

activities, battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries with respect to which it may exercise any functions.

“Notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations, under such terms and conditions as the Commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, the Commission may contract for work, supplies, materials, and equipment outside of the United States and engage, by contract or otherwise, the services of architects, firms of architects, and other technical and professional personnel.

“The Commission may under such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper dispose of any land or interest in land in foreign countries which has been or may hereafter be acquired by the Commission in connection with its work: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not be effective until the expiration of the Surplus Property Act of 1944.

“The Commission may delegate to its Chairman, secretary, or officials in charge of any of its offices, under such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, such of its authority as it may deem necessary and proper.”

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 503]

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act, approved June 12, 1934, as amended.

58 Stat. 765.  
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. §§ 1611-1648.  
*Ante*, pp. 168, 169; *post*, pp. 592, 754, 886.

Delegation of authority.

June 26, 1946  
[S. 2215]

[Public Law 457]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4 (b) of the Act known as the “District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act”, approved June 12, 1934, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

48 Stat. 932.  
D. C. Code § 5-106  
(b); Supp. V, § 5-106  
(b)  
*Post*, p. 801.

“(b) On and after July 1, 1947, it shall be unlawful to use or occupy any alley building or structure as a dwelling in the District of Columbia.”

SEC. 2. That section 6 of such Act, as amended, be further amended by striking “1946” and inserting in lieu thereof “1947”.

48 Stat. 933.  
D. C. Code § 5-108;  
Supp. V, § 5-108.  
*Post*, p. 801.

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 505]

AN ACT

To govern the effective dates of ratings and awards under the Veterans' Administration revised Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945, and for other purposes.

June 27, 1946  
[H. R. 5149]

[Public Law 458]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That on and after the first day of April 1946, all initial ratings in claims for disability compensation or pension and awards based thereon under Public Law 2, Seventy-third Congress, March 20, 1933, and the Veterans Regulations issued pursuant thereto, as amended, shall be determined under the Veterans' Administration revised Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945, whether the claim covers a period before or after that date. In any case in which the revised schedule authorizes an increase in the rating previously made by a rating board of original jurisdiction under the Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1933, such increased rating and award based thereon will be effective as of the first day of April 1946.

Veterans.  
Disability claims.

48 Stat. 8  
38 U. S. C. §§ 701-724 and note, Supp. V, § 701 *et seq.*

Revised Schedule  
for Rating Disabili-  
ties, 1945.

Basis of awards.

43 Stat. 607; 48 Stat.  
509.  
38 U. S. C. § 421;  
Supp. V, § 434 *et seq.*  
Post, pp. 626, 789.

SEC. 2. Nothing in the revised Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945, shall be construed as requiring any reduction or discontinuance of compensation in cases rated and awarded under the Schedule of Disability Ratings, 1925, or as requiring denial of entitlement to any statutory award or rating, but on and after the first day of April 1946, except as to statutory awards and ratings provided under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, as restored with limitations by the Act of March 28, 1934, Public Law 141, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, awards in all cases shall be based upon the degree of disability determined in accordance with the revised schedule, 1945.

SEC. 3. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall from time to time readjust the Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945, in accordance with experience.

Approved June 27, 1946.

[CHAPTER 506]

AN ACT

June 27, 1946  
[S. 1834]  
[Public Law 459]

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Iowa or the Iowa State Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Des Moines River at or near Farmington, Iowa.

Bridge.  
Des Moines River.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Iowa or Iowa State Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Des Moines River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Farmington, Iowa, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-  
498.

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

Approved June 27, 1946.

[CHAPTER 507]

AN ACT

June 27, 1946  
[H. R. 6265]  
[Public Law 460]

To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia.

Department of Cor-  
rections, D. C.  
Director.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby created in and for the District of Columbia a Department of Corrections to be in charge of a Director who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Duties.

SEC. 2. Said Department of Corrections under the general direction and supervision of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have charge of the management and regulation of the Workhouse at Occoquan in the State of Virginia, the Reformatory at Lorton in the State of Virginia, and the Washington Asylum and Jail, and be responsible for the safekeeping, care, protection, instruction, and discipline of all persons committed to such institutions. The Department of Corrections with the approval of the Commissioners shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations for the government of such institutions and to establish and conduct industries, farms, and other activities, to classify the inmates, and to provide for their proper treatment, care, rehabilitation, and reformation.

Rules and regula-  
tions.