

other improvements presently located on this property shall remain in the Government and that when their removal becomes necessary for widening of the roadway they shall be moved therefrom and relocated at the expense of the county in accordance with specifications to be furnished by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Approved, June 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 219]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to transfer by quitclaim deed to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company a small piece of land at Veterans' Administration facility, Roanoke, Virginia.

June 21, 1941
[S. 1421]
[Public Law 123]

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, in consideration of \$100, to transfer by quitclaim deed to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, the following-described property located at Veterans' Administration Facility, Roanoke, Virginia:

Veterans' Administration Facility, Roanoke, Va.
Transfer of land at, to Norfolk and Western Railway Co.

All that certain strip or parcel of land situate in the county of Roanoke, State of Virginia, bounded and described as follows:

Description.

Beginning at a point corner to lands of the Veterans' Administration and right-of-way of Roanoke Terminal Division of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, said point being north fifty-two degrees three minutes east twenty-six and twenty-eight one-hundredths feet from the center line of old west-bound main track of said railway at station 139 plus 47.4 also north fifty-two degrees three minutes east from the center line of present west-bound main track MP N-261 plus two thousand nine hundred and forty feet, more or less, as measured from Norfolk, Virginia; thence with the northern line of said right-of-way northwestwardly about three hundred and fifty-six feet to a point radial to said center line of old west-bound main track at station 142 plus 91.3, said station being also in the center line of a culvert; thence through the lands of Veterans' Administration by a straight line eastwardly about three hundred and eighty-five feet to a point in an offset in said northern line of right-of-way; thence with said offset south fifty-two degrees three minutes west, crossing a rail monument at forty-three and six-tenths feet, a total distance of seventy feet to the point of beginning, containing two-tenths of an acre, more or less.

Approved, June 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 228]

AN ACT

To extend certain provisions of title X of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

June 23, 1941
[H. R. 4107]
[Public Law 124]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1012 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is amended by striking out "three years" and inserting in lieu thereof "four years".

Merchant Marine Act, 1936, amendments.
52 Stat. 953, 969.
46 U. S. C. § 1282.
52 Stat. 966.
46 U. S. C. § 1254.

SEC. 2. Section 1004 of such Act is amended by striking out the words "the Board to encourage" in the opening lines of said section.

SEC. 3. Sections 1006, 1008, and 1009, and the last sentence of section 1010 of such Act are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That the Maritime Labor Board may continue to act as mediator in any disputes wherein its mediation services have been requested and the mediation of which the Board has actively undertaken prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.

Repeals.
52 Stat. 967, 968, 969.
46 U. S. C. §§ 1256, 1258-1260.
Proviso.
Continuance of mediation services.

Approved, June 23, 1941.

[CHAPTER 230]

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 24, 1941
[S. J. Res. 81]
[Public Law 125]

To authorize the President of the United States to invite the governments of the countries of the Western Hemisphere to participate in a meeting of the national directors of the meteorological services of those countries, to be held in the United States as soon as practicable, in 1941 or 1942; to invite Regional Commissions III and IV of the International Meteorological Organization to meet concurrently therewith; and to authorize an appropriation for the expenses of organizing and holding such meetings.

Meeting of directors of meteorological services of Western Hemisphere countries.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 754.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.
Post, p. 613.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to invite the governments of the countries of the Western Hemisphere to participate in a meeting of the national directors of the meteorological services of those countries, to be held in the United States as soon as practicable, in 1941 or 1942, and to invite Regional Commissions III and IV of the International Meteorological Organization to meet concurrently therewith.

SEC. 2. That the sum of \$14,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the expenses of organizing and holding such meetings, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; communication services; stenographic reporting, translating, and other services by contract if deemed necessary, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5); travel expenses; local transportation; hire of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; transportation of things; rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; printing and binding; entertainment; official cards; badges; purchase of newspapers, periodicals, books, documents, maps, charts, etc.; stationery; and such other expenses as may be actually and necessarily incurred by the Government of the United States by reason of observance of appropriate courtesies in connection therewith, and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State, including the reimbursement of other appropriations from which payments may have been made for any of the purposes herein specified.

Approved, June 24, 1941.

[CHAPTER 231]

AN ACT

June 24, 1941
[S. 346]
[Public Law 126]

To authorize the President of the United States to dispose of certain public vessels, and for other purposes.

Navy.
Disposal of certain vessels.

Proviso.
Condition.

Report to Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy, with the approval of the President, be, and he is hereby, authorized to use for experimental purposes vessels of the United States Navy stricken from the Navy Register pursuant to the Act of August 5, 1882 (22 Stat. 296; 34 U. S. C., sec. 491): *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Navy shall first determine that the interests of the Government would be best served thereby: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of the Navy shall make an annual report to the Congress of all vessels disposed of under the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 24, 1941.