

Claims arising in foreign countries, etc.

Short title.

incident to their service." is hereby amended, effective as of the date of approval of said Act, to read as follows: "The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to claims arising in foreign countries or possessions thereof which are cognizable under the provisions of the Act of January 2, 1942 (55 Stat. 880; 31 U. S. C. 224d), as amended, or to claims for personal injury or death of military personnel or civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army if such injury or death occurs incident to their service."

Sec. 5. This Act may be cited as the "Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945".

Approved May 29, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 136]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

May 29, 1945  
[H. J. Res. 177]  
[Public Law 68]

Repealing a portion of the appropriation and contract authorization available to the Maritime Commission.

Maritime Commission, construction fund.

49 Stat. 1987.  
46 U. S. C. § 1116.

Contract authorization, reduction.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That out of the current unexpended balance of appropriations heretofore made to the Maritime Commission under the head "Construction fund, United States Maritime Commission Act, June 24, 1936, revolving fund", the sum of \$3,100,000,000 shall be carried to the surplus fund and be covered into the Treasury immediately upon the approval of this joint resolution: *Provided,* That the present contract authorization for ship construction and facilities incident thereto is hereby reduced by \$4,265,000,000.

Approved May 29, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 137]

## AN ACT

May 29, 1945  
[S. 645]  
[Public Law 69]

To suspend until six months after the termination of the present wars section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 481), as amended.

Naval officers, shore duty.  
34 U. S. C. § 222.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 481), as amended, is hereby suspended until six months after the termination of the present wars as determined by the proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress, whichever is earlier.

Approved May 29, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 138]

## AN ACT

May 29, 1945  
[S. 647]  
[Public Law 70]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the State of Rhode Island, for highway purposes only, a strip of land within the naval advance base depot at North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

Rhode Island. Conveyance of land to State.

*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 is hereby authorized to convey (subject to section 2 of this Act) to the State of Rhode Island, for highway purposes only, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a strip or parcel of land, the metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department, consisting of two and five hundred eighty-three one-thousandths acres, more or less, situated within the boundaries of the United States Naval Advance Base Depot, North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island.

SEC. 2. If any part of the land conveyed pursuant to this Act is used for other than highway purposes, or ceases to be used for highway purposes, such part shall revert to the United States.

Approved May 29, 1945.

[CHAPTER 167]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting the consent of Congress to an agreement amending the original agreement entered into by the States of New York and Vermont relating to the creation of the Lake Champlain Bridge Commission.

May 31, 1945  
[H. J. Res. 113]  
[Public Law 71]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to an amendatory agreement executed on April 21, 1945, by the commissioners duly appointed on the part of the States of New York and Vermont, amending an agreement entered into by such States on May 11, 1927, and consented to by the Congress by the joint resolution approved February 16, 1928, which amendatory agreement reads as follows:*

Lake Champlain  
Bridge Commission.  
Consent given to  
amendatory agree-  
ment by New York  
and Vermont.

45 Stat. 120.

WHEREAS, the states of New York and Vermont heretofore and on the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, entered into an agreement, or compact, duly authorized by law, creating the Lake Champlain bridge commission; and

WHEREAS, the legislatures of said states have authorized their respective commissioners to enter into an agreement, or compact, amending said existing agreement, or compact;

NOW, THEREFORE, the said states of New York and Vermont do hereby enter into the following agreement, or compact, to wit:

The agreement, or compact, heretofore made and entered into on the eleventh day of May, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, between the state of New York and the state of Vermont, pursuant to chapter three hundred and twenty-one of the laws of New York, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, entitled "an act authorizing designated authorities in behalf of the state of New York to enter into an agreement or compact with designated authorities of the state of Vermont for the creation of the Lake Champlain bridge commission, the establishment of the Lake Champlain bridge commission and the defining of the powers and duties of such commission, and making an appropriation for such purposes", and act number one hundred and thirty-nine of the public acts of Vermont, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, entitled "an act ratifying a proposed agreement or compact between the state of Vermont and the state of New York relating to the creation of the Lake Champlain bridge commission and providing for carrying out the provisions of said agreement or compact", as the same was amended by the agreement or compact entered into the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred thirty-five, by and under the authority of chapter two hundred and one of the laws of New York, nineteen hundred thirty-three, as amended by chapter three hundred and fifty-five of the laws of New York, nineteen hundred thirty-five, and by and under the authority of act number two hundred and nine of the public acts of Vermont, nineteen hundred thirty-five, as amended by act number two hundred and ten of the public acts of Vermont, nineteen hundred thirty-five, and as the same was further amended by the agreement or compact entered into the first day of April, nineteen hundred thirty-six, by and under the authority of chapter seventy-three of the laws of New York, nineteen hundred thirty-six, as amended by chapter two hundred and nineteen of the laws of New York, nineteen hundred thirty-six, and by and under the authority of act number nineteen