

tion thereof, and shall record, in such index the names and addresses of the principal debtors, trustees, guarantors and other parties thereto, as well as such other facts as may be necessary to facilitate the determination of the rights of the parties to such transactions."

Approved July 16, 1952.

Public Law 557

CHAPTER 882

AN ACT

To facilitate the performance of research and development work by and on behalf of the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, and for other purposes.

July 16, 1952
[H. R. 1180]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each of the Secretaries of the military departments is hereby authorized to establish such advisory committees or panels as may be necessary for the conduct of the research and development activities of his department, and to employ such part-time advisory personnel as they may deem necessary in carrying out such activities. Persons holding other offices or positions under the United States for which they receive compensation, while serving as members of such committees, shall receive no additional compensation for such service. Other members of such committees and other part-time advisory personnel so employed may serve without compensation or may receive compensation at a rate not to exceed \$50 for each day of service, as determined by the appointing authority.

Armed forces.
Research and development.

SEC. 2. No provision of law prohibiting employment of or payment of compensation or expenses to any person not a citizen of the United States shall apply to any expert, scientific, technical, or professional person whose appointment or employment in connection with the research and development activities of the military departments is determined by the Secretary concerned to be necessary.

Employment of noncitizens.

SEC. 3. Contracts of the military departments for services and use of facilities for research or development may be made for a term not to exceed five years, and may be extended for an additional period not to exceed five years, subject to the availability of appropriations therefor.

Contracts.

SEC. 4. Any contract of the military departments for research or development, or both, may provide for the acquisition or construction by, or furnishing to, the contractor of such research, developmental, or test facilities and equipment as may be determined by the Secretary concerned to be necessary for the performance thereof. Such research, developmental, or test facilities and equipment, including specialized housing therefor, may be acquired or constructed at Government expense, and may be furnished to the contractor by lease, loan, or sale at fair value, and with or without reimbursement to the Government for the use thereof: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this subsection shall be deemed to authorize new construction or improvements having general utility: *Provided further*, That nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the installation or construction of facilities on property not owned by the Government which would not be readily removable or separable without unreasonable expense or unreasonable loss of value, unless adequate provision is made in the contract for (1) reimbursement to the Government of the fair value of such facilities upon the completion or termination of the contract, or within a reasonable time thereafter, or (2) an

Reports.

option in the Government to acquire the underlying land, or (3) such other provisions as will in the opinion of the Secretary concerned be adequate to protect the Government's interest in such facilities: *And provided further*, That all moneys arising from sales or reimbursement under this section shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, except to the extent otherwise authorized by law with respect to contractor-acquired property. The Secretary of each of the military departments shall transmit to the Congress reports covering contracts for research or development entered into during each six months following the enactment of this Act. Each such report shall contain (1) a list of each contract for research or development entered into during such period the total cost of which to the Government will exceed \$50,000, and (2) specific information with respect to each such contract, except that specific information the disclosure of which he deems incompatible with the security of the United States may be excluded from such reports.

SEC. 5. With the approval of the Secretary concerned, any contract of the military departments for research or development, or both, may provide that the Government will indemnify the contractor against either or both of the following, to the extent that they arise out of the direct performance of said contract and are not compensated by insurance or otherwise: (1) Liability on account of claims (including reasonable expenses of litigation or settlement of such claims) by third persons, including employees of the contractor, for death, bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, arising as a result of a risk defined in the contract to be unusually hazardous: *Provided*, That any contract so providing shall also contain appropriate provisions for notice to the Government of suits or actions filed or claims made, against the contractor, with respect to any alleged liability for such death, bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property, and for control of or assistance in the defense of any such suit, action, or claims, by the Government, at its election; and (2) loss of or damage to property of the contractor arising as a result of a risk defined in the contract to be unusually hazardous: *And provided further*, That no payment shall be made by the Government under authority of this section unless the amount thereof shall first have been certified to be just and reasonable by the Secretary concerned or by an official of the department designated for such purpose by the Secretary. Any such payment may be made, with the approval of the Secretary concerned, out of any funds obligated for the performance of such contract or out of funds available for research and development work and not otherwise obligated; or out of any funds appropriated by the Congress for the making of such payments.

Regulations.

SEC. 6. Each of the Secretaries of the military departments is authorized to prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense and of the Comptroller General of the United States, regulations for his department stating the extent to which vouchers for funds expended under any contract for research or development, or both, shall be subject to itemization, substantiation, or certification prior to payment, without regard to the limitations of other laws relating to the expenditure of public funds and accounting therefor.

Delegations of authority.

SEC. 7. Each of the Secretaries of the military departments is authorized to delegate any authority provided by this Act to the Under Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of his department and, except the authority under the second proviso in section 4 hereof, the said Secretaries may delegate any authority provided by this Act to the chiefs of the technical services, bureaus, or offices and to one assistant

to each such chief. The power to negotiate, execute, and administer contracts for research or development, or both, may be further delegated, subject to the provisions of any other applicable law.

Approved July 16, 1952.

Public Law 558

CHAPTER 883

AN ACT

To amend title IV of the National Housing Act, as amended.

July 16, 1952
[H. R. 3177]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 401 (b) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Insured member.
48 Stat. 1255.
12 USC 1724.

“(b) The term ‘insured member’ means an individual, partnership, association, or corporation which holds an insured account. Each officer, employee, or agent of the United States, of any State of the United States, of the District of Columbia, of any Territory of the United States, of Puerto Rico, of the Virgin Islands, of any county, of any municipality, or of any political subdivision thereof, herein called ‘public unit’, having official custody of public funds and lawfully investing the same in an insured institution shall, for the purpose of determining the amount of the insured account, be deemed an insured member in such custodial capacity separate and distinct from any other officer, employee, or agent of the same or any public unit having official custody of public funds and lawfully investing the same in the same insured institution in custodial capacity. Funds held in fiduciary capacity, when invested in an insured institution, shall be insured in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each trust estate, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, such insurance shall be separate from and additional to that covering other investments by the owners of such trust funds or the beneficiaries of such trust estates.”

Approved July 16, 1952.

Public Law 559

CHAPTER 884

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the conveyance of a portion of the United States military reservation at Fort Schuyler, New York, to the State of New York for use as a maritime school, and for other purposes”, approved September 5, 1950.

July 16, 1952
[H. R. 4021]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the conveyance of a portion of the United States military reservation at Fort Schuyler, New York, to the State of New York for use as a maritime school, and for other purposes”, approved September 5, 1950 (Public Law 755, Eighty-first Congress), is hereby amended to read as follows: “That the Secretary of the Army is authorized to convey to the people of the State of New York all that portion of the United States Military Reservation at Fort Schuyler, in the borough and county of Bronx in the city of New York, State of New York, together with all improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point (latitude forty degrees forty-eight minutes twenty-three seconds north; longitude seventy-three degrees forty-seven minutes fifty-

U. S. Military
Reservation, Fort
Schuyler, N. Y.
Conveyance.
64 Stat. 591.