

lights or signals, or of any neglect to keep a proper look-out, or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

RULE 30

Reservation of Rules for Harbours and Inland Navigation

Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the operation of a special rule duly made by local authority relative to the navigation of any harbour, river, lake, or inland water, including a reserved seaplane area.

RULE 31

Distress Signals

When a vessel or seaplane on the water is in distress and requires assistance from other vessels or from the shore, the following shall be the signals to be used or displayed by her, either together or separately, namely:—

- (a) A gun or other explosive signal fired at intervals of about a minute.
- (b) A continuous sounding with any fog-signal apparatus.
- (c) Rockets or shells, throwing red stars fired one at a time at short intervals.
- (d) A signal made by radiotelegraphy or by any other signalling method consisting of the group . . . — — . . . in the Morse Code.
- (e) A signal sent by radiotelephony consisting of the spoken word "Mayday."
- (f) The International Code Signal of distress indicated by N.C.
- (g) A signal consisting of a square flag having above or below it a ball or anything resembling a ball.
- (h) Flames on the vessel (as from a burning tar barrel, oil barrel, &c.).
- (i) A rocket parachute flare showing a red light.

The use of any of the above signals, except for the purpose of indicating that a vessel or a seaplane is in distress, and the use of any signals which may be confused with any of the above signals, is prohibited.

Note.—A radio signal has been provided for use by vessels in distress for the purpose of actuating the auto-alarms of other vessels and thus securing attention to distress calls or messages. The signal consists of a series of twelve dashes, sent in 1 minute, the duration of each dash being 4 seconds, and the duration of the interval between two consecutive dashes 1 second.

RULE 32

All orders to helmsmen shall be given in the following sense: right rudder or starboard to mean "put the vessel's rudder to starboard"; left rudder or port to mean "put the vessel's rudder to port."

Approved October 11, 1951.

Public Law 173

CHAPTER 498

AN ACT

October 12, 1951
[S. 1994]

To authorize the use of the incompleted submarine Ulua as a target for explosive tests, and for other purposes.

Navy Department.
Use of submarine
Ulua as target.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the proviso of title III of the Second Supplemental Surplus

Appropriation Rescission Act, 1946, under the heading "Increase and replacement of naval vessels, emergency construction" (60 Stat. 227), the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to employ the incompleated submarine Ulua (SS-428) as a target for explosive tests in order to gather research data for new weapon and submarine design.

SEC. 2. Upon conclusion of the explosive tests, the Secretary of the Navy may, in his discretion, sink the Ulua if considered unseaworthy, or retain the Ulua and make such repairs as will equip the Ulua for further tests and experimentation, or dispose of her in accordance with other provisions of law.

Approved October 12, 1951.

Public Law 174

CHAPTER 499

AN ACT

To amend the Veterans Regulations to provide that multiple sclerosis developing a 10 per centum or more degree of disability within two years after separation from active service shall be presumed to be service-connected.

October 12, 1951
[H. R. 3205]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second last proviso of subparagraph (c) of paragraph I, part I, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "three years" the words "or multiple sclerosis developing a 10 per centum degree of disability or more within two years".

38 U. S. C. note
fol. ch. 12.

Approved October 12, 1951.

Public Law 175

CHAPTER 501

AN ACT

To amend section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 785), to increase the amount available as an emergency relief fund for the repair or reconstruction of highways and bridges damaged by floods or other catastrophes.

October 15, 1951
[H. R. 5257]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1950, approved September 7, 1950 (64 Stat. 785), is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$5,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$15,000,000".

23 U. S. C. § 13a.

Approved October 15, 1951.

Public Law 176

CHAPTER 506

AN ACT

To amend further the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of experimental submarines, and for other purposes", approved May 16, 1947, as amended.

October 16, 1951
[H. R. 1227]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso contained in the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of experimental submarines, and for other purposes", approved May 16, 1947 (61 Stat. 96, chap. 69), as amended by the Act of August 8, 1949 (63 Stat. 577, chap. 405), is further amended by deleting "\$41,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$49,000,000".

Experimental sub-
marines.

34 U. S. C. § 489.

Approved October 16, 1951.