

of computing deductions and calculating annuities all basic salaries in excess of \$9,000 per annum shall be treated as \$9,000.

(o) Any diplomatic secretary or consular officer who has been or any Foreign Service officer who may hereafter be promoted from the classified service to the grade of ambassador or minister or appointed to a position in the Department of State shall be entitled to all the benefits of the Foreign Service retirement and disability system provided by section 18 of this Act in the same manner and under the same conditions as Foreign Service officers; and there shall likewise be entitled to the benefits of said system in the same manner and under the same conditions as Foreign Service officers any ambassador or minister or any Assistant Secretary of State now in the service, who at the time of original appointment to the grade of ambassador or minister or to the position of Assistant Secretary of State was a diplomatic secretary or consular officer or who at any time prior to such appointment had served for a period of ten years as diplomatic secretary or consular officer or in the Department of State or on special duty under the Department of State or in any or all of these capacities.

SEC. 2. The Chief of the Division of Western European Affairs shall be entitled to participate in and have the benefits of said Foreign Service retirement and disability fund.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

Other officers entitled to retirement benefits.
Vol. 43, p. 145, amended.

Additional officers and prior service included.

Designated officer to have benefits of fund.

CHAP. 799.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Postmaster General to adjust certain claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty," approved March 17, 1882, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Postmaster General to adjust certain claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty," approved March 17, 1882, as amended, is amended so as to include losses of customs charges collected on dutiable mail articles, but such Act shall apply only to such losses occurring after April 1, 1924.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 12369.]
[Public, No. 520.]

Postal service.
Allowance to postmasters for losses of custom charges collected on mailed matter.
Vol. 38, p. 279, amended.
Restriction.

CHAP. 800.—An Act To authorize the sale and disposition of the abandoned tract or tracts of lands formerly used as a life-saving station in Florida, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lots 4 and 5, section 5, township 41 south, range 43 east, Florida, containing eighty and twenty-five one-hundredths acres, formerly used as a life-saving station but having been abandoned for that purpose, are hereby placed under the control of the Secretary of the Interior for disposition as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior may cause the said lands to be subdivided into town lots, blocks, streets, and alleys of such dimensions as he may deem advisable, reserving not less than five acres on the ocean front for park, aviation field, school, and other public purposes. Except as to the reservations mentioned he shall cause the said town lots so surveyed and subdivided, and each tract thereof, to be appraised by three competent and disinterested men to be appointed by him. When the appraisement has been approved by him he shall cause the said lots to be sold at

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 8903.]
[Public, No. 521.]

Florida.
Abandoned life station in, placed under Secretary of the Interior.

Subdivision of, into lots, etc.

Survey and appraisal of lots.

Sale at auction to highest bidder.