

## NAVY DEPARTMENT

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES

55 Stat. 175.

Contingent and miscellaneous expenses, Naval Observatory, \$4,000.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

Details of enlisted men.

SEC. 202. Existing limitations on the number of enlisted men who may be detailed to duty in the Navy Department in the District of Columbia and Marine Corps Headquarters are hereby repealed and the existing limitation on the number of enlisted men who may be detailed for duty at Coast Guard Headquarters is hereby increased to forty-five: *Provided*, That additional details of enlisted men shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy.

*Proviso.*

Ceremonies in connection with launching of vessels.

SEC. 203. Except in amounts limited by the Secretary of the Navy, not exceeding \$25 in any one instance, no part of any sum herein appropriated shall be used directly or indirectly to compensate, reimburse, or pay any individual for christening or celebrating at the christening of any vessel constructed in whole or in part by the expenditure of any part of the funds herein appropriated: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Navy shall determine the nature and extent of any ceremonies in connection with the launching of any vessel either in public or private shipbuilding plants.

*Proviso.*

Citation of title.

SEC. 204. This title may be cited as "Title VI, Naval Appropriation Act, 1942".

Post, p. 995.

## TITLE III—DEFENSE AID

Disposition of defense articles by Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 301. Whenever the President deems it to be in the interest of national defense, he may authorize the Secretary of the Navy to lease for such period of time not exceeding the duration of the existing national emergency ships appropriated for in whole or in part in this Act under the heading "Increase and Replacement of Naval Vessels, Emergency Construction" or to sell, transfer title to, exchange, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of, to the government of any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States, any other defense article procured from funds appropriated in this Act, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 11, 1941 (Public Law 11): *Provided*, That the total value of articles, other than ships, disposed of under this authority shall not exceed \$2,500,000,000.

*Ante*, pp. 70, 81.

55 Stat. 31.  
22 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§§ 411-419.  
*Proviso.*  
Post, pp. 233, 994.

Approved, February 7, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 47]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

February 7, 1942  
[H. J. Res. 276]  
[Public Law 442]

To authorize the President of the United States to render financial aid to China, and for other purposes.

Whereas China has for more than four years valiantly resisted the forces of Japanese aggression; and

Whereas financial and economic aid to China will increase her ability to oppose the forces of aggression; and

Whereas the defense of China is of the greatest possible importance:

Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of the President, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the United States, to loan or extend credit or give other financial aid to China in an amount not to exceed in the aggregate

Financial aid to  
China.

\$500,000,000 at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury with the approval of the President shall deem in the interest of the United States.

SEC. 2. The authority herein granted shall be in addition to any other authority provided by law.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums not to exceed \$500,000,000 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

Approved, February 7, 1942.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
Post, p. 89.

[CHAPTER 48]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement for highway purposes to the county of Macon, Alabama, in a strip of land located at Veterans' Administration Facility, Tuskegee, Alabama.

February 7, 1942  
[S. 1889]  
[Public Law 443]

*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 authorized and directed to grant an easement for highway purposes to the county of Macon, Alabama, in the following-described property located at Veterans' Administration Facility, Tuskegee, Alabama:

Tuskegee, Ala.  
Easement for high-  
way purposes.

Beginning at a point in the north property line of the United States of America and known as Veterans' Administration Facility, Tuskegee, Alabama, said point being located in the east west center of section 13, township 17, range 23, twenty-one and sixty-six one-hundredths chains east of the west boundary of said section; thence east ninety-four one-hundredths chains along the north property line of the United States of America; thence south fifteen degrees sixteen minutes east seven and two-tenths chains; thence south thirteen degrees six minutes east four and four hundred and sixteen one-thousandths chains to a point in the east property line of the United States of America; thence south three and fifteen one-hundredths chains along said east property line to a corner in the property line of the United States of America; thence west two-tenths of a chain along the south property line of the United States of America; thence north thirteen degrees six minutes west seven and four hundred and twenty-six one-thousandths chains; thence north fifteen degrees sixteen minutes west seven and forty-three one-hundredths chains to the point of beginning, containing one and twenty-three one-hundredths acres, more or less.

Description.

Approved, February 7, 1942.

[CHAPTER 49]

AN ACT

To amend section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

February 7, 1942  
[H. R. 5249]  
[Public Law 444]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, approved June 21, 1938, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (c) thereof and by adding after subsection (b) the following new subsections:

Natural Gas Act,  
amendments.  
52 Stat. 824.  
16 U. S. C. § 7171.

"(c) No natural-gas company or person which will be a natural-gas company upon completion of any proposed construction or extension shall engage in the transportation or sale of natural gas, subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, or undertake the construction or extension of any facilities therefor, or acquire or operate any such facilities or extensions thereof, unless there is in force with respect

Certificate of public  
convenience and  
necessity.