

authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of (a) \$750,000 for the erection and equipment of a building or buildings, including plumbing, lighting, heating, general service, and experimental equipment and apparatus, the necessary roads, walks, and ground improvement, and land for the site of the building if no land is donated; and (b) \$250,000 annually for the maintenance and operation of the experimental station, including personal services, supplies, equipment, and expenses of travel and subsistence.

Approved March 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 147]

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of a site for a new Federal Building in Huntington, West Virginia, adjoining existing Federal buildings there, as an economy measure, before land values have increased as a result of improvements.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Federal Works Administrator is authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a plot of land approximately two hundred feet long and approximately ninety feet wide, together with all improvements thereon, situated at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street in the city of Huntington, West Virginia, for use as a site for the erection of a new Federal building. Such plot of land is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the south line of Fifth Avenue intersects with the east line of Eighth Street; thence along the line of Eighth Street approximately two hundred feet to an alley; thence in an easterly direction and with the north line of said alley to a point; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the line of Eighth Street approximately two hundred feet to a point in the south line of Fifth Avenue; thence in a westerly direction and with the south line of Fifth Avenue approximately ninety feet to the place of beginning.

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[CHAPTER 148]

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase of a new post-office site at Omaha, Nebraska.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Federal Works Administrator is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a suitable site in Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of erecting thereon a building for the use and accommodation of the United States post office at Omaha.

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[CHAPTER 149]

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of a site and preparation of plans and specifications for a new postal building and for remodeling of the existing main post-office building in Portland, Oregon, 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 is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a suitable site in Portland, Oregon, and to prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for a

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[Public Law 455]

Huntington, W. Va.  
Site for Federal  
building.  
*Post*, p. 1033.

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[H. R. 4836]  
[Public Law 456]

Omaha, Nebr.  
Post-office site.  
*Post*, p. 1033.

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[H. R. 4967]  
[Public Law 457]

Portland, Oreg.  
Site and plans for  
postal building.  
*Post*, p. 1033.

new building to be located on such site and for the remodeling of the existing main post office all to provide additional postal facilities in said city. The cost of such plans and specifications and the acquisition of the site shall not exceed \$300,000.

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[CHAPTER 150]

AN ACT

To ratify the administrative promotions of employees on military furlough from the field postal service, in certain cases, and for related purposes.

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[H. R. 5315]

[Public Law 458]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if an employee in the field postal service was promoted, after September 15, 1940, and before January 1, 1948, to the position of special clerk or to any other position not then in an automatic grade, and the promotion was unauthorized by law only because the employee was then absent on military furlough, the promotion is hereby ratified.

Postal Service.  
Promotions during  
military furlough.

SEC. 2. Such an employee is hereby relieved of all liability to refund to the United States any amounts paid to him as a result of the promotion; and in the audit and settlement of the accounts of any postmaster, or of any other designated disbursing officer of the Post Office Department or postal service, the amounts paid as a result of the promotion shall be considered to have been authorized. Any amounts heretofore credited to the employee or refunded by him to the United States on account of any overpayment made as a result of the promotion shall be repaid out of any money available for the payment of salaries of employees in the service in which he is employed.

Relief of liability.

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[CHAPTER 151]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the one-hundredth anniversary of the creation of the Territory of Minnesota.

March 25, 1948  
[H. J. Res. 320]

[Public Law 459]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to prepare for issuance on March 3, 1949, a special series of 3-cent postage stamps, of such design as he shall prescribe, in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the creation of the Territory of Minnesota.

Minnesota, 100th  
anniversary.  
Commemorative  
stamp.

Approved March 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 157]

AN ACT

To provide for inactive duty training pay for the Organized Reserve Corps, to provide uniform standards for inactive duty training pay for all Reserve components of the armed forces, and for other purposes.

March 25, 1948  
[S. 1174]

[Public Law 460]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the National Defense Act, as amended, be further amended by striking out the words "the Officers Reserve Corps, the Organized Reserves, and the Enlisted Reserve Corps," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and the Organized Reserve Corps".

Organized Reserve  
Corps, Army.  
48 Stat. 153.  
10 U. S. C. § 2.

SEC. 2. That section 37a of the National Defense Act of 1916, as amended, is amended by deleting therefrom the following sentence: "A Reserve officer shall not be entitled to pay and allowances except when on active duty."

41 Stat. 776.  
10 U. S. C. § 361.