

annum” and substituting in lieu thereof the following: “The salary of the chief judge shall be \$13,500 per annum and the salary of each associate judge shall be \$13,000 per annum.”

Sec. 3. Section 6 of said Act of April 1, 1942, is amended by striking out the words “The salary of the chief judge shall be \$9,500 per annum and the salary of each associate judge shall be \$9,000 per annum” and substituting in lieu thereof the following: “The salary of the chief judge shall be \$14,500 per annum and the salary of each associate judge shall be \$14,000 per annum.”

Approved July 28, 1949.

56 Stat. 194.
D. C. Code, Supp.
VII, § 11-771.
Post, p. 887.

[CHAPTER 371]

AN ACT

To authorize a project for the rehabilitation of certain works of the Fort Sumner irrigation district in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

July 29, 1949
[S. 276]
[Public Law 192]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of providing water for the irrigation of approximately six thousand five hundred acres of arid lands on the Pecos River in New Mexico, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to rehabilitate, operate, and maintain in accordance with the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) the irrigation system of the Fort Sumner irrigation district in New Mexico and to construct all necessary works incidental thereto: *Provided,* That the project shall not be initiated until contracts satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior shall have been executed with—

Fort Sumner irrigation district, N. Mex.

43 U. S. C. § 372 *et seq.*

Initiation of project.

(a) an irrigation or conservancy district, satisfactory in form and powers to the Secretary and embracing the lands of the project as determined by him, obligating the district, among other things, (i) to repay to the United States without interest the cost of rehabilitating and constructing the project, the terms to be such as will secure repayment as rapidly as, in the judgment of the Secretary, the district can reasonably be expected to make repayment and, in any event, within the useful life of the project; (ii) to pay for or otherwise provide adequate operation and maintenance, including replacements, of the project works during the period of the contract; and (iii) to furnish the Secretary with such control over and access to project works which are owned by or within the control of the district as he may require in order to safeguard the investment of the United States in the project; and

Repayment to U. S.

(b) the holder or holders of at least 90 per centum of the outstanding general obligation bonds of the Fort Sumner irrigation district providing for such refinancing or cancellation of those bonds and scheduling of payments of principal and interest called for thereby as the Secretary believes necessary in order to insure fulfillment of the obligations required under (a) above.

Bond holders.

Approved July 29, 1949.

[CHAPTER 372]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force to lend certain property to national veterans' organizations, and for other purposes.

August 1, 1949
[H. R. 4646]
[Public Law 193]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air

Veterans' conventions.
Loan of armed services' equipment.

Force, respectively, are authorized to lend, at their discretion and under conditions which they may prescribe, to any recognized national veterans' organization such cots, blankets, pillows, mattresses, bed sacks, unoccupied barracks of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, and other available articles or equipment under their respective jurisdictions as may be needed by such veterans' organization for use at any of its national or State conventions or national youth athletic or recreation tournaments.

Terms.

SEC. 2. Such property may be delivered upon such terms and at such time prior to any such conventions or national youth athletic or recreation tournaments as may be agreed upon by the representatives of such veterans' organization and the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, except that any expense incurred by the United States, as determined by the Secretary concerned, in the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of any such property shall be defrayed by the veterans' organization.

Bond.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be, shall take from each veterans' organization to which property is lent pursuant to the provisions of this Act a good and sufficient bond for the return of such property in good condition.

10 U. S. C. §§ 1259a-1259c.

SEC. 4. The Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 256; ch. 379), is hereby repealed.

Approved August 1, 1949.

[CHAPTER 375]

AN ACT

August 1, 1949
[S. 266]
[Public Law 194]

Modifying a limitation affecting the pension, compensation, or retirement pay payable on account of an incompetent veteran without dependents during hospitalization, institutional or domiciliary care.

Incompetent veterans.
Pension, etc., during hospitalization.

38 U. S. C. § 739 (B).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso of subsection (B) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act relating to veterans' pension, compensation, or retirement pay during hospitalization, institutional or domiciliary care, and for other purposes", approved August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908), is amended to read as follows: "*Provided further,* That in any case where the estate of such incompetent veteran derived from any source equals or exceeds \$1,500, further payments of such benefits shall not be made until the estate is reduced to \$500, but the amount which would be payable but for this proviso shall be paid to the veteran as provided for the lump sum in the preceding proviso but in the event of the veteran's death no part thereof shall be payable:".

Approved August 1, 1949.

[CHAPTER 376]

AN ACT

August 1, 1949
[S. 811]
[Public Law 195]

To adjust the effective date of certain awards of pensions and compensations payable by the Veterans' Administration.

Veterans Administration.
Effective date of certain pensions, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of any other law which prescribes the effective date of awards of pensions and compensation, in the case of any claimant for pension or compensation under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, who is receiving a current pension or compensation on the date of the enactment of this Act, whose claim arose with