[CHAPTER 484]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the Mystic River Bridge Authority, an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, an easement for the construction and operation of bridge approaches over and across lands comprising a part of the United States Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey to the Mystic River Bridge Authority, an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without cost to said authority, and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Navy may deem proper, a perpetual easement for the construction, maintenance, repairs, and operation of approaches to a high level toll bridge crossing Mystic River over and across certain lands comprising a part of the United States Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts, metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department.

Approved June 16, 1948.

[CHAPTER 485]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the Commonwealth of Virginia a right-of-way for public-highway purposes in certain lands at Pungo, Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to convey to the Commonwealth of Virginia, without cost to the said Commonwealth, and upon such terms and conditions as he may deem proper, a perpetual easement for public-highway purposes in, over, and across a strip of land contiguous to the former naval auxiliary air station, Pungo, Virginia, being approximately one thousand five hundred and ninety-five feet long and containing one and fifty-eight one-hundredths acres, more or less, metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department.

Approved June 16, 1948.

[CHAPTER 486]

AN ACT

To amend Public Law Numbered 432, Seventy-sixth Congress, to include an allowance of expenses incurred by Veterans' Administration beneficiaries and their attendants in authorized travel for vocational-rehabilitation purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of Public Law Numbered 432, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved March 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 49), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by the President, to pay the actual necessary expenses of travel, including lodging and subsistence, or in lieu thereof an allowance based upon the mileage traveled, of any person to or from a Veterans' Administration facility or other place in connection with vocational rehabilitation or for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care: Provided, That payment of mileage in connection with vocational rehabilitation or upon termination of examination, treatment, or care may be made prior to completion of such travel: And provided further, That when any such person requires an
attendant other than an employee of the Veterans' Administration for the performance of such travel, such attendant may be allowed expenses of travel upon a similar basis."

Approved June 16, 1948.

[CHAPTER 487]

AN ACT

To extend for one year certain provisions of section 100 of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, relating to the authority of the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs to enter into leases for periods not exceeding five years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 100 of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (38 U. S. C. 693), is hereby amended by deleting “June 30, 1948” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “June 30, 1949”.

Approved June 16, 1948.

[CHAPTER 491]

AN ACT

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by adding after section 5 thereof a new section as follows:

“Sec. 5a. (1) For purposes of this section—

“(A) The term ‘carrier’ means any common carrier subject to part I, II, or III, or any freight forwarder subject to part IV, of this Act; and

“Antitrust laws.”

“(B) The term ‘antitrust laws’ has the meaning assigned to such term in section 1 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes’, approved October 15, 1914.

“(2) Any carrier party to an agreement between or among two or more carriers relating to rates, fares, classifications, divisions, allowances, or charges (including charges between carriers and compensation paid or received for the use of facilities and equipment), or rules and regulations pertaining thereto, or procedures for the joint consideration, initiation or establishment thereof, may, under such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe, apply to the Commission for approval of the agreement, and the Commission shall by order approve any such agreement (if approval thereof is not prohibited by paragraph (4), (5), or (6)) if it finds that, by reason of furtherance of the national transportation policy declared in this Act, the relief provided in paragraph (9) should apply with respect to the making and carrying out of such agreement; otherwise the application shall be denied. The approval of the Commission shall be granted only upon such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe as necessary to enable it to grant its approval in accordance with the standard above set forth in this paragraph.

“(3) Each conference, bureau, committee, or other organization established or continued pursuant to any agreement approved by the Commission under the provisions of this section shall maintain such accounts, records, files, and memoranda and shall submit to the Commission such reports, as may be prescribed by the Commission,