

## Public Law 86-236

## AN ACT

To amend section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, to provide the same educational benefits for children of Spanish-American War veterans who died of a service-connected disability as are provided for children of veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean conflict.

September 8, 1959  
[H. R. 2773]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 1701(a)(1) and 1701(d) of title 38, United States Code, are each amended by inserting "the Spanish-American War," immediately before "World War I" each place it appears.

Veterans, Spanish-American War. Orphans scholarships.  
72 Stat., 1193, 1194.

SEC. 2. In the case of any individual who is an eligible person within the meaning of section 1701(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, solely by virtue of the amendments made by this Act, and who has reached his eighteenth birthday but has not reached his twenty-third birthday on the date of enactment of this Act, the period referred to in section 1712 of title 38, United States Code, shall not end with respect to such individual until the expiration of the five-year period which begins on the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved September 8, 1959.

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## AN ACT

To amend section 511(h) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, in order to extend the time for commitment of construction reserve funds.

September 8, 1959  
[S. 2013]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proviso at the end of section 511(h) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "Provided, That until January 1, 1961, in addition to the extensions hereinbefore permitted, further extensions may be granted ending not later than December 31, 1961."

Merchant Marine Act, amendment.  
54 Stat. 1106.  
46 USC 1161.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall take effect June 30, 1959, or on the date of enactment of this Act, whichever date first occurs.

Effective date.

Approved September 8, 1959.

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## AN ACT

To amend title 28 of the United States Code to increase the limit for administrative settlement of claims against the United States under the tort claims procedure to \$2,500.

September 8, 1959  
[H. R. 6000]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That title 28 of the United States Code is amended as follows:

Tort claims. Settlement.

(1) Section 2672 is amended as follows:

62 Stat. 983.

(A) The catchline is amended to read as follows:

"§ 2672. Administrative adjustment of claims of \$2,500 or less."

(B) The first paragraph of section 2672 is amended by striking out "\$1,000", and by inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,500".

28 USC 2671-  
2680.

(2) The analysis of chapter 171 is amended by striking out the following item:

"2672. Administrative adjustment of claims of \$1,000 or less."

and by inserting the following item in place thereof:

"2672. Administrative adjustment of claims of \$2,500 or less."

62 Stat. 971.

(3) Subsection (b) of section 2401 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "\$1,000" wherever it appears in such subsection, and by inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,500".

Approved September 8, 1959.

## Public Law 86-239

### AN ACT

September 8, 1959  
[H. R. 7373]

To amend section 801 of title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing to an additional group of severely disabled veterans.

Veterans, Housing grants for disabled.

72 Stat. 1168.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 801 of title 38, United States Code is amended to read as follows:

"§ 801. Veterans eligible for assistance

"The Administrator is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to assist any veteran, who is entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title, based on service after April 20, 1898, for permanent and total service-connected disability—

"(1) due to the loss, or loss of use, of both lower extremities, such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair, or

"(2) which includes (A) blindness in both eyes, having only light perception, plus (B) loss or loss of use of one lower extremity, and such permanent and total disability is such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of a wheelchair,

in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the veteran's disability, and necessary land therefor. The regulations of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, provisions requiring findings that (1) it is medically feasible for such veteran to reside in the proposed housing unit and in the proposed locality; (2) the proposed housing unit bears a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses; and (3) the nature and condition of the proposed housing unit are such as to be suitable to the veteran's needs for dwelling purposes."

Approved September 8, 1959.

## Public Law 86-240

### AN ACT

September 9, 1959  
[S. 669]

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the Bethel Baptist Church of Henderson, Tennessee.

Bethel Baptist Church, Tenn. Conveyance.

50 Stat. 525-533.  
7 USC 1010-1012, 1014-1029 passim.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, (a) notwithstanding the provisions of title III and title IV of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to convey to the Bethel Baptist Church, Henderson, Tennessee, by quitclaim deed all right, title, and interest of the United