

## [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.

[CHAPTER 232]

AN ACT

To amend sections 4613 and 4614 of the Revised Statutes of the United States to include captures of aircraft as prizes of war.

June 24, 1941  
[S. 992]  
[Public Law 427]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 4613 and 4614 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U. S. C., title 34, secs. 1131 and 1132) be amended to read, respectively, as follows:

Revised Statutes, sections amended.

“SEC. 4613. The provisions of this title (title LIV) shall apply to all captures of vessels, including aircraft, made as prize by authority of the United States or adopted and ratified by the President of the United States: *Provided*, That the terms ‘vessel’ and ‘ship’ as used in this title (title LIV) shall include aircraft, and that the term ‘master’ as used in this title (title LIV) shall include the pilot or other person in command of such aircraft: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting, or in any way impairing, the legal right of the Army of the United States or any component part thereof, while engaged in hostilities, to capture any enemy property or neutral property used or transported in violation of the obligations of neutrals under international law, wherever found, and without prize procedure.

Captures of vessels made as prize.

*Provisos.*  
Terms defined.

Captures by Army.

“SEC. 4614. The term ‘vessels of the Navy’ as used in this title (title LIV) shall include all armed vessels, including aircraft, officered and manned by the United States and under the control of the Department of the Navy.”

“Vessels of the Navy” defined.

Approved, June 24, 1941.

[CHAPTER 233]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of April 15, 1935, as amended (49 Stat. 156; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 842), and for other purposes.

June 24, 1941  
[S. 1469]  
[Public Law 128]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act approved April 15, 1935, as amended (49 Stat. 156; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 842), is hereby amended to read as follows: “That the grade of aviation cadet is hereby created in the Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve. Aviation cadets shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy from male citizens of the United States under such regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That each aviation cadet shall sign an agreement, with the consent of his parent or guardian if he be a minor, to serve for a continuous period of not more than four years on active duty, unless sooner released: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to discharge at any time any aviation cadet or to release him from active duty.

Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve.  
34 U. S. C. § 842.  
Aviation cadet grade created.

*Provisos.*  
Service agreement.

Discharge or release.

SEC. 2. The first proviso of section 5 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1176; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 853c), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: “*Provided*, That aviation cadets and officers commissioned pursuant to authority contained in the Naval Aviation Reserve Act of 1939 may be required to serve on active duty for a continuous period of four years or for such periods as they agree to serve under the provisions of section 1 of the Act approved April 15, 1935, as amended (49 Stat. 156; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 842), from date of appointment as aviation cadet.”

34 U. S. C. § 853c.  
Aviation cadets and commissioned officers, active duty.  
53 Stat. 819.  
34 U. S. C. §§ 842, 844, 849-850, 853c.

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