"SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary shall dispose of materials under this Act to the highest responsible qualified bidder after formal advertising and such other public notice as he deems appropriate: *Provided, however*, That the Secretary may authorize negotiation of a contract for the disposal of materials if—

"(1) the contract is for the sale of less than two hundred fifty thousand board-feet of timber; or, if

"(2) the contract is for the disposal of materials to be used in connection with a public works improvement program on behalf of a Federal, State, or local governmental agency and the public exigency will not permit the delay incident to advertising; or, if

"(3) the contract is for the disposal of property for which it is impracticable to obtain competition.

Report to Congress.

"(b) A report shall be made to Congress on January 1 and July 1 of each year of the contracts made under clauses (2) and (3) of subsection (a) during the period since the date of the last report. The report shall—

"(1) name each purchaser;

"(2) furnish the appraised value of the material involved;

"(3) state the amount of each contract;

"(4) describe the circumstances leading to the determination that the contract should be entered into by negotiation instead of competitive bidding after formal advertising."

Repeal.

SEC. 2. The Act of March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 1015), as amended by the Act of July 3, 1926 (44 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 614–615), is hereby repealed. Rights and liabilities existing under that Act on the date of the enactment of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

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AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain enlisted members of the Coast Guard.

Coast Guard.
Relief of enlisted members.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of basic allowance for subsistence heretofore made to enlisted members of the Coast Guard who were assigned to the Coast Guard air detachments located at New Orleans, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; or Corpus Christi, Texas, during the period beginning on July 1, 1958, and ending on May 23, 1961, and which are otherwise correct, are validated to the extent that those allowances were paid because the military commander concerned determined that no Government mess was available to those enlisted members under section 310 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended (37 U.S.C. 251). Any enlisted member who has made a repayment to the United States of the amount so paid to him as a basic allowance for subsistence is entitled to be paid the amount involved, if otherwise proper.

63 Stat. 812; 69 Stat. 538.

Relief of certifying officers.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve authorized certifying officers of the Coast Guard from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in the first section of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available to the United States Coast Guard for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act.

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