

of the Interior shall decree that there shall be paid to the attorney or attorneys employed therein by said plaintiff under contracts negotiated or entered into as provided by existing law, such fees as, based upon a quantum meruit, it or he shall find reasonable. In no case shall the fees decreed by said Court of Claims and/or by the Secretary of the Interior be in excess of the amount stipulated in the contracts approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, and in no event to exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the recovery, and shall be paid upon money being appropriated for the benefit of any bands of Ute Indians pursuant to any judgment or settlement hereunder whether distributable thereto or not. In determining the amount of fees payable to the attorney or attorneys the Court of Claims, or the Secretary of the Interior, as the case may be, shall consider all services rendered by such attorney or attorneys, including services rendered before the Members and committees of Congress, any department or commission of the Government, and the courts. The actual expenses of said attorney or attorneys heretofore or hereafter incurred or expended in prosecuting any suit, cause, or action instituted under this Act shall be paid as provided in the contracts approved by the Secretary of the Interior under which such suit, cause, or action is instituted and the tribal funds of the Ute Indians represented in such suit, cause, or action are hereby made available for expenditure for that purpose."

Approved June 11, 1946.

Restrictions.

Determination of amount.

[CHAPTER 379]

AN ACT

June 11, 1946
[H. R. 6343]

[Public Law 411]

Authorizing the Secretary of War to lend certain property of the War Department to national veterans' organizations for use at State and national conventions.

Veterans' conventions.
Use of Army equipment.

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 lend, at his discretion and under conditions which he may prescribe, to any recognized national veterans' organization such cots, blankets, pillows, mattresses, bed sacks, unoccupied barracks of the Army, and other available articles or equipment under his jurisdiction as may be needed by such veterans' organization for use at any of its national or State conventions.

Terms.

SEC. 2. Such property may be delivered upon such terms and at such time prior to any such convention as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the representatives of such veterans' organization, except that no expense shall be incurred by the United States in the delivery and return of any such property.

Bond.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of War shall take from each veterans' organization to which property is lent pursuant to the provisions of this Act, a good and sufficient bond for the return of such property in good condition.

Approved June 11, 1946.

[CHAPTER 390]

AN ACT

June 12, 1946
[S. 1776]

[Public Law 412]

To authorize the exchange of certain land at the Benicia Arsenal, California.

Benicia Arsenal,
Calif.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to convey to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for right-of-way purposes a perpetual easement over, across, and upon a portion of the Benicia Arsenal, California, comprising

two and ten one-hundredths acres of land, more or less, and that in exchange therefor the United States of America accept a perpetual easement for right-of-way purposes for roadways, trackage, drainage ditches, and similar purposes over, across, and upon nineteen acres of land owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, situated in the same vicinity.

Approved June 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 404]

AN ACT

To grant to the Federal Works Administrator certain powers with respect to site acquisition, building construction, purchase of buildings, and other matters.

June 14, 1946
[H. R. 5407]
[Public Law 413]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Works Administrator is hereby authorized under the provisions of the Public Buildings Act of May 25, 1926, as amended (40 U. S. C. 341-347), and as hereby further amended—

44 Stat. 630.

(a) For projects outside of the District of Columbia: To construct extensions to the marine hospitals at Seattle, Washington, and San Francisco, California; to purchase buildings either unencumbered or subject to existing leases where in his determination it is advantageous to do so and to remodel the same; and to establish the limits of cost and design new building projects where the sites are in Government ownership, notwithstanding the fact that appropriations for construction work shall not have been made. The total limit of cost for the foregoing shall be \$13,000,000, and the unobligated balances of appropriations heretofore made for the construction of projects outside the District of Columbia are hereby made available for this purpose.

Projects outside
D. C.

Cost limitation.

(b) To acquire additional land in and contiguous to the area in the District of Columbia defined in the Act of March 31, 1938 (52 Stat. 149), under a limit of cost of \$2,000,000. Funds for this purpose are hereby made available from the unobligated balances of appropriations heretofore made for the construction of buildings outside the District of Columbia.

Acquisition of land.
40 U. S. C. § 341
note.

SEC. 2. The limit of cost for the site and building for the West Central Heating Plant, Washington, District of Columbia, authorized in the First Supplemental Civil Functions Appropriation Act, 1941, as amended by Public Law 371, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved December 23, 1941, is hereby increased to \$7,750,000.

West Central Heat-
ing Plant.

54 Stat. 1036; 55
Stat. 856.

SEC. 3. For the extension of the site of the Barge Office, New York, New York, and to permit the city of New York to proceed with the development of its highway system, the Federal Works Administrator is hereby authorized to exchange a portion of the site of the Barge Office, for land owned by the city upon such terms and conditions as are mutually satisfactory to the Administrator and the city government of New York.

Barge Office site,
N. Y.
Exchange of lands.

SEC. 4. The last two provisos of section 2 of the Act of August 27, 1935, as amended (40 U. S. C. 304b), beginning with the words: "Provided further, That the amount so charged against any Federal agency * * *" to the end of the section are hereby repealed.

Repeal.
49 Stat. 886.

Section 3 of the Act of August 27, 1935, as amended (40 U. S. C. 304c), is hereby amended to read as follows:

49 Stat. 886.

"The Commissioner of Public Buildings is authorized to procure space by lease, on such terms and for such period not in excess of five years as he may deem in the public interest, for the housing of any Federal agency or agencies outside of the District of Columbia, except the Post Office Department, and to assign and reassign

Lease of space, etc.