

Academic Board, who shall have such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Superintendent of the Academy with the approval of the Secretary of War. Appointments to this position shall be made from among permanent professors who have served as heads of departments of instruction of the Academy. The dean of the Academic Board shall have the rank, pay, allowances, retirement rights, and other benefits authorized for permanent brigadier generals of the Army, except that the statutory retirement age shall be the same as that of other permanent professors of the Academy.

Approved June 26, 1946.

Rank, pay, etc.

[CHAPTER 496]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to purchase improvements or pay damages for removal of improvements located on public lands of the United States in the Anderson Ranch Reservoir site, Boise reclamation project, Idaho.

June 26, 1946
[H. R. 1689]
[Public Law 450]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to purchase improvements located on public lands of the United States within the boundaries of the Anderson Ranch Reservoir, Boise reclamation project, Idaho, or to make payment for damages for the removal of improvements from the public lands of the United States within the boundaries of said reservoir. Any funds appropriated for the construction of the Anderson Ranch Reservoir, Boise reclamation project, Idaho, shall be available for such purchase or payment of damages. Payments may be made pursuant to this Act to persons, firms, or corporations who shall establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that they are entitled equitably to receive the same, and who sign contracts and vouchers for the same upon forms approved by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That amounts so paid shall not exceed the reasonable value, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, of the improvements purchased or the actual damages (not exceeding in any event the reasonable value of the said improvements, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) found by the Secretary of the Interior to have been sustained as a result of the removal of said improvements, as the case may be.

Anderson Ranch
Reservoir, Boise reclamation project,
Idaho.

Restriction.

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 497]

AN ACT

To authorize the Federal Works Administrator to accept and dispose of real estate devised to the United States by the late Maggie Johnson, of Polk County, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

June 26, 1946
[H. R. 2677]
[Public Law 451]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Works Administrator be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to accept on behalf of the United States the real estate devised to the United States by the late Maggie Johnson, of Polk County, Arkansas, and to deal with the same in the manner provided by the Act of August 27, 1935 (49 Stat. 895; U. S. C., title 40, sec. 304a and the following), or the Act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 800; U. S. C., title 40, sec. 345b): *Provided*, That prior to disposition under authority of the aforesaid Act, the Federal Works Administrator may offer to convey to James W. Rose, of Polk County, Arkansas, such real estate at one-half the appraised value thereof and execute in the name of the United States a quitclaim deed to the property.

Federal Works Administrator.
Acceptance, etc., of certain real estate.

40 U. S. C. §§ 304a-304e.
Ante, p. 257.
James W. Rose.

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 498]

AN ACT

June 26, 1946

[H. R. 5796]

[Public Law 452]

To amend title II of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended, to permit the making of contributions, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, for the maintenance and operation of certain school facilities, and for other purposes.

Defense public works.

55 Stat. 361,
42 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 1531-1534.

Contributions for operation, etc., of school facilities.

55 Stat. 362, 363,
42 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 1532, 1541.

55 Stat. 361, 363,
42 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 1531-1553.
Ante, p. 9.

Appropriations authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title II of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:

"Sec. 205. In order to enable school authorities that are still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments to meet their needs during the transition from war to peacetime conditions, the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to continue to make, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, contributions for the operation and maintenance of school facilities to (a) local school agencies requiring assistance that have received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, contributions under this Act for the maintenance and operation of their school facilities; and (b) local school agencies requiring assistance that may be subject to a loss of tax revenues because of the acquisition or ownership of land by the United States. Contributions under this section may be made without regard to sections 202 and 301 of this Act and to the provisions in any appropriation Act heretofore enacted appropriating funds to carry out the functions vested in the Federal Works Administrator by title II and title III of this Act which may conflict with the purpose of this section, and such contributions may be made notwithstanding the declaration by the President that any existing emergency has ceased to exist. Appropriations and existing appropriations heretofore authorized to carry out the purposes of titles II and III of this Act are hereby authorized to carry out the purposes of this section."

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 499]

AN ACT

June 26, 1946

[H. R. 6070]

[Public Law 453]

To amend section 4 of the Act of August 25, 1937, so as to provide a filing procedure in cases of adoption outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Adoption proceedings.
50 Stat. 807.

Notice to Bureau of Vital Statistics of Health Department.

Adoption outside D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate proceedings in adoption in the District of Columbia", approved August 25, 1937, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 16-204), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. Notice of a final decree of adoption shall be sent to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Health Department. This Bureau shall cause to be made a new record of the birth in the new name and with the names of the adopter and shall then cause to be sealed and filed the original birth certificate with the order of the court and such sealed package shall be opened only by order of court. If the adoption occurred outside of the District of Columbia, upon filing with the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Health Department a certified copy of the final decree of adoption, the Bureau shall cause to be made a new record of the birth in the new name with the names of the adopters, and shall then cause to be sealed and filed the original birth certificate with the certified copy of the final decree of adoption; and