To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize annual and sick leave with pay for commissioned officers of the Public Health Service, to authorize the payment of accumulated and accrued annual leave in excess of sixty days, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of subsection (b) of section 208 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C., ch. 6A), is amended to read: "In accordance with regulations of the President, commissioned officers of the Regular Corps and officers of the Reserve Corps on active duty may make allotments from their pay."

Sect. 2. Title II of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE"

"Sec. 219. (a) In accordance with regulations of the President, commissioned officers of the Regular Corps and officers of the Reserve Corps on active duty may be granted annual leave and sick leave without any deductions from their pay and allowances: Provided, That such regulations shall not authorize annual leave to be accumulated in excess of sixty days.

(b) When an officer described in subsection (a) of this section is absent without leave, he shall forfeit all pay and allowances during such absence, unless such absence is excused as unavoidable.

(c) Except in cases of emergency, no annual leave shall be granted to an officer described in subsection (a) between the date upon which such officer applies for, or the Service directs, his retirement, separation, or release from active duty, whichever date is the earlier, and the effective date of such retirement, separation, or release from active duty. If such officer is credited with unused accumulated and accrued annual leave on the date of his separation, retirement, or release from active duty, he shall, in the event that his application for such leave is approved by the Surgeon General, be compensated for such leave in a lump-sum payment on the basis of his basic pay, his allowance for subsistence, and the allowance for rental of quarters whether or not he is receiving such allowance on such date: Provided, That the number of days upon which such lump-sum payment may be computed shall not exceed sixty days: Provided further, That no lump-sum payment shall be made for such unused leave to an officer whose commission expires or is terminated but who, without a break in active service, accepts a new commission, or to an officer who is retired for age in time of war but who is continued on or recalled to active duty without a break in active service, or to an officer who is transferred to another department or agency of the Government under circumstances where, by other provision of law, such leave is transferable.

(d) For purposes of this section the term 'accumulated annual leave' means unused accrued annual leave carried forward from one leave year into a succeeding leave year, and the term 'accrued annual leave' means the annual leave accruing to an officer during one leave year."

Sect. 3. (a) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be effective on July 1, 1950.

(b) Any officer who, on June 30, 1949, was credited with more than sixty days of accumulated and accrued leave, shall be compensated for so much of such leave as exceeds sixty days but does not exceed one hundred and twenty days, in a lump-sum payment on the basis...
of the base and longevity pay, the allowance for subsistence, and the
allowance for rental of quarters (whether or not he was receiving such
allowance on such date), which were applicable to him on such date
under provisions of law then in effect: Provided, That there shall be
deducted from the number of days upon which such lump-sum pay-
ment is otherwise authorized to be computed the number of days of
leave in excess of thirty days taken during the period from July 1, 1949,
to June 30, 1950. Payments authorized pursuant to this subsection
shall be due and payable on July 1, 1950. All amounts received pur-
suant to this subsection shall be exempt from taxation.

(c) The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to an officer
who has, prior to July 1, 1950, been placed on terminal leave preceding
separation, retirement, or release from active duty.

Sec. 4. Funds appropriated by the Act of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat.
910), to enable the President to carry out the provisions of the Armed
Forces Leave Act of 1946, are hereby made available for carrying out
the provisions of section 3 of this Act and may be allotted to the Public
Health Service by transfer to and merger with appropriations thereof
or otherwise, in such amounts as may be determined by the Director
of the Bureau of the Budget.

Sec. 5. Except insofar as the provisions of this Act are inconsistent
therewith, leave regulations adopted prior to the enactment of this
Act, pursuant to the Public Health Service Act, shall remain in effect
until repealed, amended, or superseded.

Approved August 9, 1950.

[CHAPTER 655]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of August 9, 1939, to redefine the term “contraband article” with respect to narcotic drugs, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (b)
(1) of the Act of August 9, 1939 (53 Stat. 1291; U. S. C., 1946 edition,
title 49, sec. 781 (b) (1)), is amended to read as follows:

“(1) Any narcotic drug which has been or is possessed with
intent to sell or offer for sale in violation of any laws or regula-
tions of the United States dealing therewith; or which has been
acquired or is possessed, sold, transferred, or offered for sale, in
violation of any laws of the United States dealing therewith; or
which has been acquired by theft, robbery, or burglary and carried
or transported within any Territory, possession, the District of
Columbia, or from any State, Territory, possession, the District
of Columbia, or the Canal Zone, to another State, Territory,
possessions, the District of Columbia, or the Canal Zone; or which
does not bear appropriate tax-paid internal-revenue stamps as
required by law or regulations;”.

Approved August 9, 1950.

[CHAPTER 656]

AN ACT

To authorize the President to control the anchorage and movement of foreign-flag
vessels in waters of the United States when the national security of the United
States is endangered, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of title