

them, the wives of such personnel, or such other responsible persons as may be designated by the officials named above in this section, may execute such certificates as may be required and which are filed with, and relate to, vouchers in connection with the transportation of dependents or household effects: *Provided*, That in lieu of copies of orders of such personnel, the certificate above provided for shall constitute authority for such transportation of dependents, and household effects as may be authorized hereunder and any certificate or certification authorized by this Act shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government: *And provided further*, That, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, claims for reimbursement may be submitted by and payments made to personnel concerned or their dependents for any authorized travel performed by dependents at their own expense.

Reimbursement for authorized travel.

Credit in accounts of disbursing officers.

SEC. 3. The Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers in cases where such dependents would have been entitled to transportation if the provisions of section 1 hereof had been in effect on the date of payment for otherwise proper payments heretofore made to transportation of dependents, or reimbursement therefor, under orders issued prior to the effective date of this Act, to the extent of the commercial cost of transportation of the dependents from the old duty station to the new duty station. Such cost of transportation shall be computed from the last available published rates on the date the orders involved were issued.

Means of transportation of household effects.

SEC. 4. Transportation of household effects of naval and civilian personnel of the Naval Establishment, as now or hereafter authorized by law, may, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe, be by means of rail, water, or van, without regard to comparative costs.

Effective period.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be effective as of December 7, 1941, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the present wars and for six months after the termination of such wars, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate.

Approved November 28, 1943.

[CHAPTER 331]

AN ACT

November 28, 1943
[S. 1354]
[Public Law 194]

To amend the Act approved January 16, 1936, entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement and retirement annuities of civilian members of the teaching staff at the United States Naval Academy and the Postgraduate School, United States Naval Academy."

Naval Academy and Postgraduate School.

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 for the retirement and retirement annuities of civilian members of the teaching staff at the United States Naval Academy and the Postgraduate School, United States Naval Academy", approved January 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1092; 34 U. S. C. 1073-1073e), is amended by inserting therein a new section numbered 4A, reading as follows:

Retirement annuities of civilian teachers.

49 Stat. 1092.
34 U. S. C. § 1073b.

"SEC. 4A. Each civilian member of the teaching staffs who is hereafter retired on or after reaching the age of retirement set forth in section 3 of this Act shall be paid a life annuity, terminable on his death, at the rate of the following total annual amount: The average annual basic salary, pay, or compensation received by such civilian teacher during any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of such teacher, multiplied by the number of years of

service, not exceeding thirty-five years, and divided by seventy. The retirement annuity payable to each such retired teacher, under any annuity policy provided for by this Act, or under the provisions of section 4 of this Act, shall be counted as payable on account of the retirement annuity provided in this section 4A, and the Secretary of the Navy shall pay to each such retired teacher, from such appropriations as may be made for the purpose, such additional sums, if any, as will bring the total annual sum paid to such retired teacher to the total annual amount prescribed in this section 4A: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall operate to reduce the retirement annuity which would have been payable to any such retired teacher if this section had not been enacted: *And provided further*. That no payments under this section shall be made to any member of said staffs who shall be entitled to retirement and retirement benefits under the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act of 1920, as amended, and shall elect, or shall have elected, to continue thereunder."

49 Stat. 1092.
34 U. S. C. § 1073c.

No reduction in annuities.

Exclusions.

41 Stat. 614.
5 U. S. C. § 691 *et seq.*; Supp. II, § 691 *et seq.*

Senior professors.
49 Stat. 1093.
34 U. S. C. § 1073d.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the said Act of January 16, 1936, is hereby amended by striking out the word "and" before the word "professors", and by striking out the period after said word "professors", and by adding after said word a comma, followed by the words "and senior professors".

Approved November 28, 1943.

CHAPTER 332]

AN ACT

To amend section 107 of the Judicial Code, as amended, to change the terms of the District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

December 3, 1943
[S. 630]
[Public Law 195]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective January 1, 1944, so much of the second sentence of section 107 (c) of the Judicial Code, as amended, as precedes the proviso is amended to read as follows: "Terms of the district court for the Nashville division of said district shall be held at Nashville on the fourth Monday in January and the fourth Monday in September; for the Columbia division at Columbia on the first Monday in May and the second Monday in November; and for the northeastern division at Cookeville on the second Monday in June and the first Monday in December."

Tennessee middle judicial district.
54 Stat. 1216.
28 U. S. C. § 188 (c).

Terms of court.

Approved December 3, 1943.

[CHAPTER 333]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the appointment of a National Agricultural Jefferson Bicentenary Committee to carry out appropriate exercises and activities in recognition of the services and contributions of Thomas Jefferson to the farmers and the agriculture of the Nation.

December 3, 1943
[S. J. Res. 47]
[Public Law 196]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the purpose of this resolution is to authorize, during the year beginning April 13, 1943, which marks the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, the creation of the National Agricultural Jefferson Bicentenary Committee which, together with public and private institutions in the service of agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture and the State colleges of agriculture and organizations composed of farmers and their families, is hereby authorized to hold, conduct, and participate in ceremonies and activities throughout the Nation not only to revere Thomas Jefferson as

National Agricultural Jefferson Bicentenary Committee.