a medical officer of the United States, to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of disease or injury not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part, shall be retired under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce on an annuity computed in the manner provided in such Act.

Sec. 2. Any such officer or employee may, upon recovery, be restored to active duty, and shall from time to time, before reaching the age at which he may be retired under such Act, be reexamined by a medical officer of the United States upon the request of the Secretary of Commerce.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

[March 4, 1925.]
[S. 3822.]
[Public, No. 599.]

CHAP. 524.—An Act To amend the Federal Farm Loan Act and the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph “a” of section 206 of the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 206. (a) That the Federal Farm Loan Board shall equitably apportion the joint salaries and expenses incurred in behalf of the Federal land banks, joint-stock land banks, and Federal intermediate credit banks, and shall assess against each Federal intermediate credit bank its proportionate share of the salaries and expenses of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau made necessary in connection with the operation of this provision.”

Sec. 2. That paragraph 1 of section 204 (a) of the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: “Provided, That the Federal Farm Loan Board may classify loans and debentures according to maturity, and if debentures of different classes sell at a different rate the Federal intermediate credit banks may differentiate in rates on like classes of loans in the same ratio.”

Sec. 3. The eighth paragraph of section 3 of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

“The salaries and expenses of the Federal Farm Loan Board, its officers and employees, farm loan registrars, deputy registrars, examiners, and reviewing appraisers authorized under this Act, or any subsequent amendments thereof, shall be paid by the Federal land banks, joint-stock land banks, and the Federal intermediate credit banks, as follows:”

“The Federal Farm Loan Board shall, prior to the first days of January and July of each year, estimate the expenses and salaries of the Federal Farm Loan Board, its officers and employees, farm loan registrars and deputy registrars, examiners, and reviewing appraisers, and apportion the same among the Federal land banks, joint-stock land banks, and the Federal intermediate credit banks on such equitable basis as the Federal Farm Loan Board shall determine, giving due consideration to time and expense necessarily incident to the supervision of the operation of each type of bank, and make an assessment upon each of such banks pursuant to such apportionment, payable on the 1st days of January and July next ensuing. The funds collected pursuant to such assessments shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States under the miscellaneous receipts title ‘Assessments on Federal and joint-stock land banks and Federal intermediate credit banks, salaries and expenses Federal Farm Loan Board,’ to be disbursed in payment of such salaries and
expenses on appropriations duly made by Congress: Provided, That
the present legal status as to assessments against Federal intermediate
credit banks shall continue until June 30, 1926, without appropri-
cations by Congress.

"If any deficiency shall occur in such fund during the half-year
period for which it was estimated, the Federal Farm Loan Board
shall have authority to make immediate assessment covering such
deficiency against the Federal land banks, joint-stock land banks,
and Federal intermediate credit banks upon the same basis as the
original assessment. If at the end of the six months' period there
shall remain a surplus in such fund, it shall be deducted from the
estimated expenses of the next six months' period when assessment
is made for such period.

"Federal land bank appraisers, and appraisers or inspectors of
Federal intermediate credit banks, shall receive such compensation
as the Federal Farm Loan Board shall fix and shall be paid by the
Federal land banks, joint-stock land banks, and the Federal
intermediate credit banks they serve, in such proportion and in such
manner as the Federal Farm Loan Board shall order."

Sec. 4. That the ninth paragraph of section 3 of the Federal Farm
Loan Act be amended by adding after the word "thereof" in the
eleventh line of said paragraph, the following: "and may be
classified without regard to the Classification Act of 1923," so that
the paragraph as amended shall read:

"The Federal Farm Loan Board shall be authorized and
empowered to employ such attorneys, experts, assistants, clerks,
laborers, and other employees as it may deem necessary to conduct
the business of said board. All salaries and fees authorized in this
section and not otherwise provided for shall be fixed in advance by
said board and shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries of the
Federal Farm Loan Board. All such attorneys, experts, assistants,
clers, laborers, and other employees, and all registrars, examiners,
and appraisers shall be appointed without regard to the provisions
of the Act of January 16, 1883 (22 Stat., 403), and amendments
thereof, or any rule or regulation made in pursuance thereof and
may be classified without regard to the Classification Act of 1923:
Provided, That nothing herein shall prevent the President from
placing said employees in the classified service."

Sec. 5. The last two paragraphs of section 16 of the Federal Farm
Loan Act as amended be stricken out and the following inserted in
lieu thereof:

"For the purpose of assisting in any such liquidation authorized
as in the preceding paragraph provided, any Federal land bank or
joint-stock land bank may, with the approval of the Federal Farm
Loan Board, acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of any
joint-stock land bank, and in such transaction any Federal land
bank may waive the provisions of this Act requiring such bank
to acquire its loans only through national farm loan associations or
agents, and those relating to status of borrower, purposes of loan,
and also the limitation as to the amount of individual loans. No
Federal land bank shall assume the obligations of any joint-stock
land bank in such manner as to make its outstanding obligations
more than twenty times its capital stock except by creation of a
special reserve equal to one-twentieth of the amount of such addi-
tional obligations assumed. No joint-stock land bank shall as-
sume the obligations of any other joint-stock land bank in such
manner as to make its outstanding obligations more than fifteen
times the amount of its capital and surplus, except by creation of
a special reserve equal to one-fifteenth of the amount of such addi-
tional obligations assumed."
Sec. 6. Paragraph 9 of section 21 of the Federal Farm Loan Act as amended be further amended to read as follows:

"Each Federal land bank on whose behalf consolidated bonds shall be issued under this provision shall in all respects be bound by the Act of the Farm Loan Commissioner and the Secretary of the Federal Farm Loan Board."

Sec. 7. That paragraph 1 of section 202 of the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923, approved March 4, 1923, be amended by inserting after the word "State" in line 5 of said paragraph the words "or of the Government of the United States," so that the paragraph as amended will read:

"(1) To discount for, or purchase from, any national bank, and/or any State bank, trust company, agricultural credit corporation, incorporated livestock loan company, savings institution, cooperative bank, cooperative credit or marketing association of agricultural producers, organized under the laws of any State or of the Government of the United States, and/or any other Federal intermediate credit bank, with its indorsement, any note, draft, bill of exchange, debenture, or other such obligation the proceeds of which have been advanced or used in the first instance for any agricultural purpose or for the raising, breeding, fattening, or marketing of livestock."

Sec. 8. All Acts, or parts of Acts, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

CHAP. 525.—An Act Authorizing the construction of additional facilities at Walter Reed General Hospital, in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to continue the construction of additional facilities at Walter Reed General Hospital, in the District of Columbia, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum of not exceeding $2,000,000, to be expended by the Secretary of War, for the construction of the following improvements and buildings, including roads leading thereto, necessary furniture, equipment and accessories: (a) Completing two wings to the main hospital building, containing wards; (b) a rear addition to the main hospital building, containing dining rooms, kitchens, wards, and a library; (c) a laboratory and morgue building, and tuberculosis, observation, infectious disease and semi-isolation wards.

Approved, March 4, 1925.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last proviso of section 51 of the Judicial Code, as amended by the Act entitled "An Act to amend section 51 of chapter 4 of the Judicial Code," approved September 19, 1922, is amended to read as follows:

"Provided further, That this Act shall be effective for a period of four years after September 19, 1922, after which said section 51, chapter 4, as it exists in the present law shall be and remain in full force and effect."

March 4, 1925.
[526.] [Public, No. 601.]

Judicial Code. Suits by the Government. Extention of service effective only for four years.

March 4, 1925.
[525.] [Public, No. 600.]

Walter Reed Army Hospital, D. C. Amount authorized for designated improvements.