the said Act of July 24, 1941, as amended, shall, if application there- 
for is made to the Secretary of the Navy within three months from the 
date of approval of this Act or within three months after the date 
of advancement to commissioned rank or grade on the retired list, 
whichever is the later, and subject to the approval of the Secretary of 
the Navy, be restored to their former retired enlisted or warrant 
officer status, as the case may be, and shall thereafter be deemed to 
be enlisted or warrant officer personnel, as appropriate, for all 
purposes.

Sec. 4. The provisions of this Act, except as may be necessary to 
adapt the same thereto, shall apply to personnel of the Coast Guard 
in relationship to the Coast Guard in the same manner and to the 
same extent as they apply to personnel of the Navy in relationship 
to the Navy: Provided, That the authority given to the Secretary 
of the Navy is hereby extended to the Secretary of the Treasury to 
be exercised with respect to the Coast Guard.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 541]

AN ACT

To amend further the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as amended, to permit 
certain payments to be made to surviving brothers and sisters, and nieces and 
nephews, of deceased members and former members of the armed forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the 
United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 2 and 6 
of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as amended, are hereby 
amended as follows:

(a) Section 2. At the end thereof add a new paragraph as follows:

"(h) The terms 'brother' and 'sister' include brothers and sisters 
of the half blood as well as those of the whole blood, stepbrothers and 
stepsisters, and brothers and sisters through adoption."

(b) Section 6. In paragraph (2) of subsection (a) delete "to such 
holder's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares; and if 
such holder leaves no surviving spouse or child or children, then in 
equal shares to such holder's surviving parents, if any", and insert 
in lieu thereof the following:

"(i) to such holder's surviving spouse and children, if any, 
in equal shares;

"(ii) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse or child or chil-
dren, then in equal shares to such holder's surviving parents, if any;

"(iii) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse, child, or parent, 
then in equal shares to such holder's surviving brothers and sisters, 
if any; and

"(iv) if such holder leaves no surviving spouse, child, parent, 
brother, or sister, then in equal shares to the surviving child or 
children, if any, of such holder's deceased brothers and sisters."

(c) Section 6. In subsection (b) delete "To such member's or for-
mer member's surviving spouse and children, if any, in equal shares; 
and if such member or former member leaves no surviving spouse or 
child or children, then in equal shares to his surviving parents, if any", 
and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(i) to such member's or former member's surviving spouse 
and children, if any, in equal shares; 

"(ii) if such member or former member leaves no surviving 
spouse or child or children, then in equal shares to such member's 
or former member's surviving parents, if any;

"(iii) if such member or former member leaves no surviving 
spouse, child, or parent, then in equal shares to such member's
or former member’s surviving brothers and sisters, if any; and
“(iv) if such member or former member leaves no surviving
spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, then in equal shares to
the surviving child or children, if any, of such member’s or former
member’s deceased brothers and sisters”.

SEC. 2. A sum equal to the amount of any bond or check heretofore
covered into the general fund of the Treasury, for lack of survivors
pursuant to section 6, paragraph (2) of subsection (a), of the Armed
Forces Leave Act, shall be payable, upon request, to any survivor
entitled thereto under the provisions of said section 6, paragraph (2)
of subsection (a), as amended by this Act: Provided, That in any case
where payment under the provisions of section 6, paragraph 2, of
subsection (a) has been refused to a person not a survivor, as defined
by the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 as heretofore in force, and
the bond has not been retired or the proceeds of the check been paid
into the general fund, payment shall be made upon application by
those persons now entitled to payment under the provisions of section
6, paragraph 2, of subsection (a) as amended by this Act.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from August
9, 1946.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 542]
AN ACT
To continue a system of nurseries and nursery schools for the day care of school-
age and under-school-age children of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of
the Act entitled “An Act to authorize and direct the Board of Public
Welfare of the District of Columbia to establish and operate in the
public schools and other suitable locations a system of nurseries and
nursery schools for day care of school-age and under-school-age chil-
dren, and for other purposes”, approved July 16, 1946, as amended,
is amended by striking out “and until June 30, 1948, and no longer,”
and inserting “and until June 30, 1949”.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of such Act of July 16, 1946, as amended, is
amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1949, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United
States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appro-
priated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
this Act.”

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 543]
AN ACT
Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (exclusive of the Farm
Credit Administration) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, 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 following
sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not other-
wise appropriated, for the Department of Agriculture (exclusive of the
Farm Credit Administration) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949,
hereinafter referred to as the current fiscal year, namely: