The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, or their designees within their respective establishments, are authorized to sell and contract to sell, under such regulations and at such prices and for such periods of time, as the Secretary concerned may prescribe, to purchasers within, or in the immediate vicinity of, naval or military activities, such utilities and related services as are not otherwise available from local private or public sources.

(b) Section 2 of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. The utilities and related services authorized to be sold under this Act are: (1) Electric power, (2) steam, (3) compressed air, (4) water, (5) sewage and garbage disposal services, (6) gas (natural, manufactured, or mixed), (7) ice, (8) mechanical refrigeration, and (9) telephone service; and the proceeds received for any such utilities and related services sold pursuant to the authority of this Act shall be credited to the appropriation or appropriations currently available for the supply of such services: Provided, That any utility or related service provided and sold under the authority of this Act shall not be so provided unless it is determined that the utility or related service is not at the time of such sale or contract to sell available from a private or other public source, and that the furnishing thereof is in the interest of national defense or in the public interest."

(c) Section 3 of said Act is hereby amended by deleting the words "The Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of War" and substituting therefor the words "The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force".

(d) Section 5 of said Act is hereby repealed.

Approved August 8, 1949.

[CHAPTER 404]

AN ACT

To amend section 6 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph thereof the following: "Such time limitation may also be waived in the case of an officer or employee whose disabling condition is essentially chronic, deteriorative, or progressive in nature and can reasonably be assumed to have existed at date of separation, but the application in such case must be filed with the Civil Service Commission within one year after the date of separation; in the case of any such person heretofore separated from service, application may be filed within six months after the effective date of this Act."

Approved August 8, 1949.

[CHAPTER 405]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of experimental submarines, and for other purposes", approved May 16, 1947.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso contained in the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of experimental submarines, and for other purposes", approved May 16, 1947 (61 Stat. 96), is hereby amended by striking out "$30,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$41,000,000".

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