

use shall be paid out of the funds appropriated or allocated for such project such amounts as the head of the department or agency so using the lands shall determine to be fair and reasonable for the losses suffered by such persons as a result of the use of such lands for war purposes. Such payments shall be deemed payment in full for such losses. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to create any liability not now existing against the United States.

Approved, July 9, 1942.

No U. S. liability created.

[CHAPTER 501]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to promote on the retired list officers who were decorated and recommended for promotion for distinguished service during the World War and who have not attained the rank to which recommended", so as to confer on any commissioned officer of the army retirement privileges provided in the Act of June 13, 1940.

July 9, 1942
[H. R. 6081]
[Public Law 664]

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 promote on the retired list officers who were decorated and recommended for promotion for distinguished service during the World War and who have not attained the rank to which recommended", approved June 13, 1940, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "below the grade of brigadier general".

Promotion on retired list of certain decorated officers.

54 Stat. 382.
10 U. S. C. § 1015.

Approved, July 9, 1942.

[CHAPTER 502]

AN ACT

Authorizing the construction of certain auxiliary vessels for the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

July 9, 1942
[H. R. 7159]
[Public Law 665]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to acquire and convert or to undertake the construction of one million two hundred thousand tons of auxiliary vessels of such size, type, and design as he may consider best suited for the purposes of national defense, such vessels to be in addition to those heretofore authorized.

Navy.
Acquisition or construction of auxiliary vessels.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.
Ante, p. 389.
Post, p. 692.

Approved, July 9, 1942.

[CHAPTER 503]

AN ACT

To establish the composition of the United States Navy, to authorize the construction of certain naval vessels, and for other purposes.

July 9, 1942
[H. R. 7184]
[Public Law 666]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authorized composition of the United States Navy in underage vessels, as established by the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 503), as amended by the Acts of May 17, 1938 (52 Stat. 401), June 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 394), July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 779), December 23, 1941 (Public Law 369, Seventy-seventh Congress, first session), and May 13, 1942 (Public Law 551, Seventy-seventh Congress, second session), is hereby further

Navy.
Increase in authorized composition.
34 U. S. C. §§ 494-498, 749b-749d; Supp. I, §§ 498-3, 498a-3.
55 Stat. 853.

Ante, p. 277.