

SEC. 13. That section 120 (i) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(i) The terms ‘man’ and ‘enlisted man’ mean any enlisted individual, male or female, of the first to seventh grades, both inclusive, and any aviation cadet, in any of the services mentioned in section 101 of this Act, and any member, except the leader and second leader, of the band of the United States Marine Corps, but do not include any member of the Philippine Army, the Philippine Scouts, the insular force of the Navy, the Samoan native guard or band of the Navy, or the Samoan reserve force of the Marine Corps.”

SEC. 14. That such Act be amended by adding a new section to title I thereof to be numbered 121 and to read as follows:

“SEC. 121. The dependents of an enlisted female shall be as prescribed by this title except that husband and children shall be included as dependents only when found by the Secretary of the department concerned to be dependent upon her for chief support. The amount of the family allowance payable to the dependents of an enlisted female shall be as prescribed by this title except that the amount for a husband or husband and children shall be that prescribed for a wife or wife and children. The provisions of this section shall be applicable to dependents of any enlisted female only insofar as such provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of any law pertaining to the service of which she is a member.”

SEC. 15. This Act shall be effective from the first day of the calendar month following the month of enactment: *Provided*, That, for the purpose of adjusting to the provisions of this Act, any family allowance in force when the Act takes effect, which is subject to change by the provisions of the Act, may be paid without change for such period, not exceeding four calendar months, as the Secretary of the department concerned may determine: *Provided further*, That whenever such a family allowance is found to be subject to decrease or termination such change shall be effective at the expiration of the period of payment determined under the preceding proviso: *Provided further*, That whenever such a family allowance is found to be subject to increase the effective date of increase shall be the effective date of this Act.

Approved October 26, 1943.

[CHAPTER 286]

AN ACT

To revive and reenact section 9 of an Act entitled “An Act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes”, approved August 26, 1937.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Act approved August 26, 1937 (heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved July 2, 1940, and September 22, 1941), authorizing the State of Oregon, acting through its highway department, the North Slough Drainage District, and the North Slough Diking District, to construct, maintain, and operate a dam and dike for preventing the flow of tidal waters into North Slough in Coos County, Oregon, in township 24 south, range 13 west, Willamette meridian, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this authority shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the dam and dike herein referred to be commenced within five years and completed within eight years from the date of approval hereof.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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56 Stat. 386.
37 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 220 (i).
“Man” and “enlisted man.”

56 Stat. 381.
37 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 201.
Ante, p. 577.

56 Stat. 381.
37 U. S. C., Supp.
II, §§ 201-220.
Dependents of enlisted female.

Family allowance.

Limitations.

Effective date.
Existing allowances subject to change.

October 27, 1943
[H. R. 3145]
[Public Law 175]

North Slough, Oreg.
Construction of dam and dike.

50 Stat. 856; 54 Stat. 715; 55 Stat. 728.

[CHAPTER 287]

AN ACT

October 27, 1943
[H. R. 3223]
[Public Law 176]

To provide for reimbursement of officers, enlisted men, and others, in the naval service of the United States for property lost, damaged, or destroyed in such service.

Naval service.
Reimbursement for
personal property
losses, etc.

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 and, subject to appeal to the Secretary of the Navy, such other officer or officers as he may designate for such purposes and under such regulations as he may prescribe, are hereby authorized to consider, and to ascertain, adjust, determine, and pay any claim filed under oath of the commissioned, appointed, enrolled, and enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and of the Coast Guard when operating as a part of the Navy, and of civilian employees of the Naval Establishment, for loss, damage, or destruction of their private personal property occurring on or after December 7, 1941, when such loss, damage, or destruction is not due to fault or negligence on the part of the claimant and has occurred or shall hereafter occur under the following circumstances:

Circumstances.
Marine or aircraft
disaster.

First. When the loss, damage, or destruction is due to operations of war, shipwreck, or other marine disaster, or the wreck of an aircraft or other disaster thereto: *Provided*, That the term "marine disaster" as used herein shall include an accident occurring on board a vessel.

Saving of life. or
U. S. property.

Second. When the loss, damage, or destruction is in consequence of the serviceman or employee having given his attention to the saving of the life of another, or of property belonging to the United States.

Shipment under or-
ders.

Third. When such property is lost, damaged, or destroyed by reason of being shipped on board an unseaworthy vessel by order of an officer authorized to give such order or direct such shipment; or is lost, damaged, or destroyed, whether or not due to negligence on the part of Government personnel, while in shipment pursuant to orders issued by competent authority, but where the property was transported by a common carrier, the reimbursement shall be limited to the extent of such loss, damage, or destruction over and above the amount recoverable from such carrier.

Immediate and ur-
gent distress.

Fourth. When such property is lost, damaged, or destroyed by reason of being furnished at the direction of competent authority to another person under conditions of immediate and urgent distress.

Property items re-
imbursable.

Reimbursement may be made in all such cases for loss, damage, or destruction of such articles as are required to be possessed and used by officers, enlisted men, and others in connection with their service or employment, and such additional items of personal property, including money or currency, as the Secretary of the Navy shall determine to have been reasonably and properly in the place when they were lost, damaged, or destroyed, in consequence of the service or employment in which the serviceman or employee was engaged: *Provided*, That reimbursement may be made for loss of money or currency only when such money or currency has been deposited for safe keeping as provided by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Navy or as provided by orders of the commanding officer.

Money or currency.

Replacement or
payment.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to reimburse the claimant in kind out of available Government property, or to pay the amount determined to be due on claims under this Act, out of any appropriation available for the purpose.

Separation not a bar
to settlement.

SEC. 3. Separation from the naval service or establishment shall not bar the authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and pay any claim otherwise falling within the provisions of this Act which