

Plans and specifications. Monthly payment. Recoupment by U. S.

County, to be available to all Indian and non-Indian children without discrimination: *Provided*, That architectural plans and specifications therefor shall be furnished by the local officials without cost to the Federal Government and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his duly authorized representative: *And provided further*, That payment for work in place should be made monthly by the Secretary of the Interior or his duly authorized representative through the Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, on properly certified vouchers.

SEC. 2. Any amount expended hereunder shall be recouped by the United States within a period of thirty years commencing with the date of occupancy of the building through reducing the annual Federal payments for the education of Indian pupils enrolled in public, elementary, or high schools of the county or by the acceptance of Indian pupils in said schools without cost to the United States; and in computing the amount of recoupment, interest at 3 per centum per annum shall be included on unrecouped balances.

Approved August 19, 1949.

[CHAPTER 492]

AN ACT

August 22, 1949  
[H. R. 1516]  
[Public Law 257]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945, so as to provide annual automatic within-grade promotions for hourly employees of the custodial service.

Postal Service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That subsection (j) of section 14 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

59 Stat. 449.  
39 U. S. C. § 864 (j).

Compensation of charmen and charwomen.

"(j) Charmen and charwomen working part time shall be divided into four grades with hourly rates of compensation as follows:

"Grade 1.....	\$1.10 per hour	Grade 3.....	\$1.20 per hour
Grade 2.....	1.15 per hour	Grade 4.....	1.25 per hour

and shall be promoted successively at the beginning of the quarter following one year's satisfactory service in each grade to the next higher grade until they reach the fourth grade."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1949.

Approved August 22, 1949.

[CHAPTER 493]

AN ACT

August 22, 1949  
[H. R. 2634]  
[Public Law 258]

To provide transportation on Canadian vessels between Skagway, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, between Haines, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation.

Alaska.  
Transportation on  
Canadian vessels.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, until June 30, 1950, notwithstanding the provisions of law of the United States restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from any port in the United States to another port of the United States, passengers may be trans-

ported on Canadian vessels between Skagway, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, between Haines, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation: *Provided*, That such Canadian vessels may transport merchandise between Hyder, Alaska, and other ports and points herein enumerated.

Approved August 22, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 494]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for cooperation by the Smithsonian Institution with State, educational, and scientific organizations in the United States for continuing ethnological researches on the American Indians", approved April 10, 1928, and for other purposes.

August 22, 1949  
[H. R. 3417]  
[Public Law 259]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for cooperation by the Smithsonian Institution with State, educational, and scientific organizations in the United States for continuing ethnological researches on the American Indians", approved April 10, 1928, is amended by deleting in the first section thereof the words "for continuing ethnological" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "to continue independently or in cooperation anthropological", and following the word "Indians" insert the words "and the natives of lands under the jurisdiction or protection of the United States";

Smithsonian Insti-  
tution.

45 Stat. 413.  
20 U. S. C. §§ 69, 70.

Sec. 2. Appropriations are hereby authorized for the maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory and the making of solar observations at high altitudes; for repairs and alterations of buildings and grounds occupied by the Smithsonian Institution in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and for preparation of manuscripts, drawings, and illustrations for publications.

Appropriations au-  
thorized.  
*Post*, p. 649.

Approved August 22, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 497]

## AN ACT

For the relief of Public Utility District Numbered 1, of Cowlitz County, Washington.

August 23, 1949  
[H. R. 3193]  
[Public Law 260]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not already appropriated, the sum of \$62,299.38, to Public Utility District Numbered 1, Cowlitz County, Washington, in full settlement of the said public-utility district's claim against the United States for a fee paid by the said public-utility district to the clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Southern Division, in cause numbered 8592, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 8, section 555, title 28, United States Code, Annotated, as then in effect: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Public Utility Dis-  
trict No. 1, Cowlitz  
County, Wash.

62 Stat. 954, 993.  
28 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 1914.

Approved August 23, 1949.