"(d) Administration.—The Judicial Conference shall supervise and direct the administration of this section. Subject to this section and pertinent laws, it shall be the duty of the court to supervise and direct the reporter in the performance of his duties, including dealings with parties requesting transcripts. The Judicial Conference shall prescribe records which shall be maintained and reports which shall be filed by the reporter. Such records shall be inspected and audited in the same manner as the records and accounts of the clerk and may include records showing (1) the quantity of transcripts prepared, (2) the fees charged and the fees collected for transcripts, (3) any expenses incurred by the reporter in connection with transcripts, (4) the amount of time the reporter is in attendance upon the court for the purpose of recording proceedings, and (5) such other information as the Judicial Conference may determine.

"(e) Taxation of Fees as Costs.—In the discretion of the court any part or all of the fees for transcripts may be taxed as costs in the case. Fees paid by the United States for transcripts furnished to persons allowed to appeal in civil cases in forma pauperis shall be

taxed in favor of the United States as costs in the case."

Sec. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this Act into effect.

SEC. 3. Upon request of the appellant, the record on appeal, under rules 75 and 76 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, shall be printed by a printer designated by the appellant.

Approved January 20, 1944.

Supervision and direction.

Records and reports.

Sums authorized.

28 U. S. C. foll. § 723c.

[CHAPTER 4]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making an appropriation for contingent expenses of the Senate.

January 21, 1944 [S. J. Res. 108] [Public Law 223]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000 for contingent expenses of the Senate, expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, including compensation to stenographers of committees, at such rate as may be fixed by the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, but not exceeding 25 cents per hundred words, fiscal year 1944: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for per diem and subsistence expenses except in accordance with the provisions of the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, approved June 3, 1926, as amended.

Approved January 21, 1944.

Senate, contingent expenses.

44 Stat. 688. 5 U. S. C. § 821; Supp. III, § 823.

[CHAPTER 5]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes.

January 28, 1944 [H. R. 3741] [Public Law 224]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to establish or develop the following naval shore activities by the construction of such temporary or permanent public works as he may consider necessary, including buildings, facilities, accessories, and services, with which shall be included the authority to acquire the necessary land, and to continue or complete the construction of any project heretofore authorized or under-

Navy, public works. Construction authorized. Post, p. 189. Cost variance and limitation.

Report of prospec-tive land acquisitions.

Contracts.

41 U.S. C. § 5. Appropriation authorized.

Post, p. 311.

taken, which projects have been specifically approved by the Secretary of the Navy, with approximate costs as indicated: Fleet facilities, \$4,000,000; aviation facilities, \$50,000,000; storage facilities, \$23,000,000; ordnance facilities, \$92,000,000; personnel training and housing facilities, \$92,260,000; shore radio facilities, \$5,000,000; Naval Research Laboratory, \$800,000; miscellaneous structures, \$14,000,000: Provided, That the approximate cost indicated for each of the classes of projects enumerated above may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, be varied upward or downward, but the total cost shall not exceed \$281,060,000: Provided further, That prior to the acquisition, by lease or otherwise, of any land under authority of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall report to the Senate and House Naval Affairs Committees all such prospective acquisitions: And provided further, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to enter into contracts under the appropriation "Public Works, Bureau of Yards and Docks", for public-works equipment, materials, and construction, including collateral public-works items, to the extent of the total cost hereby authorized and without regard to the provisions of section 3709, Revised Statutes.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Act.

Approved January 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 9]

AN ACT

February 3, 1944 [S. 1543] [Public Law 225]

To provide for mustering-out payments to members of the armed forces, and for other purposes.

Mustering-Out Payment Act of 1944. Eligibility.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each member of the armed forces who shall have been engaged in active service in the present war, and who is discharged or relieved from active service under honorable conditions on or after December 7, 1941, shall be eligible to receive mustering-out payment.

Exceptions. Recipients of certain base pay.

56 Stat. 359. 37 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 101. Retired status

Discharge on own initiative to accept employment.

Air Corps Reserve officers.
10 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 300a.

Certain students.

(b) No mustering-out payment shall be made to-(1) any member of the armed forces who, at the time of discharge or relief from active service, is receiving base pay at a higher rate than the base pay of the third period as pre-

amended:

(2) any member of the armed forces who, at the time of discharge or relief from active service, is transferred or returned to the retired list with retirement pay or to a status in which

scribed in section 1 of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as

he receives retirement pay;

(3) any member of the armed forces for any active service performed prior to the date of his discharge or relief from active service on his own initiative to accept employment or, in the case of any member so relieved from active service, for any active service performed prior to the date of his discharge while in such inactive status, unless he has served outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska

(4) any Air Corps Reserve officer who is entitled to receive a lump-sum payment under section 2, as amended (55 Stat. 240),

of the Act of June 16, 1936;

(5) any member of the armed forces whose total period of service has been as a student detailed for training under (A) the