

# PUBLIC LAWS

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FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President; HENRY A. WALLACE, Vice President; PAT HARRISON,<sup>1</sup> President of the Senate *pro tempore*; LISTER HILL, Acting President of the Senate *pro tempore*, March 31 and June 5, 1941; CARTER GLASS, Acting President of the Senate *pro tempore*, May 23, 1941, and elected President of the Senate *pro tempore*, July 10, 1941; KENNETH MCKELLAR, Acting President of the Senate *pro tempore*, August 4-5 and 15-19, October 2 and 9, 1941; WALTER F. GEORGE, Acting President of the Senate *pro tempore*, December 30, 1941-January 2, 1942; SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives; CLIFTON A. WOODRUM, Speaker of the House of Representatives *pro tempore*, August 15-September 15, 1941; JERE COOPER, Speaker of the House of Representatives *pro tempore*, October 27-November 6, 1941; WILLIAM P. COLE, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives *pro tempore*, December 23, 1941-January 2, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 1]

### AN ACT

To authorize major alterations to certain naval vessels.

January 29, 1941  
[H. R. 1053]  
[Public Law 1]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for the purpose of improving antiaircraft defenses of combatant and auxiliary vessels of the United States, alterations to such vessels are hereby authorized, and expenditures therefor shall not be limited by the provisions of the Act approved July 18, 1935 (49 Stat. 482; 5 U. S. C., Supp. V, sec. 468a), but the total cost of such alterations shall not exceed \$300,000,000.

Combatant and  
auxiliary vessels.  
Antiaircraft de-  
fenses.

5 U. S. C. § 468a.

Approved, January 29, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 2]

### AN ACT

To remove certain limitations on appropriations for the pay of midshipmen, and for other purposes.

January 30, 1941  
[H. R. 2318]  
[Public Law 2]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of the Act approved June 11, 1940 (Public, Numbered 588, Seventy-sixth Congress), as relates to the pay of midshipmen whose admission subsequent to January 30, 1940, would result in exceeding the allowance specified in such Act, is hereby repealed.

Naval Academy.  
Pay of certain mid-  
shipmen.  
54 Stat. 277.

SEC. 2. The number of midshipmen who may be appointed each year at large under the provisions of the Act approved December 20, 1917, as amended (40 Stat. 430; 34 U. S. C. 1032), is hereby increased from fifteen to twenty-five, and the number who may be appointed each year by the Secretary of the Navy under the provisions of

Increase in number  
of midshipmen ap-  
pointed at large, etc.

<sup>1</sup> [Died June 22, 1941, 6: 45 a. m.]