(a).

Approved August 7, 1959.

Public Law 86-145

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 21, 1950, relating to the appointment of boards of medical officers.

August 7, 1959
[H. R. 3320]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of June 21, 1950 (ch. 342, 64 Stat. 249), is amended by striking out the last proviso and inserting the following in lieu thereof: "*And provided further*, That competent medical authority shall consist of a board appointed from available medical officers or physicians under his jurisdiction by the head of whichever of the following departments or agencies is providing medical treatment for the member, or by a person designated by the head of that department or agency:

"(1) Department of the Army
"(2) Department of the Navy
"(3) Department of the Air Force
"(4) Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
"(5) Veterans Administration

If the hospitalization or medical care of the member is not provided by the United States, the board shall be appointed by the secretary of the department having jurisdiction of the member. Each board shall consist of at least three qualified medical officers or physicians one of whom must be specially qualified in the treatment of mental disorders."

Armed Forces.
Mental competency boards.
37 USC 352.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of June 21, 1950 (ch. 342, 64 Stat. 249), is amended by inserting the words "and the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs" after the words "department concerned."

37 USC 353.

Approved August 7, 1959.

Public Law 86-146

AN ACT

To amend chapter 55 of title 38, United States Code, to establish safeguards relative to the accumulation and final disposition of certain benefits in the case of incompetent veterans.

August 7, 1959
[H. R. 6319]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 3202(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentences: "In the event of the death of a

Veterans benefits.
Payments to survivors.
72 Stat. 1233.

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