CHAP. 530.—An Act To establish the warrant grade of pay clerk and the commissioned warrant grades of chief marine gunner, chief quartermaster clerk, and chief pay clerk in the United States Marine Corps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the warrant grade of pay clerk in the United States Marine Corps is hereby established, appointments thereto to be made in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy. Officers in said grade shall have the same rank, pay, allowances, and other benefits as now are or may hereafter be allowed other warrant officers in the Marine Corps. All pay clerks hereafter appointed shall be warrant officers. Pay clerks now in the Marine Corps shall be warranted as pay clerks under the provisions of this Act and shall take rank in accordance with their present dates of precedence.

That the commissioned warrant grades of chief marine gunner, chief quartermaster clerk, and chief pay clerk in the Marine Corps are hereby established, and that marine gunners, quartermaster clerks, and pay clerks shall after six years from the date of warrant be commissioned chief marine gunners, chief quartermaster clerks, and chief pay clerks, respectively, after passing satisfactorily such examinations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, and when so commissioned they shall have the same rank, pay, allowances, and other benefits as now are or may hereafter be allowed commissioned warrant officers of the Navy: Provided, That for the purpose of computing the six-year period of service required for promotion from warrant to chief warrant rank, all service as pay clerk, warrant officer, and commissioned officer in the Marine Corps and all active service for purposes other than training rendered during the period from April 6, 1917, to December 31, 1921, under a temporary appointment as a pay clerk, warrant or commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, or as a pay clerk, warrant or commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, shall be counted: Provided further, That nothing contained herein shall be construed so as to reduce the pay, allowances, emoluments, or other benefits that any person now in the service would have received but for the passage of this Act: And provided further, That the total number of warrant officers and commissioned warrant officers shall not exceed the total number of warrant officers and pay clerks now authorized by law.

Approved, June 10, 1926.

CHAP. 531.—An Act To provide for the construction of ten vessels for the Coast Guard.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $9,000,000, to be expended by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the construction and equipment of ten Coast Guard cutters, to be designed and equipped for Coast Guard duties: Provided, That the equipment be bought in open competition.

Approved, June 10, 1926.

CHAP. 532.—An Act Authorizing the purchase by the Secretary of Commerce of a site and the construction and equipment of a building thereon for use as a master track scale and test car depot, 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 Secretary of Commerce be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase a suitable
site, or acquire same by gift or otherwise; and to contract for the 
construction thereon of a building for a master track scale and test 
car depot, and for the installation therein of the Bureau of 
Standards' master track scale; and for the purchase and installation 
in said building of the necessary equipment for the calibration of 
railroad track scale test cars, accessories, and related heavy weights 
and scales, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.

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CHAP. 533.—An Act Authorizing the payment of an indemnity to Great 
Britain on account of the death of Daniel Shaw Williamson, a British subject, 
who was killed at East Saint Louis, Illinois, on July 1, 1921.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the 
United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby 
authorized to be paid to Great Britain, out of any money in the 
Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a matter of grace and 
without reference to the question of legal liability of the United 
States, the sum of $2,000, as full indemnity for the death of Daniel 
Shaw Williamson, a British subject, who was killed by a policeman 
at East Saint Louis, Illinois, July 1, 1921, as set forth in the 
message of the President on December 13, 1924, printed as Senate 

Approved, June 10, 1926.

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CHAP. 554.—An Act To convey to the city of Lakeland, Florida, certain 
Government property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the 
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary 
of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to 
convey by the usual quitclaim deed to the city of Lakeland, Florida, 
for street purposes and no other, that portion of the present post-
office site in said city five feet in width and which extends alongside 
Lemon Street a distance of one hundred and twenty-two feet for 
the purpose of widening said Lemon Street as provided for in the 
city ordinances of the said city of Lakeland, Florida: Provided, 
however, That the city of Lakeland shall not have the right to sell 
or convey the described premises, nor to devote the same to any 
other than street purposes, and shall not erect thereon any structures 
or improvements except such as are incidental to such purposes; and 
in the event that said premises shall not be used for street purposes, 
and cared for and maintained as such, the right, title, and interest of 
the United States hereby authorized to be conveyed shall revert to 
the United States.

Approved, June 11, 1926.

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CHAP. 555.—An Act To provide for the study and investigation of battle 
fields in the United States for commemorative purposes.

Be it enacted 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 have made studies and investigations 
and, where necessary, surveys of all battle fields within the continental limits of the United States whereon troops of the United 
States or of the original thirteen colonies have been engaged against 
a common enemy, with a view to preparing a general plan and such