

## [CHAPTER 225]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 14, 1938, so as to authorize the Cairo Bridge Commission to issue its refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding the outstanding bonds issued by the commission to pay the cost of a certain toll bridge at or near Cairo, Illinois.

July 11, 1947  
[H. R. 1610]  
[Public Law 174]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Cairo Bridge Commission, or the successors of said commission, to acquire by purchase, and to improve, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Cairo, Illinois", approved June 14, 1938 (Public, Numbered 601, Seventy-fifth Congress, 52 Stat. 679), is amended to read as follows:

Cairo Bridge Commission.

"SEC. 5. The power granted to the commission by this Act to issue its negotiable bonds for the payment of the cost of said bridge and its approaches and the necessary lands, easements, and appurtenances thereto, shall include the power to refund said bonds, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon, by the issuance of negotiable refunding bonds of the commission, bearing interest at a lower rate or rates, in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the principal amount of outstanding bonds to be refunded plus the amount of the redemption premium payable on said outstanding bonds at the date of the redemption thereof. All of the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of said Act of April 13, 1934, relating to the bridge constructed, to the bonds issued, and to the trust agreement entered into under the authority of said Act, and relating to the collection of bridge tolls and to the application of such tolls, shall apply to the bridge acquired and to the bonds issued or to be issued under the authority of this Act."

Refunding of bonds.

48 Stat. 578.

Approved July 11, 1947.

## [CHAPTER 226]

## AN ACT

To authorize the establishment of a band in the Metropolitan Police force.

July 11, 1947  
[H. R. 2470]  
[Public Law 175]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be established in the Metropolitan Police Department a band to perform at such municipal or civic functions and events as may be authorized by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The Major and Superintendent of Police is authorized in his discretion to detail, without additional compensation, such officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force as may request such a detail to participate in the activities of such band. The said Commissioners are authorized to employ, without reference to the civil-service laws, one director for such band with compensation at a rate not to exceed the rate of compensation to which a lieutenant in the Metropolitan Police force is entitled.

Metropolitan Police force band.

Director.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the limitations of existing law, the said Commissioners may appoint to, and employ in, the position of director of such band, any retired officer of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and such retired officer shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his retired pay, the compensation authorized by this Act to be paid to such director, such additional compensation to be payable from District of Columbia appropriations.

SEC. 3. Appropriations to carry out the purpose of this Act is hereby authorized.

Appropriations authorized.

Approved July 11, 1947.

## [CHAPTER 227]

## AN ACT

July 11, 1947  
[H. R. 3072]  
[Public Law 176]

To authorize the preparation of preliminary plans and estimates of cost of for the erection of an addition or extension to the House Office Buildings and the remodeling of the fifth floor of the Old House Office Building.

U. S. House of Representatives.  
Preliminary plans for extension to House Office Buildings, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Architect of the Capitol, subject to the direction and supervision of the House Office Building Commission, is authorized and directed to prepare preliminary plans and estimates of cost for (1) the erection of an addition or extension to the House Office Buildings for the use of the United States House of Representatives, including accommodations for parking of automobiles; (2) the remodeling of the fifth floor of the Old House Office Building to provide additional office accommodations for Members of the House of Representatives; and (3) the renewal of plumbing in the Old House Office Building.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. The Architect of the Capitol is authorized to make such expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for such purpose the sum of \$25,000.

Approved July 11, 1947.

## [CHAPTER 228]

## AN ACT

July 11, 1947  
[H. R. 3235]  
[Public Law 177]

To amend the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, with respect to abandonment of condemnation proceedings.

D. C. Code, amendment.

45 Stat. 1439.

Abandonment of condemnation proceedings.

Reimbursement of owner.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 490 of chapter XV of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 16-610), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 490. It shall be optional with the Commissioners to abide by the verdict of the jury and occupy the land appraised by them, or, within a reasonable time to be fixed by the court in its order confirming the verdict, to abandon the same: *Provided, however,* That if such condemnation proceeding shall be abandoned, the court shall award to the owner or owners of the property involved therein such sum or sums as will in the opinion of the court reimburse such owner or owners for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred by him or them in such proceeding; and the sum or sums so awarded shall constitute a judgment or judgments against the District of Columbia: *Provided further,* That no such owner shall be entitled to such reimbursement in any case where the proceeding is abandoned at the request or with the consent of the owner of such property."

Approved July 11, 1947.

## [CHAPTER 229]

## AN ACT

July 11, 1947  
[H. R. 3251]  
[Public Law 178]

To amend the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 603), as amended, so as to authorize naval retiring boards to consider the cases of certain officers, and for other purposes.

Navy and Marine Corps.  
Retirement benefits for designated classes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection 8 (d) of the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 604; 34 U. S. C. 350g (d)), is hereby amended to read as follows: