

Public Law 86-397

AN ACT

To provide flexibility in the performance of certain functions of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and of the Weather Bureau.

March 28, 1960
[S. 483]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of July 22, 1947 (61 Stat. 400; 33 U.S.C. 873), is amended to read as follows:

Coast and Geodetic Survey and Weather Bureau.

"The Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to pay extra compensation to members of crews of vessels when assigned duties as instrument observer or recorder, and to employees of other Federal agencies while observing tides or currents, or tending seismographs or magnetographs, at such rates as may be specified from time to time by him."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of June 2, 1948 (62 Stat. 286, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 327), is hereby revised to read as follows:

"The Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to (a) appoint employees for the conduct of meteorological investigations in the Arctic region without regard to the civil service laws and fix their compensation without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended (5 U.S.C. 1071 and the following), and titles II and III of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended (5 U.S.C. 911 and the following), at base rates not to exceed the maximum scheduled rate for GS-12, and (b) grant extra compensation to employees of other Government agencies for taking and transmitting meteorological observations."

63 Stat. 954.

59 Stat. 296.

Approved March 28, 1960.

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AN ACT

To provide appropriate public recognition of the gallant action of the Steamship Meredith Victory in the December 1950 evacuation of Hungnam, Korea.

March 31, 1960
[S. 2185]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in recognition of the gallant action of the Steamship Meredith Victory in saving the lives of over fourteen thousand Korean civilians by transporting them in a single voyage from Hungnam to Pusan in December of 1950, the Secretary of Commerce shall issue a citation and award a plaque to the Steamship Meredith Victory, and shall award an appropriate citation ribbon bar to each person serving on board her at that time, and shall award a Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal to the master of the vessel at the time of the action, under the authority of sections 1a and 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize medals and decorations for outstanding and meritorious conduct and service in the United States merchant marine, and for other purposes", approved July 24, 1956 (46 U.S.C. 249b), notwithstanding that such Act was not then in effect.

SS Meredith Victory.

70 Stat. 605.
46 U.S.C. 249,
249b.

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