

Expenses of an attendant.

care may be made prior to completion of such travel: *And provided further*, That when any such person requires an attendant other than an employee of the Veterans' Administration for the performance of such travel, such attendant may be allowed expenses of travel upon a similar basis.

Approved, March 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 53]

AN ACT

March 14, 1940
[S. 3012]
[Public, No. 433]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 662), relative to the payment of the commuted rations of enlisted men.

Enlisted men,
Navy.

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 making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 662), insofar as the provisions thereof are embodied in section 908 of title 34 of the United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Payments from accrued commuted rations.

"Money accruing from the commuted rations of enlisted men legally assigned to duty with officers' or other messes, afloat or ashore, may be paid under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy."

Approved, March 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 56]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 15, 1940
[S. J. Res. 206]
[Pub. Res., No. 58]

Creating a commission to arrange for the celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the signing of the first United States patent law.

First patent law, sesquicentennial celebration.
Preamble.

Whereas there will occur on April 10, 1940, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of President George Washington's approval of the first Act of Congress authorizing and regulating the grant of patents as contemplated in article I, section 8, of the Constitution; and

Whereas the encouragement and the protection thus afforded to discoverers and inventors have both inspired and rewarded their genius to the benefit of this Nation and the whole world; and

Whereas the American patent system inaugurated by this Act of Congress has promoted countless applications of the arts and sciences to the needs and well-being of our people and thereby contributed notably to a higher standard of living in our country; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of the institution of a system so beneficial to the people of the United States should be worthily observed: Now, therefore, be it

Commission on arrangements.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a commission consisting of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Patents, the chairman of the House Committee on Patents, the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of Patents, and five other members to be selected by them, with power and authority to make suitable arrangements for an appropriate observance of the sesquicentennial of the first United States patent law.

Inventors' and Patent Day.
President requested to set aside April 10, 1940, as.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States is requested to set aside April 10, 1940, as Inventors' and Patent Day to invite a general public commemoration of an event which has proved so important and salutary to this Nation.

SEC. 3. That the Senate and the House of Representatives shall conduct suitable exercises whereby Congress may mark the anniversary.

Approved, March 15, 1940.

Commemorative exercises by Congress.

[CHAPTER 57]

AN ACT

To amend section 23 of the Act of March 4, 1909, relating to copyrights.

March 15, 1940
[S. 547]

[Public, No. 434]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 23 of the Act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 1080; U. S. C., title 17, sec. 23), is hereby amended by deleting from the second proviso clause thereof the words "when such contribution has been separately registered".

Copyright Act of 1909, amendment. Renewals and extensions.

Approved, March 15, 1940.

[CHAPTER 58]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to exchange certain property located at Veterans' Administration facility, Tuskegee, Alabama, title to which is now vested in the United States, for certain property of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

March 15, 1940
[S. 1088]

[Public, No. 435]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, title to the land described in subsection (a) of this Act, now vested in the United States, in exchange for certain property, described in subsection (b) of this Act, from the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

Tuskegee, Ala. Exchange of lands at, authorized.

(a) The following-described property located in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 23, township 17, range 23 east, Macon County, Alabama, and being all that portion of the Government reservation lying west of the old Chehaw Road:

Property transferred by U. S.

Beginning at a point, said point being the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 23, said point also being the northwest corner of that part of the Government reservation lying west of the old Chehaw Road; thence east along the north line of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 23, same also being the north line of that part of the Government reservation lying west of the old Chehaw Road, a distance of three and four-tenths chains to a point in the west side of the old Chehaw Road; thence south twenty-five degrees east along the west line of the old Chehaw Road, a distance of three and thirty-four one-hundredths chains to a point, said point being in the southerly boundary line of the Government reservation; thence west along the southerly boundary line of the Government reservation, a distance of four and eighty-one one-hundredths chains to the west line of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 23; thence north along the west line of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 23, a distance of three and three one-hundredths chains to the point of beginning, containing, in all, one and twenty-four one-hundredths acres more or less.

Description.

(b) The following-described property located in the north half of the southeast quarter of section 23, township 17, range 23 east, Macon County, Alabama:

Property transferred by Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

Beginning at a point, said point being in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 23, and also being three and

Description.