

including not to exceed \$445,000 for departmental personal services in the District of Columbia, \$75,000,000, to remain available until expended, which sum is composed of \$23,800,000, the remainder of the sum of \$75,000,000 authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, by the Act approved June 19, 1922, and \$51,200,000, part of the sum of \$75,000,000 authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by paragraph 1 of the Act approved February 12, 1925.

Total, Department of Agriculture, \$127,924,573.

Approved, May 11, 1926.

Departmental services in the District.

Use of annual allotments.  
Vol. 42, p. 660.

**CHAP. 287.**—An Act For the purchase of the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics.

May 11, 1926.  
[S. 957.]

[Public, No. 215.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and the Attorney General are hereby designated as a commission with authority, in their discretion, to purchase the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics, and that the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the commission to consummate such purchase.

Lincoln relics.  
Commission designated to purchase Oldroyd collection of.

Amount authorized for.  
Post, p. 845.

Approved, May 11, 1926.

**CHAP. 288.**—An Act To amend section 3 of the Act approved September 14, 1922 (chapter 307, Forty-second Statutes at Large, part 1, pages 840 to 841).

May 11, 1926.  
[S. 2298.]

[Public, No. 216.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 of the Act approved September 14, 1922 (chapter 307, Forty-second Statutes at Large, part 1, pages 840 to 841), be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Army.  
Vol. 42, p. 841, amended.

“SEC. 3. That the first proviso under the heading ‘Arms, uniforms, equipment, and so forth, for field service, National Guard,’ in Title I of said Act, is amended to read as follows:

National Guard, Officers’ and Enlisted Reserve Corps.

“That hereafter members of the National Guard, the Officers’ Reserve Corps, and the Enlisted Reserve Corps who have or shall become entitled for a continuous period of less than one month to Federal pay at the rates fixed for the Regular Army, whether by virtue of a call by the President, of attendance at school or maneuver, or of any other cause, and whose accounts have not yet been settled, shall receive such pay for each day of such period, and the thirty-first day of a calendar month shall not be excluded from the computation.”

Allowed Army pay for service less than a month.

Approved, May 11, 1926.

**CHAP. 289.**—An Act To provide retirement for the Nurse Corps of the Army and Navy.

May 13, 1926.  
[S. 3037.]

[Public, No. 217.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when a member of the Army Nurse Corps or the Navy Nurse Corps shall have served thirty years, or shall have reached the age of fifty years, having served twenty years, she may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, be retired from active service and placed on a list, hereby created in

Nurse Corps of the Army and Navy.  
Retirement of, authorized.

Nurse Corps Retired List created. each of the aforementioned services and designated the "Nurse Corps Retired List," in the grade to which she belonged at the time of her retirement.

Annual pay based on active base pay. SEC. 2. That the annual pay of a retired member of the Army Nurse Corps or the Navy Nurse Corps shall be 3 per centum of the annual active base pay which she is receiving at the time of retirement multiplied by the number of complete years of service rendered prior to retirement, but not exceeding 75 per centum of such annual active base pay; and, in addition, supplemental annual retired pay for each complete year of active service rendered prior to retirement in each of the grades hereafter named, as follows: Chief nurse, \$18; assistant superintendent, \$45; director, \$45; assistant director, \$45; superintendent, \$75: *Provided*, That in computing the period of service in any grade for such supplemental retired pay any period less than a year served in any higher grade may be included.

Computation. Supplemental to specified grade. SEC. 3. That for the purpose of computing eligibility for retirement and retired pay, there shall be credited active service in the Army Nurse Corps and in the Navy Nurse Corps, active service as contract nurse prior to February 2, 1901, and service as a reserve nurse on active duty since February 2, 1901.

Proviso. Service computed. SEC. 4. That retired nurses shall be authorized to bear the title and may, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, wear the uniform of the grade held at the time of retirement, and, in time of war or national emergency, may be employed on active duty, in the discretion of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, and when so employed shall receive the full active pay and allowances of their respective grades.

Credit for contract nurse service and reserve nurse service. Approved, May 13, 1926.

Title and uniform, authorized. Active duty in time of war, etc.

May 13, 1926.  
[H. R. 4034.]  
[Public, No. 218.]

**CHAP. 290.**—An Act Granting consent of Congress to Texas-Coahuila Bridge Company for construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande between Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Rio Grande. Texas-Coahuila Bridge Company may bridge between Eagle Pass, Tex., and Piedras Negras, Mexico. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress be, and is hereby, granted to the Texas-Coahuila Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Texas, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto at a point suitable to the interest of navigation across the Rio Grande between Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras, Mexico, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations of this Act: *Provided*, That the consent of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the bridge shall also be obtained.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84. SEC. 2. That the said Texas-Coahuila Bridge Company, its successors or assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of the bridge constructed under the authority of this Act, file with the Secretary of War an itemized statement under oath showing the actual original cost of such bridge and its approaches and appurtenances, which statement shall include any expenditures actually made for engineering and legal services; and any fees, discounts, and other expenditures actually incurred in connection with the financing thereof. Such itemized statements of cost shall be investigated by the Secretary of War at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, and for that purpose the said Texas-Coahuila Bridge Company, its successors or assigns, in

Proviso. Consent of Mexico required. Sworn statement of costs to be filed after completion. Investigation by Secretary of War.