

shall be construed as applying to all inmates of Federal penal and correctional institutions qualified for such training and schooling without regard to their industrial or other assignments. The prison industries fund established by section 4 of the Act of June 23, 1934 (48 Stat. 1211; 18 U. S. C. 744-L), may be employed in paying the expense of such training and schooling within the limits of amounts specifically authorized annually in the Government Corporations Appropriations Act.

18 U. S. C. § 744L.  
Post, p. 866.

Approved May 11, 1948.

[CHAPTER 277]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of sixty days.

May 11, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 198]  
[Public Law 522]

*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 withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for which bids have been received in the second contract section for a period of sixty days after March 30, 1948.

Approved May 11, 1948.

[CHAPTER 284]

AN ACT

To validate payments heretofore made by disbursing officers of the United States Government covering cost of shipment of household effects of civilian employees, and for other purposes.

May 12, 1948  
[S. 1298]  
[Public Law 523]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That payments heretofore made by disbursing officers covering the cost of shipment of household effects of civilian employees of the Government of the United States made under orders directing permanent change of station of said employees where such shipments were made from the last permanent-duty station of said employees or from some other place, to some place other than the new permanent-duty station of such employees, are hereby validated, if otherwise proper, and such employees shall be relieved of indebtedness to the United States on account of such shipments to the extent that such payments do not exceed the cost which would have been properly borne by the United States for such shipments under laws and regulations in effect at the time of such shipments, had such shipments been made from the old to the new permanent-duty station of such employees: *Provided*, That in any case where a civilian employee has made refundment to the United States on account of payments herein validated, reimbursement of the amount so refunded is hereby authorized to be made to such employee on the presentation of a claim therefor to the General Accounting Office: *Provided further*, That employees who paid the carriers the amount due covering the shipment of their household effects shall be entitled to reimbursement of so much of the amount expended, if otherwise proper, as does not exceed the cost of such shipment from the old to the new permanent-duty station upon presentation of a claim therefor to the General Accounting Office: *And provided further*, That amounts due deceased persons or persons determined to be mentally incompetent shall be paid to the extent herein provided upon presentation of a claim therefor to the General Accounting Office by their heirs or personal representatives.

Disbursing officers.  
Validation of certain payments.

Reimbursements.

Amounts due deceased or incompetent persons.

Credit in accounts.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of accounts of disbursing officers of the Government of the United States covering payments

for the shipment of household effects of civilian employees which are, and to the extent that such payments are, validated by section 1 hereof.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.

SEC. 3. Such appropriations as may be required for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized.

Approved May 12, 1948.

[CHAPTER 285]

AN ACT

May 12, 1948  
[S. 1545]

[Public Law 524]

To authorize a bridge, roads and approaches, supports and bents, or other structures, across, over, or upon lands of the United States within the limits of the Colonial National Historical Park at or near Yorktown, Virginia.

Colonial National  
Historical Park, Va.  
Right-of-way.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior, upon such terms and conditions as to location, type, or design of the structure or otherwise as to him and to the Secretary of the Navy may appear proper to protect the interests of the United States, is authorized to grant to the Commonwealth of Virginia or to its agency the Highway Commission of said Commonwealth right-of-way or other easement as may be proper to enable a highway bridge the level and design of which shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Navy, such bridge to be erected, operated, and maintained across the York River in the State of Virginia at or near Yorktown, Virginia, and for the purpose of permitting such portions of said bridge, the roads and approaches thereto, together with any necessary structures connected therewith as may be necessary for the construction, maintenance, and operation of said bridge, and for safe, reasonable, and proper ingress thereto or egress therefrom, to be located and erected across, over, or upon the property of the United States forming a part of the Colonial National Historical Park.

Payment.

The Secretary of the Interior is directed and authorized to secure and accept payment in cash or by land exchange as compensation to the United States for any lands used for such right-of-way and any moneys received may in turn be used by the Secretary of the Interior for the purchase of other privately owned historical lands within the boundaries of Colonial National Historical Park. Any lands so received or so purchased shall become part of Colonial National Historical Park.

Determination of  
value of land.

The value of the park lands to be conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia as herein provided shall be determined by a committee of three appraisers, one each to be selected by the Governor of Virginia and the Secretary of the Interior, with the third appraiser to be mutually satisfactory to them. The Secretary may, in his discretion, approve the value agreed upon by a majority of the appraisers or he may require a new appraisal to be made in a similar manner. The decision of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive as to the value of the easement lands conveyed pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Nothing in this Act or in any grant of right-of-way or other easement issued pursuant to this Act shall be construed to affect the provisions of the General Bridge Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 847).

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33 U. S. C. §§ 525-  
533.  
Post, p. 267.

[CHAPTER 286]

AN ACT

May 12, 1948  
[H. R. 1036]

[Public Law 525]

To provide for the licensing of marine radiotelegraph operators as ship radio officers, and for other purposes.

Marine radiotele-  
graph operators.  
Licensing.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever the