

56 Stat. 359.
37 U. S. C. §§ 101-120;
Supp. I, § 101b *et seq.*
Ante, p. 88.

5 U. S. C. § 947;
Supp. I, § 947 note.

60 Stat. 219.
5 U. S. C. § 947 (g)
(1).

Transfer of funds.

61 Stat. 509.
5 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 626d.

Ante, p. 604.

Short title.

basis by personnel of the services mentioned in the title of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 or by their dependents shall not deprive such personnel of money allowances for rental of quarters.

SEC. 15. The limitation imposed by section 14 of the Act of May 24, 1946 (60 Stat. 219), with respect to Department of the Army personnel, shall not apply to the Department of the Army with respect to employment of and payment to personnel engaged on orders and work received from and financed by the Navy Department or other Federal agencies if such personnel is charged to a ceiling determination for another agency under 607 (g) (1) of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, or the National Guard, and Organized Reserves of the Army or to employee personnel engaged in demilitarization of ammunition and matériel.

SEC. 16. Provisions of this Act granting authority to the Department of the Army or the Secretary of the Army, or referring to military or civilian personnel of the Department of the Army, shall be applicable to the Department of the Air Force, the Secretary of the Air Force, and military or civilian personnel of the Department of the Air Force with respect to funds allocated or otherwise made available to or for the Department of the Air Force or personnel thereof: *Provided*, That amounts transferred to the Department of the Air Force under section 306 of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253, approved July 26, 1947), shall be available for personal services at the seat of government without regard to the availability of such funds for that purpose under applicable provisions and restrictions of this Act.

SEC. 17. Funds appropriated for the agencies of the National Military Establishment for the fiscal year 1949 shall be available, contingent upon the enactment into law by the Eightieth Congress of S. 2655 or similar authorization for the voluntary enlistment of persons between the ages of eighteen and nineteen years, and subject to the approval of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, for all expenses necessary for and incident to the recruitment and service of such persons, pending and in anticipation of a supplemental appropriation by the Congress to provide funds for such expenses.

SEC. 18. This Act may be cited as the "Military Functions Appropriation Act, 1949".

Approved June 24, 1948.

[CHAPTER 633]

AN ACT

To continue the authorization for the appointment of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of December 8, 1944 (58 Stat. 798), is hereby amended by deleting the words "not to exceed two years" and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "not to exceed three years".

Approved June 24, 1948.

[CHAPTER 636]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, to provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1, 1948.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended

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5 U. S. C. § 152 note;
Supp. I, § 152 note.

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[Public Law 768]

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by inserting after the first sentence thereof a new sentence as follows: "Any such annuitant who died during the period beginning on February 29, 1948, and ending on April 30, 1948, leaving a surviving wife or husband, shall be deemed to have made the election authorized in the foregoing proviso and to have named such wife or husband to receive an annuity as provided in such proviso, but no such annuity shall become due or payable to such wife or husband prior to April 1, 1948."

Approved June 25, 1948.

Annuity for certain surviving spouses.

[CHAPTER 637]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Permitting the free entry of certain articles imported to promote international good will, and for other purposes.

June 25, 1948
[H. J. Res. 433]
[Public Law 769]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any articles, including approximately forty-eight railroad cars and incidental equipment, certified by the Secretary of State as being donated in promotion of international good will by the people or Government of the Republic of France for sale for charitable purposes in the United States or for presentation, in the case of the railroad equipment, to noncommercial organizations in the United States may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption free of customs duties, fees, or charges, internal-revenue taxes, and marking or other import requirements or restrictions.

Free imports.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be effective as to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of its enactment and prior to the close of December 31, 1948.

Effective date.

Approved June 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 643]

AN ACT

To ratify and confirm amendments to certain contracts for the furnishing of petroleum products to the United States.

June 25, 1948
[H. R. 4659]
[Public Law 770]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That contract amendments relating to prices to be paid for petroleum products entered into by any department, agency, or establishment of the executive branch of the Government, in the calendar year 1946 following the removal of price controls on petroleum products, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and such amendments shall be treated as valid in the determination and adjustment of claims by or against the United States under such contracts.

Petroleum products. Validation of certain contract amendments.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of accounts of accountable officers of the Government of the United States covering payments made under contract amendments which are, and to the extent that such payments are, ratified and confirmed by section 1 hereof.

Credit in accounts.

SEC. 3. Amounts which have been refunded or collected by set-off, or otherwise, from contractors on account of payments made under contract amendments herein ratified and confirmed, are authorized to be repaid to said contractors upon presentation of a claim therefor to the General Accounting Office.

Repayment of amounts to certain contractors.

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