Force, respectively, are authorized to lend, at their discretion and under conditions which they may prescribe, to any recognized national veterans' organization such cots, blankets, pillows, mattresses, bed sacks, unoccupied barracks of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, and other available articles or equipment under their respective jurisdictions as may be needed by such veterans' organization for use at any of its national or State conventions or national youth athletic or recreation tournaments.

Sec. 2. Such property may be delivered upon such terms and at such time prior to any such conventions or national youth athletic or recreation tournaments as may be agreed upon by the representatives of such veterans' organization and the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, except that any expense incurred by the United States, as determined by the Secretary concerned, in the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of any such property shall be defrayed by the veterans' organization.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, shall take from each veterans' organization to which property is lent pursuant to the provisions of this Act a good and sufficient bond for the return of such property in good condition.

Sec. 4. The Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 256; ch. 379), is hereby repealed.

Approved August 1, 1949.

[CHAPTER 375] AN ACT

Modifying a limitation affecting the pension, compensation, or retirement pay payable on account of an incompetent veteran without dependents during hospitalization, institutional or domiciliary care.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso of subsection (B) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act relating to veterans' pension, compensation, or retirement pay during hospitalization, institutional or domiciliary care, and for other purposes", approved August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908), is amended to read as follows: "Provided further, That in any case where the estate of such incompetent veteran derived from any source equals or exceeds $1,500, further payments of such benefits shall not be made until the estate is reduced to $500, but the amount which would be payable but for this proviso shall be paid to the veteran as provided for the lump sum in the preceding proviso but in the event of the veteran's death no part thereof shall be payable."

Approved August 1, 1949.

[CHAPTER 376] AN ACT

To adjust the effective date of certain awards of pensions and compensations payable by the Veterans' Administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of any other law which prescribes the effective date of awards of pensions and compensation, in the case of any claimant for pension or compensation under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, who is receiving a current pension or compensation on the date of the enactment of this Act, whose claim arose with