

and contiguous to the waters of the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer, without exchange of funds, a fireboat of the YTB-225 type, excess to the Navy's needs, to the government of the District of Columbia, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to accept, operate, and maintain such fireboat, and to dispose of the obsolete fireboat now in their possession.

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 890]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the erection in the District of Columbia of a statue of Nathan Hale.

August 8, 1946
[S. J. Res. 84]
[Public Law 683]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to grant authority to the Second National Bank, of New Haven, Connecticut, executor of the estate of the late George Dudley Seymour, to erect the bronze statue of Nathan Hale, bequeathed by him to the United States of America, including pedestal, on an appropriate site on grounds now owned by the United States in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the site chosen shall be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts, and the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of this statue: *Provided further*, That unless the erection of this statue is begun within five years from and after the date of passage of this joint resolution, the authorization hereby granted is revoked.

Approval of site.

Time limitation.

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 904]

AN ACT

To amend subsection 9 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939, as amended.

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 1497]
[Public Law 684]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection 9 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939 (53 Stat. 1148), as amended by the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767, U. S. C., title 18, sec. 61h), be, and it hereby is, amended by adding to said subsection, at the end thereof, the following sentence: "The provisions of the second sentence of this subsection shall not apply to the employees of The Alaska Railroad, residing in municipalities on the line of the railroad, in respect to activities involving the municipality in which they reside."

Hatch Act, amendment.

18 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 61h (a).

Employees of Alaska Railroad.

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 905]

AN ACT

Relating to marine insurance in the case of certain employees of the War Department who suffered death, injury, or other casualty prior to April 23, 1943, as a result of marine risks.

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 1519]
[Public Law 685]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective as of March 24, 1943, section 2 (b) of the Act of March 24, 1943, entitled "An Act to amend and clarify certain provisions of law relating to functions of the War Shipping Administration, and for other purposes", as amended, is amended to read as follows:

War Shipping Administration.
57 Stat. 47.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1292 (b).

"(b) Whenever the Administrator, War Shipping Administration, finds that, on or after October 1, 1941, and before thirty days after

Marine insurance.
Retroactive coverage.

54 Stat. 689.
46 U. S. C., Supp.
V. §§ 1128-1128g.

Restriction on pay-
ments.

Application of pay-
ments.

Recovery.

Finality of findings,
etc.

the date of enactment of this subsection, a master, officer, or member of the crew of, or any persons transported on, a vessel owned by or chartered to the Maritime Commission, the War Shipping Administration, or the War Department or operated by, or for the account of, or at the direction or under the control of the Commission, the Administration, or the War Department, has suffered death, injury, detention, or other casualty, for which the War Shipping Administration would be authorized to provide insurance under Subtitle—Insurance of title II of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended by this Act, the Administrator may declare that such death, injury, detention, or other casualty, shall be deemed and considered to be covered by such insurance at the time of the disaster or accident, if the Administrator finds that such action is required to make equitable provision for loss or injury related to the war effort and not otherwise adequately provided for: *Provided*, That in making provision for insurance under this subsection the Administrator shall not provide for payments in excess of those generally provided for in comparable cases under insurance hereafter furnished under the said Subtitle—Insurance of title II, as amended: *Provided further*, That any money paid to any person by reason of insurance provided for under this subsection shall apply in pro tanto satisfaction of the claim of such person against the United States arising from the same loss or injury. There shall be no recovery of any money paid on account of insurance provided for the master, officers, or members of the crew of, or individuals transported on, any vessel under this subsection or under Subtitle—Insurance of title II of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, from any person who in the judgment of the Administrator, War Shipping Administration, is without fault, and when in the judgment of the Administrator such recovery would defeat the purposes of benefits otherwise authorized or would be against equity and good conscience. The declarations, findings, and actions of or by the Administrator under this subsection shall be final and conclusive."

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 906]

AN ACT

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 2523]
[Public Law 686]

To provide for lump-sum payment of compensation for accumulated annual leave and current accrued annual leave to certain officers and employees, and authorizing the appropriation of funds for that purpose.

15 U. S. C. §§ 828-
851; Supp. V, note
prec. § 828.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any officer or employee who was involuntarily separated from the active service of the United States of America as a result of the expiration of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 72), as amended, and who has not been granted, credited with, or compensated for all accumulated or current accrued annual leave due him immediately prior to the date of expiration of said Act shall be entitled to receive compensation in lump-sum payment for the leave not so granted, credited, or compensated for upon filing a notice of his election to receive compensation in lump-sum payment for such leave with the Department of the Interior, Washington, District of Columbia, within one hundred and eighty days following the enactment of this Act. Upon notification of such election the amount due such officer or employee shall be determined and certified by the Department of the Interior, and paid out of any appropriation currently available for salaries under the Department of the Interior, or appropriated for the purposes of this Act, which appropriation is hereby authorized to be made.

Approved August 8, 1946.