

mated cost of any building included in such project shall be \$10,000.

2. For all other programs, the maximum currently estimated cost of any project shall be \$500,000 and the maximum currently estimated cost of any building included in such a project shall be \$100,000.

3. The total cost of all projects undertaken under subsection 101 (1) shall not exceed the estimated cost set forth in that subsection by more than 10 per centum.

SEC. 103. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated funds for advance planning, construction design, and architectural services, in connection with projects which are not otherwise authorized by law, and the Atomic Energy Commission is authorized to use funds currently or otherwise available to it for such purposes.

Advance planning, etc.

SEC. 104. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated funds necessary to restore or to replace plants or facilities destroyed or otherwise seriously damaged, and the Atomic Energy Commission is authorized to use funds currently or otherwise available to it for such purposes.

Replacement of plants, etc.

SEC. 105. In addition to the sums authorized to be appropriated to the Atomic Energy Commission by section 101 of this Act, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Atomic Energy Commission to accomplish the purposes of this Act such sums of money as may be currently available to the Atomic Energy Commission.

Additional sums.

SEC. 106. Funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to start any other new project for which an estimate was not included in this Act if it be a substitute for a project authorized in subsections 101 (a), 101 (d), or 101 (f), and the estimated cost thereof is within the limit of cost of the project for which substitution is to be made, and the Commission certifies that—

Substitute projects.

(a) the new project is essential to the common defense and security; and

(b) the new project is required by changes in weapon characteristics or weapon logistic operations;

(c) it is unable to enter into a contract with any person, including a licensee, on terms satisfactory to the Commission to furnish from a privately owned plant or facility the product or services to be provided in the new project.

Approved July 11, 1955.

Public Law 142

CHAPTER 305

AN ACT

July 11, 1955
[S. 107]

To provide for the conveyance of a portion of the Fort Devens Military Reservation, Massachusetts, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land comprising sixty-six acres, more or less, together with buildings and improvements thereon, being a portion of Fort Devens Military Reservation and being the same property now utilized by the Massachusetts National Guard under a license granted by the Secretary of the Army, subject, however, to reservation in the United States of all mineral rights, including gas and oil, in the land authorized to be conveyed by this Act.

Fort Devens
Military Reservation,
Mass.
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. The conveyance of the property identified in section 1 of this Act to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be made without consideration therefor and upon condition that it shall be used for

Use.

National emergency.

Cost of surveys.

training of the National Guard and the Air National Guard and for other military purposes, and in the event it shall not be used for such purposes title thereto shall immediately revert to the United States, and, in addition, title to all improvements made by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during its occupancy shall vest in the United States without payment of compensation therefor. The deed of conveyance shall also provide for such reservations and joint use of facilities as the Secretary of the Army determines as necessary for the use and maintenance of Fort Devens and contain the further provision that whenever the Congress of the United States shall declare a state of war or other national emergency, or the President declares a state of emergency to exist, and upon the determination by the Secretary of Defense that the property so conveyed is useful or necessary for military, air, or naval purposes, or in the interest of national defense, the United States shall have the right without charge to reenter upon the property and use the same or any part thereof, including any and all improvements made by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a period not to exceed the duration of such state of war or national emergency plus six months and upon cessation of such use, such property shall revert to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, together with any or all improvements thereon and appurtenances appertaining thereto.

SEC. 3. The cost of any surveys necessary as an incident of the conveyance authorized herein shall be borne by the grantee.

Approved July 11, 1955.

Public Law 143

CHAPTER 306

July 11, 1955
[S. 1725]

AN ACT

To repeal two provisions of law requiring that certain military personnel shall be paid monthly.

10 USC 861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1268 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

SEC. 2. The last proviso in subtitle "PAY" of the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 400), is repealed.

Approved July 11, 1955.

Public Law 144

CHAPTER 325

July 12, 1955
[S. 804]

AN ACT

To amend section 201 (d) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, to provide for advance payments of certain pay and allowances of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Uniformed services.
Advance pay.
Ante, p. 19.
37 USC 232.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of subsection 201 (d) the following provision: "Any pay and allowances authorized by this Act which will lawfully accrue to members for their return home incident to release from active duty or training duty may be paid to such members prior to their departure from their last duty station incident to such release, without regard to the actual performance of such travel."

Approved July 12, 1955.