

parole under the provisions of said Act approved July 15, 1932, as amended, after having served one-third of the sentence imposed.

SEC. 10. Section 937 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 937. DEDUCTION FOR GOOD CONDUCT.—All persons sentenced to and imprisoned in the jail or in the workhouse of the District of Columbia and confined there for a term of one month or longer who conduct themselves so that no charge of misconduct shall be sustained against them shall have a deduction upon a sentence of not more than one year of five days for each month; upon a sentence of more than one year and less than three years, six days for each month; upon a sentence of not less than three years and less than five years, seven days for each month; upon a sentence of not less than five years and less than ten years, eight days for each month; and upon a sentence of ten years or more, ten days for each month, and shall be entitled to their discharge so much the earlier upon the certificate of the superintendent of the Washington Asylum and Jail for those confined in the jail, and upon the certificate of the superintendent of the workhouse for those confined in the workhouse, of their good conduct during their imprisonment. When a prisoner has two or more sentences the aggregate of his several sentences shall be the basis upon which his deduction shall be estimated."

Approved, June 6, 1940.

31 Stat. 1341.  
6 D. C. Code § 405.

Persons imprisoned  
in jail, etc., deduction  
from sentence for good  
conduct.

[CHAPTER 255]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind", approved March 3, 1931.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind", approved March 3, 1931, as amended (U. S. C., 1924 edition, Supp. IV, title 2, sec. 135a), is amended by striking out the figures "\$275,000", wherever occurring therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$350,000", and by striking out the figures "\$175,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$250,000".

Approved, June 6, 1940.

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[H. R. 9236]  
[Public, No. 562]

Books for the adult  
blind.  
46 Stat. 1487.  
2 U. S. C. § 135a;  
Supp. V, § 135a.

[CHAPTER 256]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a railroad bridge across the Missouri River at or near Randolph, Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at or near Randolph, Missouri, authorized to be constructed, maintained and operated by Frank O. Lowden, James E. Gorman, and Joseph B. Fleming, trustees of the estate of The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, their successors and assigns, by an Act of Congress approved August 7, 1939, are hereby extended two and four years, respectively, from August 7, 1940.

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

Approved, June 6, 1940.

June 6, 1940  
[H. R. 9261]  
[Public, No. 563]

Missouri River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, at Ran-  
dolph, Mo.

53 Stat. 1265.

Amendment, etc.

## [CHAPTER 257]

## AN ACT

June 6, 1940

[H. R. 9553]

[Public, No. 564]

To amend and clarify certain Acts pertaining to the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Coast Guard.	<i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That (a) the first proviso of section 2 of the Act of January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1130), as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 14, sec. 161), is hereby further amended to read as follows: "Provided, That any officer who has served or shall hereafter serve as Commandant, if heretofore or hereafter retired, whether before or at any time after the termination of his service as Commandant, shall, if receiving the pay of a rear admiral (upper half) at the termination of his service as Commandant, be placed on the retired list with the rank of rear admiral and the retired pay of a rear admiral (upper half), or, if receiving the pay of a rear admiral (lower half) at the termination of his service as Commandant, shall be placed on the retired list with the rank of rear admiral and the retired pay of a rear admiral (lower half), and that any officer whose term of service as Commandant has expired may be appointed a captain and shall be an additional number in that grade, but, if not so appointed, he shall take the place on the lineal list in the grade that he would have attained had he not served as Commandant, and be an additional number in such grade and in the grades to which he may be promoted:"
Proviso. Commandant; re- tirement; rank and pay.	(b) The second and third provisos of section 2 of the Act of January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1130), as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 14, sec. 12), are hereby further amended to read as follows: "Provided further, That the engineer in chief, while so serving, shall have the rank of rear admiral and the pay and allowances of a rear admiral (lower half), and hereafter the engineer in chief shall be selected from the active list of engineering officers not below the grade of commander: <i>Provided further,</i> That any officer who was serving on February 15, 1940, or shall thereafter serve, as engineer in chief shall, when retired, whether before or at any time after the termination of his service as engineer in chief, be retired with the rank of rear admiral and the retired pay of a rear admiral (lower half), and that any officer whose term of service as engineer in chief has expired shall take the place on the lineal list in the grade that he would have attained had he not served as engineer in chief, and be an additional number in such grade and in the grades to which he may be promoted:"
On expiration of term of service; pro- cedure.	(c) The second and third provisos of section 2 of the Act of January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1130), as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 14, sec. 12), are hereby further amended to read as follows: "Provided further, That the engineer in chief, while so serving, shall have the rank of rear admiral and the pay and allowances of a rear admiral (lower half), and hereafter the engineer in chief shall be selected from the active list of engineering officers not below the grade of commander: <i>Provided further,</i> That any officer who was serving on February 15, 1940, or shall thereafter serve, as engineer in chief shall, when retired, whether before or at any time after the termination of his service as engineer in chief, be retired with the rank of rear admiral and the retired pay of a rear admiral (lower half), and that any officer whose term of service as engineer in chief has expired shall take the place on the lineal list in the grade that he would have attained had he not served as engineer in chief, and be an additional number in such grade and in the grades to which he may be promoted:"
Provisos. Engineer in chief; rank, pay, etc.; selec- tion.	SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1131), as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 14, sec. 174), is hereby further amended by striking out so much of the second proviso thereof as follows the semicolon and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and, in the case of a captain, the rank and retired pay of one grade above shall be the rank of rear admiral and the retired pay of a rear admiral (lower half). Any officer of the Coast Guard now having the rank of commodore on the retired list shall hereafter have in lieu thereof the rank of rear admiral, without any increase in pay by reason of such change in rank."
Rank, etc., when retired.	SEC. 3. Section 1 of the Act of April 16, 1908 (35 Stat. 61), as amended and supplemented (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 14, secs. 11 and 11 (a)), is hereby further amended by changing the last paragraph thereof to read as follows:
On expiration of term of service; pro- cedure.	"The President is authorized to appoint in the Coast Guard, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one Assistant Commandant who shall serve for a term of four years unless sooner relieved by the President. The Assistant Commandant shall perform such duties as the Commandant of the Coast Guard may prescribe and shall act as
Rank, etc., of cap- tains retiring after 40 years' service. 14 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 174.	Assistant Comman- dant. Appointment; term.
Commodores.	Duties.