

*Provided*, That the number so employed shall not exceed five and that the maximum compensation for each shall not exceed \$15,000 per annum. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as Congress may deem necessary; in addition, the Secretary is authorized to utilize, in carrying out this section, funds otherwise available for the control or eradication of such diseases.”

Approved April 24, 1948.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
*Post*, pp. 515, 1037.

[CHAPTER 230]

AN ACT

To authorize transfer of surplus real property to the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior for consolidation of Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service.

April 24, 1948  
[H. R. 3703]  
[Public Law 497]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any Federal agency administering real property situated within the boundaries of a national park or national monument and surplus to its needs or any other Federal agency or instrumentality holding such property for disposal only, is authorized, with the approval of the President of the United States, to transfer surplus real property or interest therein to the Department of the Interior without reimbursement or transfer of funds, having an aggregate appraised value not to exceed \$500,000, upon determination by the Secretary of the Interior that it is in the Federal interest to consolidate such Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service.

Transfer of surplus  
real property in na-  
tional parks, etc.

SEC. 2. Any real property or interest therein transferred pursuant to section 1 of this Act shall become a part of the area with which it is consolidated and shall be subject to all the laws and regulations applicable thereto. The authorization conferred by this Act, unless extended by Congress, shall expire July 1, 1952.

Termination.

Approved April 24, 1948.

[CHAPTER 231]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Department of the Navy.

April 26, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 207]  
[Public Law 498]

Whereas the Department of the Navy was created by the Act entitled “An Act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of the Navy”, approved April 30, 1798 (1 Stat. 553); and

Navy Department.

Whereas by such Act the Secretary of the Navy was charged with the duty “to execute such orders as he shall receive from the President of the United States, relative to the procurement of naval stores and materials and the construction, armament, equipment and employment of vessels of war, as well as all other matters connected with the naval establishment of the United States”: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed by appropriate order to designate April 30, 1948, as a day to be observed within the Naval Establishment by appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Department of the Navy and in honor of the gallant personnel who have rendered service in the Naval Establishment of the United States since the founding of such Department.

One hundred and  
fiftieth anniversary.

Approved April 26, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 232]

## AN ACT

April 27, 1948  
[S. 1533]  
[Public Law 499]

To provide for the conveyance to the State of Maryland, for the use of the University of Maryland, of the northern portion of a parcel of land previously constituting a part of the campus of the university and previously conveyed by the State of Maryland to the United States for the use of the Bureau of Mines.

University of Mary-  
land.  
Conveyance.

*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 and directed to convey by quitclaim deed to the State of Maryland, for the use of the University of Maryland, a tract of land in Prince Georges County, Maryland, described as follows: Beginning at the stone monument that marks the corner formed by the intersection of boundary lines of the lands now or formerly owned by John and Rachel Keiley (liber S. D. H. 332, folio 113); Sam and — Buckley (liber 47, folio 325); Charles E., Harry W., James E. and Mary E. McNamee; and the University of Maryland (Maryland Agricultural College, liber C. S. M. 2, folio 294); near College Park, Prince Georges County, Maryland, and running thence with the line formerly owned by McNamee on the one side and the Bureau of Mines on the other side, south forty degrees forty-seven minutes, four seconds west nine hundred and thirty-nine and forty-six one-hundredths feet to an iron pipe marking what was formerly the Engle-McNamee corner (being part of the north forty-four degrees east two hundred and sixty-two and twenty twenty-fifths perches line of Maryland Agricultural College, liber C. S. M. 2, folio 294); thence north eighty-nine degrees thirty minutes no seconds east until it intersects the east line of the Bureau of Mines property seven hundred and one and eighty-eight one-hundredths feet; thence north no degrees thirty minutes west six hundred and sixty-six and thirty-nine one-hundredths feet to an iron pipe marking the northeast corner of the Bureau of Mines property; thence north sixty-four degrees forty-five minutes twenty-four seconds west ninety-one and seven one-hundredths feet along the University of Maryland (formerly Keiley) line to the point of beginning and containing six and three thousand one hundred and forty-eight ten-thousandths acres.

Approved April 27, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 235]

## AN ACT

April 27, 1948  
[S. 560]  
[Public Law 500]

To prohibit the operation of gambling ships, and for other purposes.

Operation of gam-  
bling ships.

“Gambling ship.”

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That as used in this Act—

(a) The term “gambling ship” means a vessel used principally for the operation of one or more gambling establishments.

“Gambling estab-  
lishment.”

(b) The term “gambling establishment” means any common gaming or gambling establishment operated for the purpose of gaming or gambling, including accepting, recording, or registering bets, or carrying on a policy game or any other lottery, or playing any game of chance, for money or other thing of value.

“Vessel.”

(c) The term “vessel” includes every kind of water and air craft or other contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, or on water and in the air, as well as any ship, boat, barge, or other water craft or any structure capable of floating on the water.

“American vessel.”

(d) The term “American vessel” means any vessel documented or numbered under the laws of the United States; and includes any