

(b) The proviso of subsection (b) of such section (U. S. C., 1940 edition, sec. 1351 (b)) is amended to read as follows: "Provided, That the duties on such an article shall in no case be increased or decreased by more than 50 per centum of the duties, however established, existing on January 1, 1945 (even though temporarily suspended by Act of Congress)".

SEC. 3. Such section 350 is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) (1) When any rate of duty has been increased or decreased for the duration of war or an emergency, by agreement or otherwise, any further increase or decrease shall be computed upon the basis of the post-war or post-emergency rate carried in such agreement or otherwise.

Basis for computing certain modifications.

"(2) Where under a foreign trade agreement the United States has reserved the unqualified right to withdraw or modify, after the termination of war or an emergency, a rate on a specific commodity, the rate on such commodity to be considered as 'existing on January 1, 1945' for the purpose of this section shall be the rate which would have existed if the agreement had not been entered into.

Where modification of rate optional with U. S.

"(3) No proclamation shall be made pursuant to this section for the purpose of carrying out any foreign trade agreement the proclamation with respect to which has been terminated in whole by the President prior to the date this subsection is enacted."

Restriction.

SEC. 4. Section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Tariff Act of 1930", approved June 12, 1934 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 19, sec. 1354), relating to the governmental agencies from which the President shall seek information and advice with respect to foreign trade agreements, is amended by inserting after "Departments of State," the following: "War, Navy,".

48 Stat. 945. Agencies from which President shall seek advice.

Approved July 5, 1945.

[CHAPTER 270]

AN ACT

To remove restrictions to the appointment of retired officers of the United States Public Health Service or retired civilian employees of the United States Government or District of Columbia government as Superintendent of Gallinger Municipal Hospital in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

July 5, 1945  
[H. R. 3257]  
[Public Law 131]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That notwithstanding the limitations of existing law, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may appoint any retired officer of the United States Public Health Service or any retired civilian employee of the United States Government or District of Columbia government to the position of Superintendent of Gallinger Municipal Hospital and pay him a salary at the rate of \$8,000 per annum and in addition to pay him at the rate of not to exceed \$1,500 per annum for commutation of living quarters until such time as a new Superintendent's residence at said hospital has been constructed and is ready for occupancy. Such retired officer or retired civilian employee may receive such salary and commutation of living quarters or his retired pay or retirement benefits, whichever he may elect. If he elects to receive his retired pay or retirement benefits he shall receive neither such salary nor such commutation of living quarters. If he elects to receive such salary, with or without commutation of living quarters, he shall not receive his retired pay or retirement benefits, but any such retired officer or retired civilian employee who elects to receive such salary shall not, because of his appointment to or service in such position as Superintendent, be deprived of his status as such retired officer or retired civilian

Superintendent, Gallinger Municipal Hospital, D. C. Appointment, salary, etc.

employee, nor, at the termination of such service as Superintendent, his right to his retired pay or retirement benefits.

Detail of PHS officer  
as Superintendent.

SEC. 2. The Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service may detail, at the request of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, any commissioned officer of such Service to act as Superintendent of Gallinger Municipal Hospital, said officer to receive during the period he is so detailed the salary and commutation of living quarters provided in section 1 hereof in lieu of his salary as an officer of the United States Public Health Service.

Effective period.

SEC. 3. This Act shall remain in force during the present war and for a period of six months following the termination of the war.

Approved July 5, 1945.

[CHAPTER 271]

AN ACT

July 5, 1945  
[H. R. 3679]  
[Public Law 132]

Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1945, and June 30, 1946, to provide appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and for other purposes.

Second Deficiency  
Appropriation Act,  
1945.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for prior fiscal years, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1945, and June 30, 1946, to provide appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS  
LEGISLATIVE

SENATE

For payment to Julia M. Scrugham, widow of James G. Scrugham, late a Senator from the State of Nevada, \$10,000.

Pages.  
*Ante*, p. 242.

For the payment of twenty-one pages for the Senate Chamber, at \$5 per day each, for the period July 1, 1945, to December 31, 1945, both dates inclusive, fiscal year 1946, \$19,320.

Postmaster.  
*Ante*, p. 242

The Legislative Branch Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1946 hereby is amended by inserting "and \$1,400 additional so long as the position is held by the present incumbent" immediately following the words "Postmaster, \$3,600", and the necessary amount hereby is authorized to be expended from the appropriation for "Salaries of officers and employees of the Senate", beginning July 1, 1945.

Inquiries and in-  
vestigations.

For an additional amount for 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 1945, \$50,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended except in accordance with the provisions of the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926 approved June 3, 1926, as amended.

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

Senate restaurants: For payment to the Architect of the Capitol in accordance with the Act approved September 9, 1942 (Public Law Numbered 709, Seventy-seventh Congress), fiscal year 1945, \$6,000.

56 Stat. 750.  
40 U. S. C. Supp.  
IV, §§ 174f-174j.