[CHAPTER 68]  AN ACT

To amend the Act of August 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 556), as amended, so as to increase the total authorized number of commissioned officers of the active list of the Corps of Civil Engineers of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That that part of the Act of August 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 556), such Act having been amended by the Act of July 22, 1935 (49 Stat. 488), which relates to the commissioned officer strength of the active list of the Corps of Civil Engineers, is hereby further amended by striking out the figure “2” as it appears after the words “Civil Engineers” in line 2, paragraph 5, page 489, of volume 49, Statutes at Large, and inserting in lieu thereof the figure “3”.

Approved May 16, 1947.

[CHAPTER 69]  AN ACT

To authorize the construction of experimental submarines, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of February 18, 1946 (Public Law 301, Seventy-ninth Congress, ch. 30, second session), or any other provision of law enacted prior to the date of approval of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to undertake the construction of approximately four thousand displacement tons of submarine vessels for experimental purposes in order to guide the future design and construction of such vessels: Provided, That the cost of the vessels, the construction of which is authorized by this Act, shall not exceed $30,000,000.

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[CHAPTER 70]  AN ACT

To include civilian officers and employees of the United States Naval Government of Guam among those persons who are entitled to the benefits of Public Law 490 of the Seventy-seventh Congress, approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat. 143), as amended, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) (3) of section 1 of Public Law 490 of the Seventy-seventh Congress approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat. 143), as amended by Public Law 408 of the Seventy-eighth Congress approved July 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 679), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(3) civilian officers and employees of departments and civilian officers and employees of the United States Naval Government of Guam, during such time as they may be assigned for duty or serving outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska, exclusive of part-time or intermittent employees or native labor casually hired on an hourly or per diem basis;”.

Sec. 2. Appropriations which have been made or which may be made for the Navy Department and the naval service shall be available and may be used for the payment of such sums as may have accrued prior to July 21, 1944, to the credit of, and which remain unpaid to, civilian officers and employees of the United States Naval Government.