

SEC. 3. In carrying out the provisions of this Act the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to utilize, and act through, any other Federal agency or any State or local government and he may utilize, without reimbursement therefor, such officers and employees of any such agency or State or local government as may be found necessary in carrying out the purposes of this Act. In order to facilitate carrying out the purposes of this Act, other Federal agencies shall cooperate with the Federal Works Agency and the War Assets Administration to the fullest extent consistent with the objective of this Act.

Cooperation of Federal agencies.

SEC. 4. To carry out the provisions of this Act, including administrative expenses in connection therewith, any funds available to the Federal Works Administrator or Agency for use in connection with the transfer of surplus or other excess property, under Public Law 697, Seventy-ninth Congress, are hereby made available; and for such purpose there is authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be necessary therefor.

Availability of funds.

60 Stat. 958.  
42 U. S. C. §§ 1572, 1574.  
*Note*, p. 128; *post*, p. 453.  
Appropriation authorized.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 321]

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 304, Seventy-seventh Congress.

July 25, 1947  
[H. R. 187]  
[Public Law 234]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Public Law 304, Seventy-seventh Congress, entitled "An Act to authorize transportation of employees of the United States on vessels of the Army transport service", approved November 21, 1941 (55 Stat. 775), is amended to read as follows:

Alaska.

10 U. S. C. § 1371a.

"That when, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, accommodations are available, transportation on vessels or airplanes of Army transport agencies may be provided, without expense to the United States, to employees of the United States, residing in Alaska, who have been in such employment for a period of not less than two years, and to their families: *Provided*, That except in cases of dire emergency, such as sickness or death, the privilege herein granted shall be limited, as to each eligible individual, to one round trip between Alaska and the States during each two-year period from and after the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That no such traffic by air shall be carried by the Army if such air traffic can be reasonably handled by a United States civil air carrier, and the carriage of all such air traffic shall be terminated if the Civil Aeronautics Board certifies that in its opinion commercial services of United States civil air carriers adequate to handle such air traffic are in operation between Alaska and the continental United States."

Transportation of U. S. employees on Army transports.

Limitation.

Air transportation.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 322]

AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer to the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, by the War Assets Administration of a portion of Fort McIntosh at Laredo, Texas, and certain personal property in connection therewith, without exchange of funds or reimbursement.

July 25, 1947  
[H. R. 2225]  
[Public Law 235]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is hereby authorized to accept by transfer without reimbursement or exchange of funds, and to assume permanent

International Boundary and Water Commission.  
Transfer of property to U. S. Section.

custody and control over, that portion of Fort McIntosh at Laredo, Texas, described as follows: A tract containing sixty-five and twenty-five one-hundredths acres, more or less, shown as tract 2 on drawing numbered 7125-08 of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and on field notes attached thereto, which drawing and field notes are on file with said United States Section, with the Federal Public Housing Authority, and with the War Assets Administration; together with the improvements and buildings hereon located, and such of the furnishings, equipment, and other personal property situated at Fort McIntosh and under the jurisdiction of the War Assets Administration, and which has heretofore been declared surplus, as may be needed for the maintenance, operation, and protection of the area described and improvements thereon, and for purposes incidental to the use of such property by the said United States Section as a field headquarters, or for other purposes, in connection with any project or works under the jurisdiction of the said United States Section, said property having heretofore been declared surplus and assigned to the Federal Public Housing Authority as disposal agency by the War Assets Administration; and the War Assets Administration, or other Federal agency in responsible charge, is authorized and directed to transfer said property to the said United States Section without reimbursement or exchange of funds.

Approved July 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 323]

AN ACT

To amend section 12 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942, as amended, and to amend section 2 of the Act of June 16, 1936, as amended, so as to authorize lump-sum payments under the said Acts to the survivors of deceased officers without administration of estates.

July 25, 1947  
[H. R. 2314]  
[Public Law 236]

Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942, amendment.  
34 U. S. C. § 850k.

Payment on release from active duty.  
34 U. S. C. §§ 849 notes, 853c.

Payment to beneficiaries, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 12 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 738), as amended by the Act of October 25, 1943 (57 Stat. 574), as so amended, is hereby further amended by striking out that part of the said section which appears before the first proviso thereof and substituting therefor the following: "When officers commissioned pursuant to this Act or the Naval Aviation Reserve Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 819) are released from active duty that has been continuous for one or more years, they shall be paid a lump sum of \$500 for each complete year of continuous commissioned active service, or, in the event of the death of such officers, the beneficiaries specially designated in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy shall be paid such sum, or, if no beneficiary has been specially designated and no demand is presented by a duly appointed legal representative of the deceased officer's estate, the decedent's widow, or legal heirs shall be paid such sum in the following order of precedence: First, to the widow; second, if the decedent left no widow, or the widow be dead at the time of settlement, then to the children or their issue, per stirpes; third, if no widow or descendants, then to the father and mother in equal parts; fourth, if either the father or mother be dead, then to the one surviving; fifth, if there be no widow, child, father, or mother at the date of settlement, then to the brothers and sisters and children of deceased brothers and sisters, per stirpes; and in the event of the death of such officers not the result of their own misconduct, or if released from active duty otherwise than upon their own request or as a result of disciplinary action, this lump-sum payment shall be prorated for fractional parts of each year of such service."