[CHAPTER 32]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to grant to the city of San Diego a right-of-way over land owned by the United States within the limits of Camp Gillespie, San Diego County, California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to grant to the city of San Diego, California, upon such terms and conditions as he may determine, a right-of-way for the construction, maintenance, operation, and repair of a water pipe line or lines within a strip of land fifty feet in width and two thousand six hundred and fifty feet in length, more or less, which strip traverses land owned by the United States within the limits of Camp Gillespie, San Diego County, California.

Approved April 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 33]

AN ACT

To authorize the furnishing of steam from the central heating plant to the property of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 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 Federal Works Administrator through the Public Buildings Administration be, and is hereby, authorized to furnish steam from the central heating plant for the use of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the property designated as square 173 in the District of Columbia: Provided, That the Daughters of the American Revolution agree to pay for the steam furnished at reasonable rates, not less than cost, as may be determined by the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency: Provided further, That the Federal Works Administrator, through the Public Buildings Administration, is authorized to prepare plans and specifications and to supervise and contract for the work necessary to connect with the Government mains and to receive payment from the Daughters of the American Revolution by the transfer of funds in advance to cover the cost of such work and services, including administrative expenses: And provided further, That there shall be no liability on the part of the Government on account of any damages that may accrue hereunder.

Approved April 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 34]

AN ACT

To amend existing law to provide privilege of renewing expiring five-year level-premium-term policies for another five-year period.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso of the first paragraph of section 301, World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (by the Act of May 14, 1942; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 512), is hereby amended to read as follows: "Provided further, That at the expiration of any five-year period a five-year level-premium term policy may be renewed for a second or third or fourth or fifth five-year period at the premium rate for the attained age without medical examination; and in case the fourth five-year period of any such policy shall have expired between January 24, 1947, and the
expiration of five months after the date of the enactment of this amendment to this amendatory proviso and the policy has not been continued in another form of Government insurance such policy may be renewed as of the date of its expiration on the same conditions upon payment of the back premiums within five months after such date of enactment; and the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall cause notice to be mailed to the holder of any such policy of the provisions of this amendment to this amendatory proviso."

Approved April 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 35]

AN ACT

To provide for the promotion of substitute employees in the postal service, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all substitute employees in the postal service shall be promoted successively at the beginning of the quarter following one year's satisfactory service in each grade until they reach the maximum grade authorized for the respective assignment, without regard to the number of hours they are actually employed in the postal service during the year.

SEC. 2. Each substitute employee in the postal service shall, for promotional and leave purposes, receive credit for one-twelfth of a year for each whole calendar month that the substitute employee has been on the rolls as a substitute since his last promotion as a substitute or appointment as a substitute, whichever is later: Provided, That when a regular employee has been reduced to a substitute position, the months of service as a regular employee shall be included with the months served as a substitute to determine the date he will be eligible for automatic promotion under section 1 of this Act: Provided further, That the automatic promotion of a substitute employee in the postal service shall be withheld (1) for three months when such employee is absent on leave without pay and not available for duty for ninety days during a calendar year; (2) for six months when such employee is absent on leave without pay and not available for duty for one hundred and eighty days during a calendar year; (3) for nine months when such employee is absent on leave without pay and not available for duty for two hundred and seventy days during a calendar year; and (4) for one year when such employee is absent on leave without pay and not available for duty for three hundred and sixty days during a calendar year.

SEC. 3. Section 1 of the Act of March 6, 1946 (Public Law 317, Seventy-ninth Congress), entitled "An Act to provide credit for past service to substitute employees of the postal service when appointed to regular positions; to extend annual and sick-leave benefits to war-service indefinite substitute employees; to fix the rate of compensation for temporary substitute rural carriers serving in the place of regular carriers in the armed forces; and for other purposes", is amended to read as follows:

"Upon appointment to a regular position in the Postal Service, any employee who was a substitute in the Postal Service prior to July 1, 1945, shall receive credit for actual substitute service including time served as a special-delivery messenger, performed prior to July 1, 1945, computed on the basis of one year for each unit of two thousand four hundred and forty-eight hours of service, but such credit shall not exceed four years. The credit thus computed shall be added to credit for the time the employee has been on the rolls as a substitute employee in the Postal Service on and after July 1, 1945, computed..."