

## [CHAPTER 304]

## AN ACT

To establish the composition of the United States Navy, to authorize the construction of certain naval vessels, and for other purposes.

May 13, 1942  
[H. R. 8932]  
[Public Law 551]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the authorized composition of the United States Navy in under-age vessels, as established by the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 503), as amended by the Acts of May 17, 1938 (52 Stat. 401), June 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 394), July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 779), and December 23, 1941 (Public Law 369, Seventy-seventh Congress, first session), is hereby further increased by two hundred thousand tons of combatant ships.

Navy.  
Increase in authorized composition.

34 U. S. C. §§ 494-498; 749b-749d; Supp. I, §§ 498-3, 498a-3.  
55 Stat. 853.  
*Post*, p. 655.

Construction of combatant ships.

34 U. S. C. § 495.

SEC. 2. The President of the United States is hereby authorized to provide the total under-age composition authorized in section 1 of this Act, including replacements thereof as authorized by the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 503), by undertaking the construction of combatant ships of such types and tonnages as he determines to be necessary for the successful prosecution of the war.

Appropriation authorized.  
*Post*, p. 389.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Approved, May 13, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 306]

## AN ACT

To amend subsection (c) of section 1 of Public, Numbered 846, Seventy-fourth Congress (S. 3055), an Act to provide conditions for the purchase of supplies and the making of contracts by the United States, and for other purposes.

May 13, 1942  
[H. R. 4579]  
[Public Law 552]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (c) of section 1 of an Act entitled Public, Numbered 846, Seventy-fourth Congress (S. 3055), be amended by inserting the following proviso after the end of said subsection (c): "*Provided*, That the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any employer who shall have entered into an agreement with his employees pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1 or 2 of subsection (b) of section 7 of an Act entitled 'Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938'".

Hours of labor, Government contracts.  
49 Stat. 2037.  
41 U. S. C. § 35 (c).

52 Stat. 1063.  
29 U. S. C. § 207 (b);  
Supp. 1, § 207 (b).

Approved, May 13, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 307]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration facility, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, to the State of Missouri for highway purposes.

May 13, 1942  
[H. R. 6926]  
[Public Law 553]

*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 to the State of Missouri for highway purposes in certain lands of the Veterans' Administration facility, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, described as follows:

Jefferson Barracks, Mo.  
Easement for highway purposes.

A strip of land lying along the westerly boundary of the Veterans' Administration reservation at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, between the easterly right-of-way line of Koch Road and a line parallel to and twenty-five feet distant in a northeasterly direction from the

center line of said road, and extending from the southerly property line of the United States of America to a line at right angles to the center line of said Koch Road at survey station three plus 20 on said road; said survey station is three hundred and twenty feet from the intersection of the center line of Koch Road with the center line of the approach road to the Mississippi River Bridge, containing five one-hundredths of an acre, more or less.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. The easement herein authorized to be granted shall be limited to the period of time the aforesaid lands are required and actually used by the State of Missouri for highway purposes, and when no longer so required and used, all interests herein authorized to be conveyed in said lands shall cease and determine.

Approved, May 13, 1942.

[CHAPTER 312]

AN ACT

May 14, 1942

[H. R. 6293]

[Public Law 554]

To establish a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps for service with the Army of the United States.

Women's Army  
Auxiliary Corps.  
Establishment for  
noncombatant serv-  
ice.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is hereby authorized to establish and organize in such units as he may from time to time determine to be necessary a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps for noncombatant service with the Army of the United States for the purpose of making available to the national defense when needed the knowledge, skill, and special training of the women of this Nation. The total number of women enrolled or appointed in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps shall not exceed the number authorized from time to time by the President, and in no event shall exceed one hundred fifty thousand.

Maximum strength.

Director and Assist-  
ant Directors.  
Salaries and duties.  
Post, pp. 988, 989.

SEC. 2. From women citizens of the United States, the Secretary of War is authorized to appoint the Director and such Assistant Directors as he from time to time may deem necessary or advisable, all of such appointees to serve during the pleasure of the Secretary. The Director shall receive a salary of \$3,000 per annum, together with such other allowances as may be provided for hereinafter. The Director, under the direction of the Chief of Staff of the Army of the United States, shall advise the War Department on matters pertaining to the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps; shall operate and administer the corps in accordance with normal military procedure of command and administration and such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; shall make recommendations as to plans and policies concerning the employment, training, supply, welfare, and discipline of the corps; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary. Each Assistant Director appointed pursuant to this Act shall receive a salary of \$2,400 per annum, together with such other allowances as may be provided for hereinafter. Each Assistant Director shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by regulations published by the Secretary of War.

Officers' training  
schools.  
Post, p. 989.

SEC. 3. The Secretary is authorized to establish and maintain such number of schools as he may consider necessary for the purpose of training candidates for officers of the corps. The Secretary may establish by regulation the qualifications for entry into such schools, the course of study to be pursued, and the requirements for graduation therefrom. Candidates for such schools may be selected from women volunteers who are citizens of the United States and during their attendance at such schools shall be furnished living quarters, uni-

Quarters, subsist-  
ence, and pay.