

Audit of accounts. which reports shall be prepared and arranged with a view to concise statement and convenient reference: *Provided*, That this provision shall not be construed to waive the submission of all accounts and vouchers to the General Accounting Office for audit or to permit any obligations to be incurred in excess of the amount authorized to be appropriated herein.

Approved August 19, 1949.

[CHAPTER 484]

AN ACT

August 19, 1949
[H. R. 5188]
[Public Law 252]

To provide for the preparation of a plan for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks.

Soo Locks Cen-
tennial Celebration
Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a commission to be known as the Soo Locks Centennial Celebration Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") and to be composed of nine Commissioners to be appointed by the President. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a Chairman from among their number.

Compensation.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the Commission to prepare a comprehensive plan for the celebration in the year 1955 of the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks.

Report to President.

(b) The Commission shall make a report of its progress to the President at least twice a year, and shall submit to the President prior to the beginning of the celebration a final report setting forth the plan prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and containing such recommendations for carrying out such plan as it deems advisable. The Commission shall cease to exist thirty days after the date of the submission of the final report.

Termination.

Approved August 19, 1949.

[CHAPTER 485]

AN ACT

August 19, 1949
[S. 1949]
[Public Law 253]

To authorize the lease of the Federal correctional institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, to the State of Minnesota.

Minnesota.
Lease of property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General is authorized to lease to the State of Minnesota, upon such terms and conditions as he may see fit, all lands, buildings, equipment, and other facilities of the Federal correctional institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, not required for use by the Department of Justice. The agreement of the State of Minnesota to protect, repair, and maintain such property and to return it to the Department of Justice in as good condition as when leased, reasonable wear and tear excepted, may constitute the sole consideration for any such lease. Any such lease shall continue in effect until terminated (1) by either party upon not less than eighteen months' notice to the other, or (2) by agreement of both parties.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General shall consider any proposals which may be made by the State of Minnesota for the transfer to it of any of the property described in the first section of this Act, and shall report the same, together with his recommendations, to the Congress.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. There is hereby ceded to the State of Minnesota, for the duration of any lease of any property to it pursuant to the provisions of this Act, the jurisdiction theretofore vested in the United States over such property.

Approved August 19, 1949.

[CHAPTER 486]

AN ACT

To extend the time within which legislative employees may come within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act.

August 19, 1949
[S. 1977]
[Public Law 254]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (a) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any officer or employee in the legislative branch of the Government within the classes of officers or employees which were made eligible for the benefits of this Act by the Act of July 13, 1937, serving in such position on the effective date of this paragraph, may give notice of his desire to come within the purview of this Act at any time prior to January 30, 1950.”

Approved August 19, 1949.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.
46 Stat. 470.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 693 (a).
Post, p. 884.

[CHAPTER 487]

AN ACT

To authorize an appropriation in aid of a system of drainage and sanitation for the city of Polson, Montana.

August 19, 1949
[H. R. 2869]
[Public Law 255]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the repair and rehabilitation or replacement of the drainage structures of a system of drainage for lands within and adjacent to the city of Polson, Montana, on the Flathead Indian Reservation, in sections 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10, township 22 north, range 20 west, Montana principal meridian: *Provided,* That the said city or the residents in the affected area form a drainage-sanitation district and levy an assessment to provide additional funds to convert the drainage lines into a dual purpose system for drainage and sewer disposal purposes and agree to take title to the system and operate and maintain it in perpetuity.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the United States for damages that may be claimed by any property owner as resulting from seepage in the affected area, and the drainage-sanitation district formed pursuant to section 1 hereof shall specifically agree to hold the United States harmless against any and all damage claims that may be asserted by property owners of the area.

Approved August 19, 1949.

Polson, Mont.
Appropriation authorized for drainage system.

Additional funds.

Nonliability of U. S.

[CHAPTER 488]

AN ACT

To provide funds for cooperation with the school board of Klamath County, Oregon, for the construction, extension, and improvement of public-school facilities in Klamath County, Oregon, to be available to all Indian and non-Indian children without discrimination.

August 19, 1949
[H. R. 4510]
[Public Law 256]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$150,000 for expenditure under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of cooperating with the school board of Klamath County, Oregon, in the construction, extension, and improvement of public-school facilities in Klamath

Klamath County, Oregon.
Appropriation authorized for public-school facilities.
Post, p. 875.