

February 8, 1917.
[H. R. 8267.]

[Public, No. 304.]

Army.
Bernard A. Schaaf.
Retirement as master
signal electrician, au-
thorized.

Proviso.
Service credit.

CHAP. 33.—An Act To place Bernard A. Schaaf on the retired list of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to place Bernard A. Schaaf, formerly first sergeant of Company K, Eighth Regiment United States Infantry, and later a lieutenant of Philippine Scouts, on the retired list of the Army with the rank, pay, and allowance of a master signal electrician: *Provided,* That in computing the soldier's pay credit shall be given for all his continuous service in the Army.

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District of Columbia.
United States flag.
Punishment for us-
ing, as advertisement,
etc.

Mutilation, defacing,
etc.

Construction of ob-
ject prohibited.

CHAP. 34.—An Act To prevent and punish the desecration, mutilation, or improper use, within the District of Columbia, of the flag of the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter any person who, within the District of Columbia, in any manner, for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or any advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of America; or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, colors or ensign upon which shall have been printed, painted or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed or annexed any word, figure, mark, picture, design or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature; or who, within the District of Columbia, shall manufacture, sell, expose for sale or to public view or give away or have in possession for sale or to be given away or for use for any purpose, any article or substance being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle for merchandise or article or thing for carrying or transporting merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached or otherwise placed a representation of any such flag, standard, colors or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed; or who, within the District of Columbia, shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile or defy, trample upon or cast contempt, either by word or act, upon any such flag, standard, colors or ensign, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court. The words "flag, standard, colors, or ensign," as used herein, shall include any flag, standard, colors, ensign or any picture or representation of either, or of any part or parts of either, made of any substance or represented on any substance, of any size evidently purporting to be either of said flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of America or a picture or a representation of either, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars and the stripes, in any number of either thereof, or of any part or parts of either, by which the average person seeing the same without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, colors, standard or ensign of the United States of America.

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[H. R. 217.]

[Public, No. 306.]

Denver, Colo.

CHAP. 35.—An Act To authorize the sale of school property in the city of Denver, Colorado, 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 board of education of school district numbered one, in the city and county of Denver,

State of Colorado, be, and is hereby, authorized to sell and dispose of and to execute a deed of conveyance for block numbered one hundred and forty-three in the east division of the city of Denver, State of Colorado, donated and set apart for educational purposes by the Act of Congress approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (Twentieth Statutes at Large, pages three hundred and seventeen and three hundred and eighteen), together with the improvements thereon, so much of said Act of Congress as prohibited alienation or other use of the property, upon penalty of reversion to the United States, being hereby repealed: *Provided*, That all proceeds of sale or disposition of said block and the improvements thereon, less reasonable brokerage, if any, shall be set apart, appropriated, and expended by said board of education for the purchase of other land in said school district for school purposes, and the erection of school buildings thereupon: *And provided further*, That before such sale the said block shall be appraised by a board composed of three members to be appointed by the District Court of the United States for the District of Colorado, upon petition therefor by the State superintendent of public instruction, which board shall duly report such appraisement, after the making thereof, to said court and there recorded; and no sale shall be made of said block and the improvements thereon for a sum less than the amount of such appraisement: *And provided further*, That such sale when made shall be approved by the said State superintendent of public instruction before any conveyance thereof shall be made and delivered.

May sell school property.
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Provisos.
Proceeds for school purposes.

Appraisalment, etc.

Approval before conveyance.

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CHAP. 36.—An Act Authorizing the acceptance by the United States Government from the Kenesaw Memorial Association of Illinois of a proposed gift of land on the Kenesaw battle field in the State of Georgia.

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[H. R. 9547.]

[Public, No. 307.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to accept from the Kenesaw Memorial Association, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, a gift of certain land, with all the improvements thereon, comprising a part of the Kenesaw battle field, said land being described as lot numbered one hundred and sixteen and the east half of lot numbered one hundred and seven in the nineteenth district and second section, in the county of Cobb and State of Georgia, and upon which a monument has been erected to certain organizations that participated in the fighting on Kenesaw Mountain: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Kenesaw battle field, Ga.
Acceptance of land comprising.

Proviso.
No expense.

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CHAP. 49.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the granting of permits to the committee on inaugural ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of the President elect in March, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and so forth.

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[Pub. Res., No. 49.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to grant permits, under such restrictions as he may deem necessary, to the committee on inaugural ceremonies for the use of any reservations or other public spaces in the city of Washington under his control on the occasion of the inauguration of the President elect in March, nineteen hundred and seventeen: *Provided*, That in his opinion no serious or permanent injuries will be thereby inflicted upon such reservations or public spaces or stat-

District of Columbia.
Inauguration of President.
Use of reservations, etc., authorized.

Provisos.
Conditions.