[CHAPTER 885]

AN ACT

To increase the authorized numbers of warrant officers and enlisted men in the Army Mine Planter Service, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the authorized personnel of the Army Mine Planter Service shall comprise, for each Army mine planter in service or under construction, one master, one first mate, one second mate, one chief engineer, one assistant engineer, and one second assistant engineer, who shall be warrant officers appointed by and holding their offices at the discretion of the Secretary of War, and such enlisted men of the Coast Artillery Corps as the Secretary of War shall prescribe from time to time: Provided, That the maximum authorized numbers of warrant officers and enlisted men of the Coast Artillery Corps are hereby increased by the numbers of additional warrant officers and enlisted men authorized by this section: Provided further, That when the number of Army mine planters in service and under construction exceeds fourteen, the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, and to such extent as he may deem proper, make temporary appointments of the additional warrant officers required for the additional mine planters: Provided further, That members of the Army Mine Planter Service appointed as temporary warrant officers shall, while serving as such, have the rank, pay, allowances, and retirement privileges of the grade and ratings to which they are temporarily appointed, and upon termination of their temporary appointments as warrant officers shall revert to the grades from which they were appointed, without loss of seniority, credit for continuous service, or any other right or privilege, by reason of their service as temporary warrant officers: And provided further, That the relative rank, pay, and allowances of warrant officers of the Army Mine Planter Service shall be as now prescribed by law, and warrant officer second assistant engineers shall receive pay and allowances, and be entitled to other privileges as now prescribed by law for warrant officer second mates, and while aboard their vessels shall take rank immediately below warrant officer second mates.

Approved, October 15, 1940.

[CHAPTER 886]

AN ACT

To provide for the completion of certain local protection works at East Hartford, Connecticut.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the comprehensive plan for flood control in the Connecticut River Basin provided for in the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes", approved June 28, 1938, is hereby modified to include the local protection works at East Hartford, Connecticut, recommended by the Chief of Engineers in House Document Numbered 653, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session; and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the completion of the said works the sum of $1,640,000.

Approved, October 15, 1940.