

istrator deems most appropriate, a flag of the United States, if no person is otherwise entitled to receive a flag of the United States used at the funeral of the deceased person.

SEC. 2. (a) The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to prescribe such regulations as he deems necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(b) The appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act is hereby authorized.

Approved November 22, 1943.

Regulations.

Appropriation authorized.

[CHAPTER 302]

AN ACT

To amend section 36 of the Criminal Code.

November 22, 1943
[H. R. 1202]
[Public Law 188]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 36 of the Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1096; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 87) be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Criminal Code, amendment.

"SEC. 36. Whoever shall steal, embezzle, or knowingly apply to his own use, or unlawfully sell, convey, or dispose of any ordnance, arms, ammunition, clothing, subsistence, stores, money, or other property furnished or to be used for the military or naval service, shall be punished as prescribed in section 35 (C) of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, sec. 82)."

Embezzlement, etc., of arms and stores.

52 Stat. 198.

Approved November 22, 1943.

[CHAPTER 303]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to dispense with unnecessary renewals of oaths of office by civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments", approved August 14, 1937.

November 22, 1943
[H. R. 1206]
[Public Law 189]

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 to dispense with unnecessary renewals of oaths of office by civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments", approved August 14, 1937 (50 Stat. 640), be amended to read as follows:

Oaths of office.

5 U. S. C. § 17b.

"That civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments of the United States and employees of the District of Columbia who, upon original appointment, have subscribed to the oath of office required by section 1757 of the Revised Statutes, shall not be required to renew the said oath because of any change in status so long as their services are continuous in the department or independent establishment in which employed or in the government of the District of Columbia, unless in the opinion of the head of the department or independent establishment or the Commissioners of the District of Columbia the public interests require such renewal."

Renewals.

5 U. S. C. § 16.

Approved November 22, 1943.

[CHAPTER 304]

AN ACT

To provide for a general term of the District Court for the District of Alaska at Anchorage, Alaska.

November 22, 1943
[H. R. 1622]
[Public Law 190]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last para-

District Court for District of Alaska.

graph of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 322), as amended by the Act approved March 2, 1921 (41 Stat. 1204, U. S. C., title 48, sec. 102; Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, sec. 1092), is hereby amended to read as follows:

General terms.

"One general term of court shall be held each year at Juneau, and such additional terms at other places in the first division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. One general term of court shall be held each year at Nome, and such additional terms at other places in the second division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. One general term of court shall be held each year at Anchorage, and such additional terms at other places in the third division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. One general term of court shall be held each year at Fairbanks, and such additional terms at other places in the fourth division as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct. Each of the judges is authorized and directed to hold such special terms of court as may be necessary for the public welfare or for the dispatch of the business of the court at such times and places in their respective divisions as any of them, respectively, may deem expedient, or as the Judicial Council for the Ninth Judicial Circuit may direct; and each shall have authority to employ interpreters and to make allowances for the necessary expenses of his court and to employ an official court stenographer at such compensation as shall be fixed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. At least thirty days' notice shall be given by the judge, or the clerk, of the time and place of holding the several terms of the court."

Special terms.

Interpreters; court expenses.

Court stenographers.

Notice of terms.

Approved November 22, 1943.

[CHAPTER 328]

AN ACT

November 28, 1943
[S. 321]
[Public Law 191]

To facilitate and simplify collection procedure in the Department of the Interior.

Department of the Interior.
Leases, etc., collection procedure.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That leases, permits, licenses, contracts, agreements, and other instruments providing for payments to the United States on account of the use of lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, or on account of the sale of products of such lands or waters, or on account of other transactions incident to the administration of such lands or waters, including contributions by cooperators, but excluding sales of used equipment, shall be exempt from the provisions of section 3743 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (title 41, U. S. C., sec. 20), when the lease or other instruments do not require payment to the Government in excess of \$300 in any one fiscal year: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe from time to time regulations requiring that originals or copies of any class or group of documents within the foregoing exemption, in the circumstances and upon the conditions designated by him in such regulations, shall be deposited in the General Accounting Office for audit purposes.

Regulations.

Approved November 28, 1943.