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. 576), 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.

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.

Approved May 16, 1947.

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.
of Guam under the provisions and the authority of Public Law 490 of
the Seventy-seventh Congress approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat. 143),
as heretofore and herein amended.

Approved May 16, 1947.

[CHAPTER 71]

AN ACT

To relieve collectors of customs of liability for failure to collect certain special
tonnage duties and light money, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That no collector of
customs shall be held liable to the United States for his failure to col-
clect special tonnage duties provided for in the first sentence of section
4219 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title
46, sec. 121), nor for his failure in connection therewith to collect
light money provided for in section 4225 of the Revised Statutes, as
amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, section 128), in connection
with the entry from a foreign port of any foreign vessel prior to
October 1, 1940; nor shall any such vessel hereafter be held liable for
the payment of any such special tonnage duties or light money in
connection with any entry prior to October 1, 1940.

Approved May 16, 1947.

[CHAPTER 72]

AN ACT

To amend section 327 (h) of the Nationality Act of 1940.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That title I, sub-
chapter III, section 327, subsection (h), of the Act of October 14, 1940
(54 Stat. 1151; 8 U. S. C. 727 (h)), be and the same is hereby, amended
to read as follows:

"Sec. 327. (h) The officers in charge of property owned or leased
by the Government are authorized, upon the recommendation of the
Attorney General, to provide quarters, without payment of rent, in
any building occupied by the Service, for a photographic studio, oper-
ated by welfare organizations without profit and solely for the benefit
of persons seeking to comply with requirements under the immigra-
tion and nationality laws. Such studio shall be under the supervision
of the Commissioner."

Approved May 16, 1947.

[CHAPTER 73]

AN ACT

To authorize additional allowances of good time and the payment of compen-
sation to prison inmates performing exceptionally meritorious or outstanding
services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the discre-
tion of the Attorney General and under rules and regulations pro-
mulgated by him—

(a) the additional deductions from sentences of prisoners
employed in industries or camps authorized by section 8 of the
Act of May 27, 1930 (46 Stat. 391; 18 U. S. C. 744h), may be