[CHAPTER 384.]

AN ACT

Directing the retirement of acting assistant surgeons of the United States Navy at the age of seventy years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the acting assistant surgeons of the United States Navy who, on the date of the passage of this Act, have reached the age of seventy years shall be placed on the retired list of the Navy with pay at the rate of three-fourths of their active-duty pay.

Approved, July 17, 1935.

[CHAPTER 386.]

AN ACT

Limiting expenditures for repairs or changes to naval vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the total appropriation expenditures for repairs or changes to a vessel of the Navy undertaken in a navy yard shall not exceed $450,000 for any eighteen consecutive months: Provided, That if, during the overhaul of a vessel, the estimated cost for such overhaul having been approved as within the limits herein imposed, accomplishment of essential items will involve expenditures in excess of such limits, the Secretary of the Navy may, and he is hereby authorized, appropriation otherwise being available, to complete the work, and it shall thereupon be his duty to report to the Congress at the next regular session thereof the expenditures from each of the appropriations involving expenditures in excess of the authorized limit for such work: Provided further, That such parts of the Act for March 2, 1907, March 3, 1909, and August 29, 1916, contained in section 468, title 5 of the United States Code, as relate to statutory limitation of expenditure for repairs or changes on naval vessels, are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 18, 1935.

[CHAPTER 387.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Giving authority to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make special regulations for the occasion of the Seventieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in the District of Columbia in the month of September 1936, and for other purposes, incident to said encampment.

Whereas at the close of the Civil War the Grand Army of the Republic marched up historic Pennsylvania Avenue while the spirited tramp, tramp, tramp of their feet became the Nation's marching song, and again in 1915, when their ranks were beginning to thin, the Capital City once more welcomed the Boys in Blue as their footsteps again resounded to the old battle tunes; and Whereas the ranks of the three hundred thousand have dwindled away to hundreds, most of whom are in their ninetieth year; and Whereas it is the greatest desire of their hearts to hold their seventieth national encampment in the Capital of their country in 1936, and march, for the last time, up Pennsylvania Avenue; and it should be our pleasure and privilege to invite them here and show respect to the last of our Civil War veterans, who, as our President in his last message to them said, "have lived to see the