

the executive branch of the Government who are veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I, or World War II may be excused from duty, without loss of pay or deduction from their annual leave, for such time as may be necessary, but not in excess of four hours in any one day, to enable them to participate as active pall-bearers or as members of firing squads or guards of honor in funeral ceremonies for members of the armed forces of the United States who lost their lives in World War II and whose remains are returned from abroad for final interment in the United States.

Approved August 16, 1949.

[CHAPTER 442]

AN ACT

To declare the waterway (in which is located the Brewery Street Channel) from Brewery Street southeastward to a line running south thirty-three degrees fifty-three minutes thirty-six seconds west from the south side of Chestnut Street at New Haven, Connecticut, a nonnavigable stream.

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 3511]  
[Public Law 234]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the portion of the waterway in which is located the Brewery Street Channel in the city of New Haven, Connecticut, lying northwest of a line extending south thirty-three degrees fifty-three minutes thirty-six seconds west from a point (located north forty-five degrees fifteen minutes eight seconds west; distant two hundred and eighty-six feet from United States harbor line mark 41 on the southerly side of Waterside Park) four hundred and seventeen and seventy-two one-hundredths feet to the combined United States bulkhead and pierhead line on the upstream face of Canal Wharf as established by the Secretary of War May 14, 1942, is hereby declared to be a nonnavigable water of the United States within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

New Haven, Conn.  
Nonnavigable wa-  
terway.

SEC. 2. Any project heretofore authorized by any Act of Congress, insofar as such project relates to the above-described portion of the Brewery Street section of New Haven Harbor, is hereby abandoned.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Rights reserved.

Approved August 16, 1949.

[CHAPTER 443]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, to provide that the annuities of certain officers and employees engaged in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the United States shall be computed on the basis of their average basic salaries for any five consecutive years of allowable service.

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 3756]  
[Public Law 235]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 (d) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out "and the annuity of such officer or employee shall be equal to 2 per centum of his average basic salary for the five years next preceding the date of his retirement, multiplied by the number of years of service, not exceeding thirty years" and inserting in lieu thereof "and the annuity of such officer or employee shall be equal to 2 per centum of his average basic salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of such officer or employee, multiplied by the number of years of service, not exceeding thirty years".

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.  
56 Stat. 14.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 691 (d).

Approved August 16, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 444]

## AN ACT

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 5287]  
[Public Law 236]

To amend title 28, United States Code, section 90, to create a Swainsboro Division in the southern district of Georgia, with terms of court to be held at Swainsboro.

Title 28, U. S. Code,  
amendment,  
62 Stat. 877.  
28 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 90 (c).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (c) of section 90, title 28, United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

## "SOUTHERN DISTRICT

"(c) The southern district comprises six divisions.

"(1) The Augusta Division comprises the counties of Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, and Wilkes.

"Court for the Augusta Division shall be held at Augusta.

"(2) The Dublin Division comprises the counties of Dodge, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Telfair, Treutlen, and Wheeler.

"Court for the Dublin Division shall be held at Dublin.

"(3) The Savannah Division comprises the counties of Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Screven, and Tattnall.

"Court for the Savannah Division shall be held at Savannah.

"(4) The Waycross Division comprises the counties of Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware.

"Court for the Waycross Division shall be held at Waycross.

"(5) The Brunswick Division comprises the counties of Appling, Camden, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Long, McIntosh, and Wayne.

"Court for the Brunswick Division shall be held at Brunswick.

"(6) The Swainsboro Division comprises the counties of Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Washington, Jenkins, and Toombs.

"Court for the Swainsboro Division shall be held at Swainsboro."

Approved August 16, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 445]

## AN ACT

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 5365]  
[Public Law 237]

To provide for the transfer of the vessel Black Mallard to the State of Louisiana for the use and benefit of the department of wildlife and fisheries of such State.

Louisiana.  
Vessel Black Mal-  
lard.

41 Stat. 305, 49 Stat.  
872.

*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 donate and convey to the State of Louisiana, for the use and benefit of the department of wildlife and fisheries of such State, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the vessel Black Mallard (formerly known as the Talvez) which was acquired by the United States by seizure under the National Prohibition Act. Such vessel has been on loan since 1931 (except for a period in World War II) from the United States to the department of wildlife and fisheries of the State of Louisiana for use as a biological research boat and has been extensively repaired and refitted at the expense of such State.

Approved August 16, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 451]

## AN ACT

August 17, 1949  
[H. R. 1154]  
[Public Law 238]

To provide authorization for additional funds for the extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes.

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Post-office facilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby