

[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.

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[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:

“(d) An officer of the retired list of the Regular Navy or Marine Corps who incurs physical disability while serving on active duty in the same rank as that held by him on the retired list shall, if not otherwise entitled thereto, receive 75 per centum of the active-duty pay to which he was entitled while serving in that rank”.

SEC. 2. Subsection 8 (e) of the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 604; 34 U. S. C. 350g (e)), as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “the next” as they appear in line 4 thereof and substituting therefor the word “such”.

SEC. 3. Subsection 8 (g) of the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 605; 34 U. S. C. 350g (g)), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(g) The provisions of this section shall not apply in any case if the proceedings of the naval retiring board be commenced subsequent to a date one year after the termination of the temporary appointment or release from active duty of the individual concerned, whichever may occur later, except in the case of an individual whose temporary appointment shall have been terminated prior to the date of enactment of this amendment, or who, prior to such date, shall have been released from active duty”.

SEC. 4. This Act shall become effective as of August 10, 1946, and no back pay for any period prior thereto shall accrue to any person by reason of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 230]

AN ACT

To make it unlawful in the District of Columbia to corruptly influence participants or officials in contests of skill, speed, strength, or endurance, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subchapter 5 of chapter 19 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia”, approved March 3, 1901, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

“SEC. 869e. CORRUPT INFLUENCE IN CONNECTION WITH ATHLETIC CONTESTS.—(a) It shall be unlawful to pay or give, or to agree to pay or give, or to promise or offer, any valuable thing to any individual—

“(1) with intent to influence such individual to lose or cause to be lost, or to attempt to lose or cause to be lost, or to limit or attempt to limit his or his team’s margin of victory or score in, any professional or amateur athletic contest in which such individual is or may be a contestant or participant; or

“(2) with intent to influence such individual, in the case of any professional or amateur athletic contest in connection with which such individual (as a manager, coach, owner, second, jockey, trainer, handler, groom, or otherwise) has or will have any duty or responsibility with respect to a contestant, participant, or team who or which is engaging or may engage therein, to cause or attempt to cause (A) the loss of such athletic contest by such contestant, participant, or team; or (B) the margin of victory or score of such contestant, participant, or team to be limited; or

“(3) with intent to influence such individual, in the case of any professional or amateur athletic contest in connection with which such individual is to be or may be a referee, judge, umpire, linesman, starter, timekeeper, or other similar official, to cause or

Proceedings of naval retiring board.
Time limitation.

Effective date.

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[Public Law 179]

D. C. Code, amendment.

31 Stat. 1330; 35 Stat. 671.
D. C. Code §§ 22-1501 to 22-1512.

Unlawful acts.