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*Provisos.*  
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(c) The President shall ascertain the fair compensation for such taking and purchase or use and shall certify to Congress the amount so found by him to be due, for appropriation and payment to the person entitled thereto. If the amount found by the President to be due is unsatisfactory to the person entitled thereto, such person shall be entitled to sue the United States for the amount of such fair compensation and such suit shall be brought in the manner provided by paragraph 20 of section 24 or by section 145 of the Judicial Code, as amended [U. S. C., Title 28, §§ 41, 250].

#### DEFINITIONS

SEC. 703. (a) When used in this Act, and for the purposes of this Act only, the words "foreign trade" mean trade between the United States, its Territories or possessions, or the District of Columbia and a foreign country: *Provided, however,* That the loading or the unloading of cargo, mail, or passengers at any port in any territory or possession of the United States shall be construed to be foreign trade if the stop at such territory or possession is an intermediate stop on what would otherwise be a voyage in foreign trade.

(b) When used in this Act the term "citizen of the United States" includes a corporation, partnership, or association only if it is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended [U. S. C., Title 46, § 802].

#### REAFFIRMATION OF POLICY

SEC. 704. The policy and the primary purpose declared in section 7 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 [U. S. C., Title 46, § 866], are hereby reaffirmed.

#### SHIP OPERATIONS

SEC. 705. In the allocations of the operations of the ships, the Shipping Board shall distribute them as far as possible and without detriment to the service among the various ports of the country.

#### SHORT TITLE

SEC. 706. This Act may be cited as the "Merchant Marine Act, 1928".

Approved, May 22, 1928.

**CHAP. 676.**—An Act To authorize the collection, in monthly installments, of indebtedness due the United States from enlisted men, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That under such regulations as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, when it has been administratively ascertained that an enlisted man of the Army is indebted to the United States or any of its instrumentalities, the amount of such indebtedness may be collected in monthly installments by deduction from his pay on current pay rolls: *Provided,* That the aggregate sum of such deductions for any month shall not exceed two-thirds of the soldier's rate of pay for that month: *And provided further,* That whenever any part of the pay of a soldier for a certain month shall have been legally forfeited by sentence of court-martial, or otherwise legally authorized to be withheld, then no deduction under this Act shall be so applied as to reduce the actual pay received by the soldier for that month below one-third

of his authorized rate of pay therefor: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he shall prescribe, may cause to be remitted and canceled, upon honorable discharge of the enlisted man from the service, any such indebtedness incurred during the current enlistment and remaining unpaid at the time of discharge: *And provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent collections of such indebtedness on final statements from pay, in the proportions hereinbefore indicated, or from clothing allowance savings.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

**CHAP. 677.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer and convey to the Portland Water District, a municipal corporation, the water pipe line including the submarine water main connecting Fort McKinley, Maine, with the water system of the Portland Water District, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer or cause to be conveyed to the Portland Water District, a municipal corporation of Portland, Maine, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine, the Government-owned water pipe line, including the submarine main connecting the Fort McKinley Military Reservation located on Great Diamond Island, Maine, with the water system of the said Portland Water District on the mainland and to enter into a contract with the said Portland Water District for the furnishing of potable water to Fort McKinley, upon such terms as the Secretary of War may deem expedient, including payment to the said Portland Water District of an annual charge, payable quarterly, for the putting of the water line in good condition and the relocation of the submarine main so as to furnish at all seasons of the year ample supply of potable water to the Fort McKinley Military Reservation, and that said annual charge to be agreed upon and the rates to be paid for the water furnished shall be paid from appropriations heretofore made and to be made for "Water and Sewers at Military Posts": *Provided*, That before exercising the authority conferred by this Act, the Secretary of War shall require and receive from the Portland Water District, of Portland, Maine, the execution and delivery of an obligation in such terms and with such surety as shall satisfy the Secretary of War that the Portland Water District will at all times in the future maintain a good and sufficient water line to Fort McKinley, and will furnish by means of said water line, an abundant supply of suitable water for use for all purposes at Fort McKinley, at fair and reasonable prices.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

**CHAP. 678.**—An Act To insure adequate supplies of timber and other forest products for the people of the United States, to promote the full use for timber growing and other purposes of forest lands in the United States, including farm wood lots and those abandoned areas not suitable for agricultural production, and to secure the correlation and the most economical conduct of forest research in the Department of Agriculture, through research in reforestation, timber growing, protection, utilization, forest economics, and related subjects, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to conduct such investigations, experiments, and tests as he may deem necessary under sections 2 to 10, inclusive, in order to determine, demonstrate, and

Remission, on honorable discharge, of unpaid indebtedness, authorized.

Collections on final statements from pay, etc.

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Fort McKinley Military Reservation, Me. Conveyance authorized of Government-owned water pipe line of, to Portland Water District.

Contract for furnishing potable water to Fort McKinley, etc.

Annual charge.

*Proviso.*  
Obligation required of Portland Water District.

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[S. 3556.]  
[Public, No. 466.]

Forest products, timber growing, etc.

Investigations, experiments, etc., of best methods of reforestation, protection from fires, insects, etc.