

## [CHAPTER 66]

## AN ACT

To grant military rank to certain members of the Navy Nurse Corps.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the present war and for six months thereafter, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate, the superintendent and all other members of the Navy Nurse Corps entitled under existing laws to relative rank shall have and shall be designated by the rank which corresponds to the relative rank heretofore provided by law for such superintendent and members.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act contained shall alter, enlarge, or modify the provisions of law relating to the authority of such members of the Navy Nurse Corps, or to the manner of their appointment.

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[H. R. 2976]  
[Public Law 238]

Navy Nurse Corps.  
Military rank to  
certain members.

## [CHAPTER 67]

## AN ACT

To amend the Code of the District of Columbia providing for the sale of fish of the shad or herring species, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 898 of the District of Columbia Code, approved March 3, 1901, be amended to read as follows:

“It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or expose for sale in the District of Columbia, between the 10th day of June and the 30th day of November, both inclusive, in any year, any fresh fish of the shad or herring species.”

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[Public Law 239]

District of Columbia  
Code, amendment.  
31 Stat. 1336.  
D. C. Code § 22-  
1604.  
Shad or herring.

## [CHAPTER 71]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Continuing the Commodity Credit Corporation as an agency of the United States until June 30, 1945.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first sentence of section 7 of the Act approved January 31, 1935 (49 Stat. 4), as amended, is hereby amended, as of February 17, 1944, by striking out “February 17, 1944” and inserting in lieu thereof “June 30, 1945”.

SEC. 2. In cases where producers have expanded or hereafter expand production of nonbasic agricultural commodities pursuant to any public announcement made under section 4 (a) of the Act entitled “An Act to extend the life and increase the credit resources of the Commodity Credit Corporation and for other purposes”, approved July 1, 1941, as amended, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture or the War Food Administrator through loans, purchases, and other operations under such section 4 (a), to completely fulfill all commitments made to such producers. In order to carry out the purposes of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture or the War Food Administrator shall use such of the funds available for carrying out the provisions of such section 4 (a) as may be necessary, and such funds are hereby made available for such purpose.

February 28, 1944  
[S. J. Res. 116]  
[Public Law 240]

Commodity Credit  
Corporation, continu-  
ance.  
57 Stat. 643.  
15 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, § 713.

Nonbasic agricul-  
tural commodities, ex-  
pansion of production.  
55 Stat. 498.  
15 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, § 713a-8 (a).

Funds.

15 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, § 713.  
*Ante*, p. 106.

Records and pro-  
cedures.

Audit of financial  
transactions.

Settlement of claims.

Reports.

15 U. S. C. § 713a-2;  
Supp. III, § 713a-1.  
Use of funds.

Expenses of audit.

Nonadministrative  
expenses.

Acceptance of cer-  
tain reports.

Examination of cor-  
porate records; cus-  
tody.

SEC. 3. Section 7 of the Act approved January 31, 1935 (49 Stat. 4), as amended, is hereby further amended by changing the designation thereof to section 7 (a); and by striking out the period at the end of such section and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: "*Provided, however*, That the Corporation shall at all times maintain complete and accurate books of account and shall determine the procedures to be followed in the transaction of the corporate business.

"(b) The financial transactions of the Corporation beginning with the period from July 1, 1944, shall be audited by the General Accounting Office in accordance with the principles applicable to commercial corporate transactions and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States: *Provided*, That the Corporation shall continue to have the authority to make final and conclusive settlement and adjustment of any claims by or against the Corporation or the accounts of its fiscal officers: *Provided further*, That a report of such audit shall be made to the Congress, together with such recommendations as the Comptroller General may deem advisable, and that each such report shall cover a period of one fiscal year: *Provided further*, That a copy of each such report shall be furnished the Secretary of the Treasury and that the findings contained therein shall be considered by the Secretary in appraising the assets and liabilities and determining the net worth of the Corporation under sections 1 and 2 of the Act of March 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 107), as amended: *Provided, however*, That nothing in this section shall be construed as modifying legislation authorizing the use of funds of the Corporation for administrative expenses and requiring accountability therefor.

"(c) The expenses of the audit as provided in this section may be paid up to and including June 30, 1946, from moneys advanced therefor by the Corporation, or from any appropriation or appropriations for the General Accounting Office, and appropriations so used shall be reimbursed promptly by the Corporation as billed by the Comptroller General: *Provided*, That any such advances or reimbursements shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses of the Corporation. For the purpose of such audit the representatives of the General Accounting Office shall have access to all papers, books, files, accounts, financial records, warehouses, and all other things, property, and places belonging to or under the control of or used or employed by the Corporation and shall be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances in depositaries and with fiscal agents: *Provided further*, That the certified financial reports and schedules of the fiscal agents of the Corporation based on commercial audits in the usual course of business may be accepted by the General Accounting Office in its audit of the financial transactions of the Corporation as final and not subject to further audit verification.

"(d) Any examination of the corporate records shall be made at the place or places where such records are normally kept in the transaction of the corporate business, and the Corporation shall retain custody of contracts, vouchers, schedules, or other financial or accounting documents, either original or duplicate, relating to its non-administrative transactions."

Approved February 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 72]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

February 29, 1944  
 [S. 1140]  
 [Public Law 241]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be in the Department of the Interior an additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall perform such duties in the Department of the Interior as shall be prescribed by the Secretary, or may be required by law. The Assistant Secretaries of the Interior shall be without numerical distinction of rank and shall have salaries of \$9,000 per annum. The additional office provided for by this Act shall cease to exist at the expiration of six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by the President by proclamation or by the Congress by concurrent resolution.

Approved February 29, 1944.

Department of the Interior.  
 Appointment of additional Assistant Secretary.

Expiration of office.

[CHAPTER 73]

AN ACT

To liberalize the service pension laws relating to veterans of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition, and their dependents.

March 1, 1944  
 [H. R. 2350]  
 [Public Law 242]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That effective the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act the \$60 monthly rate of pension payable for total disability to veterans of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition under section 1 of the Act of June 2, 1930 (46 Stat. 492; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 365), and the \$60 monthly rate of pension payable to such veterans upon reaching the age of sixty-five years under the provisions of section 1 of the Act of May 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 440; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 370), are hereby increased to \$75.

Pensions to veterans of certain wars.  
 Increase in rates.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 364a), wherein for pension purposes, as to the widow of any deceased veteran of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition, the marriage date is defined as September 1, 1922, is hereby amended, effective the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act, by striking out the date "September 1, 1922" and inserting in lieu thereof the date "January 1, 1938".

Marriage date limitation.

SEC. 3. The Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382-384; U. S. C., title 38, secs. 364-364f), is hereby amended, effective the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act, by adding a new section thereto numbered eight, to read as follows:

38 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 364b.

"SEC. 8. The \$30 monthly pension payable to widows and former widows under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, as amended, shall be increased to \$40 per month when the age of sixty-five years is attained, and the widow or former widow who was the wife of the soldier, sailor, or marine during the period of his service, as defined in section 2 of this Act, shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$50 per month."

Widows of veterans.  
 44 Stat. 382.  
 38 U. S. C. § 364a.  
*Supra.*

SEC. 4. The Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382-384; U. S. C., title 38, secs. 364-364f), is hereby amended by adding a new section thereto numbered nine, to read as follows:

38 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 364b.

"SEC. 9. No pension or increase in pension shall hereafter be allowed to the widow of a veteran of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition, under any law, unless there

Prerequisite.