

of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively: *Provided further*, That all such appointees are otherwise qualified for admission: *And provided further*, That appointees under this Act shall be selected in order of merit as established by competitive examination."

Approved November 24, 1945.

[CHAPTER 494]

AN ACT

To include stepparents, parents by adoption, and any person who has stood in loco parentis among those persons with respect to whom allowances may be paid under the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, and for other purposes.

November 24, 1945
[H. R. 2525]
[Public Law 230]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 361), as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Pay Readjustment
Act of 1942, amend-
ment.
37 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 104.
Person standing in
loco parentis.

"As used in this section, the terms 'father', 'mother', 'parent', and 'parents' shall include a stepparent, a parent by adoption, and any person, including a former stepparent, who has stood in loco parentis to the person concerned at any time for a continuous period of not less than five years: *Provided*, That a stepparent-stepchild relationship shall be deemed to be terminated by the stepparent's divorce from the blood parent."

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month occurring after its enactment. No pay or allowances for any period prior to the effective date of this Act shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act.

Effective date.

Approved November 24, 1945.

[CHAPTER 495]

AN ACT

To provide for the extension of certain oil and gas leases.

November 30, 1945
[S. 1459]
[Public Law 231]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence in the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to grant a preference right to certain oil and gas leases", approved July 29, 1942, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "The term of any five-year lease expiring prior to December 31, 1946, maintained in accordance with the applicable statutory requirements and regulations and for which no preference right to a new lease is granted by this section, is hereby extended to December 31, 1946."

56 Stat. 726.
30 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 226b.

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 496]

AN ACT

To amend section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act for the control of floods on the Mississippi River and its tributaries and for other purposes", approved May 15, 1928.

November 30, 1945
[H. R. 1902]
[Public Law 232]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act for the control of floods on the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and for other purposes", approved May 15, 1928 (45 Stat. 536; 33 U. S. C. 702d), is hereby amended by deleting the words "In all such proceedings the court, for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the property and assessing the compensation to be paid, shall appoint three commissioners, whose award, when confirmed by the court, shall be final", and substituting therefor the words, "In

Flood control, Mis-
sissippi River.

Condemnation pro-
ceedings.

all such proceedings the practice, pleadings, forms, and modes of proceedings shall conform as near as may be to the practice, pleadings, forms, and proceedings existing at the time in like causes in the courts of record of the State within which such district court is held, any rule of the court to the contrary notwithstanding".

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 497]

AN ACT

November 30, 1945
[H. R. 2874]
[Public Law 233]

To amend the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia to authorize any corporation formed under authority of subchapter 3 of chapter 18 of such code to specify in its bylaws that a less number than a majority of its trustees may constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the corporation.

D. C. Code, amendment.

31 Stat. 1284.

Trustees of incorporated societies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 601 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 29-603), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 601. TRUSTEES.—Such incorporated society may elect its trustees, directors, or managers at such time and place and in such manner as may be specified in its bylaws, who shall have the control and management of the affairs and funds of the society, and a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a less number be specified as a quorum in the bylaws; and whenever any vacancy shall happen in such board of trustees, directors, or managers the vacancies shall be filled in such manner as shall be provided by the bylaws of the society."

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 498]

AN ACT

November 30, 1945
[H. R. 3636]
[Public Law 234]

Relating to the sale, in the District of Columbia, of certain small rockfish.

D. C. Code, amendment.

31 Stat. 1336.

Sale of small striped bass.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 899 of the Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, title 22, sec. 1605), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 899. Small Striped Bass.—It shall be unlawful for any person, prior to July 1, 1947, to offer for sale, to expose for sale, or to sell, in the District of Columbia, at any time during the year, any striped bass, locally called rockfish, which is less than eleven inches in length (measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail), and it shall be unlawful for any person, on or after July 1, 1947, to offer for sale, to expose for sale, or to sell, in the District of Columbia, at any time during the year, any striped bass, locally called rockfish, which is less than twelve inches in length (measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail)."

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 499]

AN ACT

November 30, 1945
[H. R. 3867]
[Public Law 235]

To amend the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia with respect to the making and publishing of annual reports by trust companies.

D. C. Code, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 730 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of