(except the month of December) when the last day of such month falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday."

Approved, June 2, 1939.

[CHAPTER 172]

AN ACT

To authorize the construction of certain vessels for the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

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 $1,425,000 to be expended by the Secretary of Commerce for the construction of one main surveying ship of not over one thousand five hundred tons light displacement tonnage and of one auxiliary surveying vessel of not over one hundred and twenty-five tons light displacement tonnage, including purchase or construction of complete equipment and outfit and including cost of preparation of plans, specifications, and inspection during construction, said ships to be designed and equipped for Coast and Geodetic Survey duties in Alaska.

Approved, June 2, 1939.

[CHAPTER 173]

AN ACT

Providing for the transfusion of blood by members and former members of the Military Establishment, and by employees of the United States Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of February 9, 1927, entitled "An Act relating to the transfusion of blood by members of the Military Establishment" (U. S. C., title 24, sec. 30) is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "That any person in the Military Establishment, or who has been a member of the Military Establishment, and any employee of the United States Government, who shall furnish blood from his or her veins for transfusion to the veins of a member or former member of the Military Establishment who is a patient in a Government hospital shall be entitled to be paid therefor such reasonable sum, not to exceed $50, as may be determined by the head of the hospital concerned, from public funds available for the operation of such hospital: Provided, That expenditures heretofore made to persons in Government service for blood furnished from his or her veins for transfusion to the veins of an official patient in a Government hospital are hereby authorized and validated."

Approved, June 2, 1939.

[CHAPTER 174]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to convey certain lands owned by the United States for other lands needed in connection with the expansion of West Point Military Reservation, New York, 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 War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, a joint corporate municipal instrumentality of the States of New York and New Jersey, all or any part of a certain tract of land, in the vicinity of Popolopen Creek, Orange