

[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

For the relief of the State of Tennessee.

December 13, 1944
[S. 1590]
[Public Law 478]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized to give to the account of the National Guard of the State of Tennessee credit in the amount of \$2,920.18 for the money value of property listed on approved reports of survey for which the State of Tennessee has been held pecuniarily responsible, said credits to be given in full satisfaction of any and all claims of the State of Tennessee against the United States on account of clothing purchased by the State and issued to the National Guard of Tennessee to meet a shortage existing prior to the Army maneuvers of August 1940. This credit shall be established by the submission of evidence acceptable to the War Department of the purchase, issue, and transfer of title to the United States of the clothing.

Approved December 13, 1944.

State of Tennessee.
Credit to account of
State National Guard.

[CHAPTER 555]

AN ACT

Relating to the administration of the Glacier National Park Fish Hatchery, at Creston, Montana, and for other purposes.

December 13, 1944
[S. 1645]
[Public Law 479]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the property at Creston, Montana, acquired by the United States for the establishment of a fish hatchery for restocking the waters of Glacier National Park and administered as a part of the park pursuant to the Act of July 31, 1939 (53 Stat. 1142), together with the improvements and equipment utilized in connection with the hatchery property, is hereby eliminated from the park.

The functions of the National Park Service with regard to the administration of the aforesaid properties for the benefit of the park are hereby transferred to and shall be exercised by the Fish and Wildlife Service for the same purposes: *Provided, however,* That such fish propagated at the hatchery as may be in excess of the number necessary to restock and maintain an optimum fish population in the waters of the park at all times may be utilized for the restocking of other waters.

Approved December 13, 1944.

Glacier National
Park, Mont.
Administration of
fish hatchery.

Use of surplus fish.

[CHAPTER 556]

AN ACT

To transfer Georgetown County, South Carolina, from the Florence division to the Charleston division of the eastern judicial district of South Carolina.

December 13, 1944
[S. 1877]
[Public Law 480]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Georgetown County, South Carolina, of the eastern judicial district of South Carolina, be, and it is hereby, detached from the Florence division of said district and attached to the Charleston division of said district.

Approved December 13, 1944.

South Carolina east-
ern judicial district.

[CHAPTER 579]

AN ACT

December 13, 1944
[S. 1710]
[Public Law 481]

To authorize the sale and conveyance of certain property of the estate of Jackson Barnett, deceased Creek Indian.

Jackson Barnett,
estate.
Sale and conveyance of certain property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to sell and convey any or all of the property hereinafter described, upon such terms and conditions as he shall prescribe: Lot 2 of tract numbered 8553, as shown on map recorded in book 105, pages 22 and 23 of maps, and the southerly forty feet of lot 20 and all of lot 21 of tract numbered 3446, as shown on map recorded in book 37, page 84 of maps, in the office of the county recorder of Los Angeles County, California, together with all improvements thereon, and all furniture, fixtures, and personal property, belonging to the estate of Jackson Barnett, located in or on said real property.

Approved December 13, 1944.

[CHAPTER 580]

AN ACT

December 14, 1944
[S. 2019]
[Public Law 482]

To establish the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy; to establish the grade of General of the Army, and for other purposes.

Fleet Admiral of
U. S. Navy.
Grade established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy is hereby established on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy as the highest grade in the Navy. Appointments to said grade shall be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among line officers on the active list and retired line officers on active duty serving in the rank of admiral in the Navy at the time of such appointment. The number of officers of such grade on the active list at any one time shall not exceed four.

General of the
Army.
Grade established.

SEC. 2. The grade of General of the Army is hereby established. Appointments to said grade shall be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from officers of the Army who, at the time of such appointment, are serving in the grade of general officer in the Army. The number of officers holding the grade of General of the Army on active duty shall not exceed four. The officers appointed under the provisions of this section shall take rank above all other officers on the active list of or on active duty in the Army and shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, benefits, pay, and allowances provided by this Act, notwithstanding any provisions of the Act of February 23, 1929 (45 Stat. 1255), or any other law.

Rank, privileges,
etc.

10 U. S. C. § 22a.
Manner and tenure
of appointments.

Status of appointees.

Appointments from
retired list.

SEC. 3. Appointments under authority of this Act shall be made without examination and shall continue in force, during such period as the President shall determine. The permanent or temporary status of officers of the active list of the Navy or of the Army appointed to a higher grade pursuant to section 1 or section 2 hereof shall not be vacated solely by reason of such appointment, nor shall such appointees be prejudiced in regard to promotion, in accordance with the laws relating to the Navy or the Army. An officer appointed from the retired list to the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy on the active list or General of the Army as provided herein shall, upon the termination of such appointment, revert to the status held by him prior to such appointment, except as otherwise provided herein.