

ties, under the various headings of appropriations made to said departments as may be necessary.

Adjusted service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under section 505 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of May 19, 1924, to provide for the payment of the face value of each adjusted service certificate in twenty years from its date or on the prior death of the veteran, \$112,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For military and naval insurance accruing during the fiscal year 1928 or in prior fiscal years, \$114,000,000.

Hospital facilities and services: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the "World War Veterans' Act, 1924," approved March 3, 1925, \$1,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, and is specifically authorized by other law.

SEC. 3. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Independent Offices Act, 1928."

Approved, February 11, 1927.

CHAP. 105.—An Act To increase the pensions of certain maimed veterans who have lost limbs or have been totally disabled in the same, in line of duty, in the military or naval service of the United States; and to amend section 4788 of the Revised Statutes of the United States by increasing the rates therein for artificial limbs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the approval of this Act all persons now on the pension roll, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who while in the military or naval service of the United States, and in line of duty, shall have lost one hand or one foot, or have been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of \$80 per month; that all persons who in like manner shall have lost an arm at or at any point above the elbow, or a leg at or at any point above the knee, or have been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension at the rate of \$90 per month.

Adjusted service certificate fund.
Payment of.
Vol. 43, p. 128.
Ante, p. 826.

Military and naval insurance.

Additional hospital facilities and services.
Vol. 43, p. 1212.

Personal services in District of Columbia.
Vol. 42, p. 1488.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries.

If only one position in a grade.

Allowance in unusually meritorious cases.

Proviso.
Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical services.
No fixed salary reduced.
Vol. 42, p. 1490.
Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

Title of Act.

February 11, 1927.
[H. R. 13451.]
[Public, No. 601.]

Pensions.
Increase of, for specified loss of limbs.

Vol. 41, p. 982, amended.

Artificial limbs.
Money commutation
for, increased.
R. S., sec. 4788, p.
930, increased.

SEC. 2. That section 4788 of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows: Every person entitled to the benefits of the preceding section may, if he so elects, receive, instead of such limb or apparatus, the money value thereof at the following rates, namely: For artificial legs, \$125; for arms, \$100; for feet, \$100; for apparatus for resection, \$100.

Approved, February 11, 1927.

February 11, 1927.
[H. R. 14248.]
[Public, No. 602.]

CHAP. 106.—An Act To amend the provision contained in the Act approved March 3, 1915, providing that the Chief of Naval Operations, during the temporary absence of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, shall be next in succession to act as Secretary of the Navy.

Navy.
Chief of Naval Opera-
tions.
Vol. 38, p. 629, amend-
ed.

To act as Secretary
during temporary ab-
sence of Secretary and
Assistant Secretaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision contained in the Act of March 3, 1915 (volume 38, Statutes at Large, page 929), providing that the Chief of Naval Operations, during the temporary absence of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, shall be next in succession to act as Secretary of the Navy, is hereby amended to read as follows: "During the temporary absence of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations shall be next in succession to act as Secretary of the Navy."

Approved, February 11, 1927.

February 11, 1927.
[H. J. Res. 233.]
[Pub. Res., No. 54.]

CHAP. 107.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to loan certain French guns which belong to the United States and are now in the city park at Walla Walla, Washington, to the city of Walla Walla, and for other purposes.

Army.
Walla Walla, Wash.,
loaned French guns in
city park.

Resolved 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 loan the four French one hundred and fifty-five millimeter guns with their carriages and all appurtenances thereto which are now in the city park at Walla Walla, Washington, to the city of Walla Walla without bond until such time as said guns may be needed for national defense.

Approved, February 11, 1927.

February 12, 1927.
[H. R. 11325.]
[Public, No. 603.]

CHAP. 110.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, and Acts in amendment thereof.

Injuries to Govern-
ment employees.
Increased compensa-
tion for.

Compensation for
total disability in-
creased.
Vol. 39, p. 743, amend-
ed.
Partial.

To minors and
learners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, and Acts in amendment thereof, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. That the monthly compensation for total disability shall not be more than \$116.66, nor less than \$58.33, unless the employee's monthly pay is less than \$58.33, in which case his monthly compensation shall be the full amount of his monthly pay. The monthly compensation for partial disability shall not be more than \$116.66. In the case of persons who at the time of the injury were minors or employed in a learner's capacity and who were not physically or mentally defective the commission shall, on any review after the