

authorize and appropriate the use of funds apportioned to Durant, Oklahoma, for the construction and equipment of a United States post office and other Government offices at Durant, Oklahoma.

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October 6, 1917.  
[H. R. 6175.]

[Public, No. 73.]

**CHAP. 88.**—An Act Giving the United States Shipping Board power to suspend present provisions of law and permit vessels of foreign registry and foreign-built vessels admitted to American registry under the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to engage in the coastwise trade during the present war and for a period of one hundred and twenty days thereafter, except the coastwise trade with Alaska.

Shipping.  
Coastwise trade permitted to registered foreign-built vessels, etc., during the war.

Vol. 37, p. 562; Vol. 38, p. 698.

Provisions.  
Permits required.

Preference to American owned, etc.

Alaska trade not included.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the present war with Germany and for a period of one hundred and twenty days thereafter the United States Shipping Board may, if in its judgment the interests of the United States require, suspend the present provisions of law and permit vessels of foreign registry, and foreign-built vessels admitted to American registry under the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to engage in the coastwise trade of the United States: *Provided,* That no such vessel shall engage in the coastwise trade except upon a permit issued by the United States Shipping Board, which permit shall limit or define the scope of the trade and the time of such employment: *Provided further,* That in issuing permits the board shall give preference to vessels of foreign registry owned, leased, or chartered by citizens of the United States or corporations thereof: *And provided further,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the coastwise trade with Alaska or between Alaskan ports.

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[H. R. 6306.]

[Public, No. 74.]

**CHAP. 89.**—An Act To provide for the payment of six months' gratuity to the widow, children, or other previously designated dependent relative of retired officers or enlisted men on active duty.

Navy.  
Six months' gratuity to beneficiaries of officers, etc., dying in service extended to retired officers, etc., on active duty in the war.  
Vol. 37, p. 329, amended.  
Vol. 38, p. 938.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the paragraph of the Act approved August twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes," as amended by the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, which provides for the payment of six months' gratuity to the widow or children or other previously designated dependent relative of a deceased officer or enlisted man on the active list of the Navy and Marine Corps, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting after the words "on the active list of the Navy or Marine Corps" a comma and the words "or of any retired officer or enlisted man serving on active duty during the continuance of the present war."

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[H. R. 6310.]

[Public, No. 75.]

**CHAP. 90.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Trumbull Steel Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio.

Mahoning River.  
Trumbull Steel Company may bridge, Warren, Ohio.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled;* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Trumbull Steel Company and its

successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River, near the city of Warren, in the county of Trumbull, in the State of Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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**CHAP. 91.**—An Act To authorize the issuance of Reserve Corps and National Army commissions in the lower grades of staff corps and to remove the fixed age limits requiring the discharge of Reserve Corps officers.

October 6, 1917.  
[H. R. 6350.]

[Public, No. 76.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the existing emergency the President is authorized, in addition to the grades now authorized, to appoint in the Officers' Reserve Corps and the National Army in the grades of second and first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps; second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and Signal Corps; second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain in The Adjutant General's Department, such citizens as shall be found physically, mentally, and morally qualified for appointment.

Army.  
Additional appointments in lower grades of Officers' Reserve Corps and National Guard staff corps during the war.

During the existing emergency no member of the Officers' Reserve Corps shall be discharged by reason of reaching the age limits provided in section thirty-seven of the national defense Act approved June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Officers' Reserve Corps.  
Age limit for discharge suspended.  
Vol. 39, p. 190.

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**CHAP. 92.**—An Act To promote the efficiency of the United States Navy.

October 6, 1917.  
[H. R. 6362.]

[Public, No. 77.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in construing the provisions of sections twelve and thirteen of the selective-draft Act approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, the word "Army" shall extend to and include "Navy"; the word "military" shall include "naval"; "Article of War" shall include "Articles for the Government of the Navy"; the words "camps, station, cantonment, camp, fort, post, officers' or enlisted men's club," in section twelve, and "camp, station, fort, post, cantonment, training, or mobilization place," in section thirteen, shall include such places under naval jurisdiction as the President may prescribe, and the powers therein conferred upon the Secretary of War with regard to the military service are hereby conferred upon the Secretary of the Navy with regard to the naval service.

Navy.  
Prohibitions on intoxicants, bawdy houses, etc., extended to places under naval jurisdiction.  
*Ante*, pp. 82, 83.

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**CHAP. 93.**—An Act To provide for the service of officers of auxiliary naval forces on naval courts.

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[H. R. 6363.]

[Public, No. 78.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when actively serving under the Navy Department in time of war or during the existence of an emergency, pursuant to law, as a part of the naval forces of the United States, commissioned officers of the Naval Reserve Force, Marine Corps Reserve, National Naval Volunteers, Naval Militia,

Naval courts martial, etc.  
Officers of auxiliary forces to serve on, in time of war, etc.