"That notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, sec. 883), vessels of Canadian registry shall be permitted until June 30, 1949, to transport products of, and supplies and equipment for, the Riverside Mine at Hyder, Alaska, between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in the United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation."

Approved June 28, 1948.

[CHAPTER 694]

AN ACT

To provide further benefits for certain employees of the United States who are veterans of World War II and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments by reason of their service in the armed forces of the United States, and who, due to service-connected disabilities, are unable to perform the duties of the positions for which examinations were taken.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (60 Stat. 749; 5 U. S. C., sec. 645a), is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

(c) Any person within the terms of this section, who, due to a disability incurred because of military service in World War II, is unable to perform the duties of the position designated by him at the time of taking the examination for appointment thereto, may upon written request at any time have his name entered upon any list of eligibles for any position for which a like examination is required and such entry shall be made without any loss of seniority or other rights of eligibility conferred by this section: Provided however, That this Act shall not be construed to extend the period of eligibility which such person would have otherwise had."

Approved June 28, 1948.

[CHAPTER 695]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey certain land in Tennessee to the city of Johnson City.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized to convey to the city of Johnson City, a municipal corporation of the State of Tennessee, without consideration and on behalf of the United States, a tract of land located in the ninth civil district of Washington County, Tennessee, on the north side of United States Highway 11E approximately one mile west of the corporate boundary of Johnson City, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the property of the United States of America now under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration, known as Veterans' Administration center, Mountain Home, Tennessee. This beginning point is also the northeast corner of property transferred from the Veterans' Administration to the Tennessee Valley Authority by Executive Order Numbered 9771, dated August 24, 1946; thence north eighty-six degrees fifty-six minutes east nine hundred and eight-tenths feet; thence south one degree thirty minutes west three hundred and seventy-two feet; thence south eighty-six degrees five minutes east five hundred and ninety-one feet; thence south four degrees fifteen minutes west one hundred and forty-three and five-tenths feet to the north side of United States Highway 11E;