

SEC. 304. No act done in good faith under this Act by a person serving in or with the Federal or military service of the United States in the exercise of his judgment as to what was practicable and compatible with military, merchant marine, or other Federal governmental operations, shall constitute a violation of any provision of law relating to the elective franchise.

Acts in good faith, etc.

SEC. 305. It shall be unlawful for any commissioned, noncommissioned, warrant, or petty officer in the Armed Forces (1) to attempt to influence any member of the Armed Forces to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate, or (2) to require any member of the Armed Forces to march to any polling place or place of voting, but nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prohibit free discussion regarding political issues or candidates for public office.

SEC. 306. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Separability.

SEC. 307. The Act entitled "An Act to provide for a method of voting, in time of war, by members of the land and naval forces absent from the place of their residence", approved September 16, 1942 (56 Stat. 753), as amended, is repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 308. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

50 USC 301-355.

Appropriation.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 297

CHAPTER 657

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide that a gold medal be coined and presented to Doctor Jonas E. Salk in honor of his achievements in the field of medicine.

August 9, 1955
[H.J. Res. 278]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That in recognition of the great achievement of Doctor Jonas E. Salk in the field of medicine by his discovery of a serum for the prevention of poliomyelitis, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck and presented to Doctor Jonas E. Salk a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary. For such purpose there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$2,500.

Dr. Jonas E. Salk.
Gold medal.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be coined and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof (including labor), and the appropriations used for carrying out the provisions of this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sale.

Sale of duplicates.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 298

CHAPTER 658

AN ACT

To extend the authority of the Corregidor Bataan Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

August 9, 1955
[H.R. 5469]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act

Corregidor Bataan Memorial Commission.

entitled "An Act to create a Commission to be known as the Corregidor Bataan Memorial Commission", approved August 5, 1953 (67 Stat. 366; 36 U. S. C. 426), is amended as follows:

(1) By inserting immediately after the word "salary" at the end of the first sentence of the first paragraph a comma and the following: "except that the members of such Commission shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in the Commission. Service of an individual as a member of the Commission shall not be considered as service or employment bringing such individual within the provisions of section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99) or section 283 or 284 of the United States Code".

(2) By inserting, in the second sentence of the first paragraph, immediately after the words "erection on Corregidor Island of" the following: "a building and other structures, including".

(3) By striking out, in the second paragraph, the words "a replica of the Statue of Liberty on Corregidor Island" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "a suitable memorial on Corregidor Island, which may include buildings, tunnels, roads, and a replica of the Statue of Liberty".

(4) By inserting immediately after the second paragraph the following new paragraph:

"(a) To accept, in its discretion, from any source, public or private, money or other gifts to be used for the purpose of making surveys and investigations, formulating, preparing and considering plans and estimates for the construction of as well as for the actual construction of such memorial or other expenses of such memorial.

"(b) To secure directly from any executive department or independent establishment information, suggestions, estimates, and assistance, and each such department or independent agency is authorized to furnish such help as may be requested by the Commission.

"(c) To decide, after consultation with a similar commission in the Philippines, as to the type of memorial, including all structures, repairs, roads, and improvements on Corregidor Island; and to decide as to the manner in which any money shall be raised in gifts, public subscriptions, or otherwise, and to decide how any and all funds received by the Commission shall be expended for the development and completion of a memorial on Corregidor Island.

"(d) To establish offices in the District of Columbia or elsewhere in or outside of the United States, and procure the necessary supplies and equipment for the operation of any such office.

"(e) To contract for work, supplies, materials, and equipment inside and outside of the United States and engage, by contract or otherwise, the services of architects and other technical and professional personnel.

"(f) To adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed."

(5) By striking out, in the last paragraph, the words "a replica of the Statue of Liberty" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "a memorial".

(6) By inserting at the end of the last paragraph the following: "Thereafter the Commission shall annually submit to the President a report of the progress of the work of the Commission and a statement of its financial transactions during the preceding year, and the President shall transmit such report to the Congress of the United States. Before the conclusion of its work, the Commission shall promptly submit a final report, and the Commission shall cease to exist ninety days after such submission of such final report. The records and archives of the Commission shall, when no longer required by the Commission, be deposited with the National Archives."

62 Stat. 697.
18 USC 283, 284.

Report to President.

Report to Congress.

Deposit of records in National Archives.

(7) By inserting at the end of such Act the following new paragraph:

"There are authorized to be appropriated such sums of money not to exceed \$100,000 as may be necessary for the expenses of the Commission."

Approved August 9, 1955.

Appropriation.

Public Law 299

CHAPTER 659

AN ACT

To extend the retirement income tax credit to members of the Armed Forces.

August 9, 1955 .
[H.R. 291]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 37 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 is hereby amended by striking out the following: " ; except that such term does not include a fund or system established by the United States for members of the Armed Forces of the United States".

68A Stat. 16.
26 USC 37.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1954.

Applicability.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 300

CHAPTER 660

AN ACT

To provide for adjustments in the lands or interests therein acquired for the Jim Woodruff Reservoir, Florida and Georgia, by the reconveyance of certain lands or interests therein to the former owners thereof.

August 9, 1955
[H.R. 1599]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to provide for adjustments in the lands or interests in land heretofore acquired for the Jim Woodruff Reservoir, Florida and Georgia, to conform such acquisition to a lesser estate in lands now being acquired to complete the real estate requirements of the project, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to reconvey any such land or interests in land heretofore acquired to the former owners of such land whenever (1) he shall determine that such land or interest is not required for public purposes, and (2) he shall have received an application for reconveyance as hereinafter provided.

Jim Woodruff
Reservoir.
Reconveyance.

(b) Any such reconveyance of any such land or interest shall be made only after the Secretary (1) has given notice, in such manner (including publication) as he shall by regulation prescribe, to the former owner of such land or interest, and (2) has received an application for the reconveyance of such land or interest from such former owner, in such form as he shall by regulation prescribe, within a period of ninety days following the date of issuance of such notice.

(c) Any reconveyance of land or interest therein made under this Act shall be subject to such exceptions, restrictions, and reservations (including a reservation to the United States of flowage rights) as the Secretary may determine are in the public interest.

(d) Any land or interest therein reconveyed under this Act shall be sold for an amount determined by the Secretary to be equal to the price for which the land was acquired by the United States, adjusted to reflect (1) any increase in the value thereof resulting from improvements to the land made by the United States, or (2) any decrease in the value thereof resulting from (A) any reservation, exception,