

SEC. 3. Subsection (a) of section 106 of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 106. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of \$400,000,000 for the purpose of paying compensation to the extent authorized by this title, and of such sum, not to exceed \$12,000,000 shall be available to pay the expenses of the Commission. All moneys heretofore or hereinafter appropriated under authority of this title shall remain available until April 30, 1951."

Approved January 26, 1948.

60 Stat. 131.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1766 (a).
Appropriation au-
thorized.

Availability of
funds.

[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act so as to make such Act applicable to the officers and employees of the National Library for the Blind.

January 26, 1948
[S. 1324]
[Public Law 400]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 3 of the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, section 693 (a)), is amended by inserting before the colon preceding the first proviso thereof a comma and the following: "and to all officers and employees of the National Library for the Blind at the election of such officers and employees as herein provided".

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cers and employees.
46 Stat. 470.
5 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 693 (a).
Post, p. 49.

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof two new sentences as follows: "In the case of any officer or employee in the service of the National Library for the Blind on the effective date of this amendment, notice of desire to come within the purview of the Act must be given to the disbursing officer by whom his salary is paid within six months from the date of enactment of this Act. In the case of any officer or employee of the National Library for the Blind who enters the service of such Institution after the date of enactment of this amendment, such notice of desire to come within the purview of this Act must be given within six months after the date of entrance into such service."

SEC. 3. The first paragraph of section 5 of such Act is amended by inserting after "or the legislative branch of the Government" a comma and "and periods of service as an officer or employee of the National Library for the Blind".

46 Stat. 472.
5 U. S. C. § 707.
Post, p. 60.

SEC. 4. Any service rendered prior to the effective date of this Act as an officer or employee of the National Library for the Blind shall be considered creditable service for the purposes of section 9 of such Act.

Credit for prior serv-
ice.
46 Stat. 475.
5 U. S. C. § 736b.
Post, p. 63.

Approved January 26, 1948.

[CHAPTER 35]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the Act prescribing regulations for the Soldiers' Home located at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 564).

January 27, 1948
[S. 929]
[Public Law 401]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 564), is hereby amended to read as follows:

U. S. Soldiers'
Home, D. C.
24 U. S. C. § 60.

"SEC. 2. The Inspector General of the Army shall designate officers of the Inspector General's Department under his jurisdiction to inspect

Inspection.

thoroughly, once each year, the United States Soldiers' Home, Washington, District of Columbia, its records, accounts, management, discipline, and sanitary condition, and shall report thereon in writing to the Secretary of the Army, including in his report such suggestions as he desires to make."

Approved January 27, 1948.

[CHAPTER 36]

AN ACT

To promote the better understanding of the United States among the peoples of the world and to strengthen cooperative international relations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—SHORT TITLE, OBJECTIVES, AND DEFINITIONS

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948".

OBJECTIVES

SEC. 2. The Congress hereby declares that the objectives of this Act are to enable the Government of the United States to promote a better understanding of the United States in other countries, and to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Among the means to be used in achieving these objectives are—

- (1) an information service to disseminate abroad information about the United States, its people, and policies promulgated by the Congress, the President, the Secretary of State and other responsible officials of Government having to do with matters affecting foreign affairs;
- (2) an educational exchange service to cooperate with other nations in—
 - (a) the interchange of persons, knowledge, and skills;
 - (b) the rendering of technical and other services;
 - (c) the interchange of developments in the field of education, the arts, and sciences.

UNITED NATIONS

SEC. 3. In carrying out the objectives of this Act, information concerning the participation of the United States in the United Nations, its organizations and functions, shall be emphasized.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 4. When used in this Act, the term—

- (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State.
- (2) "Department" means the Department of State.
- (3) "Government agency" means any executive department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the Federal Government, or independent establishment, or any corporation wholly owned (either directly or through one or more corporations) by the United States.

January 27, 1948
[H. R. 3342]
[Public Law 402]

United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948.

"Secretary."
"Department."
"Government agency."