

[CHAPTER 45]

AN ACT

April 10, 1943
[S. 224]
[Public Law 31]

To authorize the exchange of lands in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, between the War Department and the city of Philadelphia, trustee under the will of Stephen Girard, deceased.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Exchange of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to convey to the city of Philadelphia, trustee under the will of Stephen Girard, deceased, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a triangular parcel of land containing thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifteen and eighty-four one-hundredths square feet, more or less, situated at the northeast corner of and comprising a portion of the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, Pennsylvania, and fronting on Oregon Avenue east of Twenty-first Street in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to accept in exchange therefor the fee-simple title to a strip of land containing nine thousand eight hundred and nineteen and seventy-five one-hundredths square feet, more or less, and being the northern portion of what was formerly Johnston Street west of Twentieth Street in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the exchange herein authorized to be made under such terms and conditions as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

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[CHAPTER 46]

AN ACT

April 10, 1943
[S. 319]
[Public Law 32]

To authorize the acceptance of a permanent loan to the United States by the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art, and for other purposes.

National Gallery of Art.
Permanent loan of cash sums to U. S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to receive into the Treasury from time to time as a permanent loan by the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art to the United States sums in cash of not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, and to pay interest on the principal amount of such loan at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, payable semiannually. Such interest is hereby permanently appropriated for payment to the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art.

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[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

April 10, 1943
[S. 427]
[Public Law 33]

To provide additional pay for personnel of the Army of the United States assigned to diving duty.

Army of the U. S.
Additional pay for diving duty.

Salvage and repair operations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That enlisted men of the Army of the United States assigned to the duty of diving shall receive additional pay, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War, at the rate of not less than \$5 per month and not exceeding \$30 per month: *Provided,* That officers and enlisted men employed as divers in actual salvage or repair operations in depths of over ninety feet, or in depths of less than ninety feet when the officer in charge of the salvage or repair operation shall find in accordance with instructions prescribed by the Secretary of War that extraordinary hazardous conditions exist, shall receive, in addition to the foregoing, the sum of \$5 per hour for each hour or fraction thereof so employed.

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[CHAPTER 52]

AN ACT

To increase the debt limit of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the Public Debt Act of 1943.

SEC. 2. Section 21 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 21. The face amount of obligations issued under the authority of this Act shall not exceed in the aggregate \$210,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time.”

SEC. 3. Section 22 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsections:

“(h) The Secretary of the Treasury, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may authorize or permit payments in connection with the redemption of savings bonds to be made by incorporated banks and trust companies.

“(i) Any losses resulting from payments made in connection with the redemption of savings bonds shall be replaced out of the fund established by the Government Losses in Shipment Act, as amended, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Treasurer of the United States, any Federal Reserve bank, or any incorporated bank or trust company authorized or permitted to make payments in connection with the redemption of such bonds, shall be relieved from liability to the United States for such losses, upon a determination by the Secretary of the Treasury that such losses resulted from no fault or negligence on the part of the Treasurer, the Federal Reserve bank, or the incorporated bank or trust company. The Post Office Department or the Postal Service shall be relieved from such liability upon a joint determination by the Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury that such losses resulted from no fault or negligence on the part of the Post Office Department or the Postal Service. The provisions of section 3 of the Government Losses in Shipment Act, as amended, with respect to the finality of decisions by the Secretary of the Treasury shall apply to the determinations made pursuant to this subsection. All recoveries and repayments on account of such losses, as to which replacement shall have been made out of the fund, shall be credited to it and shall be available for the purposes thereof. The Secretary of the Treasury shall include in his annual report to the Congress a statement of all payments made from the fund pursuant to this subsection.”

SEC. 4. (a) Section 4 of the Act approved October 2, 1942, entitled “An Act to amend the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, to aid in preventing inflation, and for other purposes” (Public Law 729 of the Seventy-seventh Congress), is hereby amended, effective as of October 2, 1942, to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. No action shall be taken under authority of this Act with respect to wages or salaries, (1) which is inconsistent with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, or the National Labor Relations Act, or (2) for the purpose of reducing wages or salaries for any particular work below the highest wages or salaries paid therefor between January 1, 1942, and September 15, 1942.”

(b) (1) Section 7 of title II, and all other provisions of Executive Order Numbered 9250, “Providing for the stabilization of the national economy” issued October 3, 1942, and all provisions of Regulation Numbered 4001.9, promulgated by the Economic Stabilization

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49 Stat. 21,
31 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 757b.

Limitation on obligations.

49 Stat. 21,
31 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 757c.

Redemption of savings bonds.

Replacement of losses.

50 Stat. 479,
5 U. S. C. § 134a.

Release from liability.

Decisions of Secretary of Treasury.
50 Stat. 479,
5 U. S. C. § 134b.

Annual statement.

Wages and salaries.
Limitations on control.
56 Stat. 766,
50 U. S. C., Supp.
II, app. § 964.

52 Stat. 1060,
29 U. S. C. §§ 201-
219; Supp. II, ch. S.
49 Stat. 449,
20 U. S. C. §§ 151-
166.

7 F. R. 7873,
50 U. S. C., Supp. II,
app. § 901 note.
7 F. R. 8750.