

or naval service, such individual shall be deemed, for the purposes of this subsection, to have held such position during the period within which he shall have served in the military or naval forces.”

Approved February 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 4]

AN ACT

February 12, 1946
[S. 766]
[Public Law 296]

Concerning the establishment of meteorological observation stations in the Arctic region of the Western Hemisphere, for the purpose of improving the weather forecasting service within the United States and on the civil international air transport routes from the United States.

Meteorological re-
porting stations.
Post, p. 944.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to improve the weather forecasting service of the United States and to promote safety and efficiency in civil air navigation to the highest possible degree, the Chief of the Weather Bureau, under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce, shall, in addition to his other functions and duties, take such action as may be necessary in the development of an international basic meteorological reporting network in the Arctic region of the Western Hemisphere, including the establishment, operation, and maintenance of such reporting stations in cooperation with the State Department and other United States governmental departments and agencies, with the meteorological services of foreign countries and with persons engaged in air commerce.

Appropriation au-
thorized.
Post, p. 474.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved February 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 5]

AN ACT

February 12, 1946
[S. 1545]
[Public Law 297]

To amend article 38 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy.

Navy.
General courts-mar-
tial.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article 38 of the Articles for the Government of the Navy (Rev. Stat., sec. 1624, art. 38), as amended or superseded by the Act approved February 16, 1909, chapter 131, section 10 (35 Stat. 621), as amended by the Act approved August 29, 1916, chapter 417 (39 Stat. 586), is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

34 U. S. C. § 1200,
art. 38.

“ART. 38. CONVENING AUTHORITY.—General courts-martial may be convened:

“First. By the President, the Secretary of the Navy, the commander in chief of a fleet, and the commanding officer of a naval station or a larger shore activity beyond the continental limits of the United States; and

“Second. When empowered by the Secretary of the Navy, by the commanding officer of a division, squadron, flotilla, or other naval force afloat, and by the commandant or commanding officer of any naval district, naval base, or naval station, and by the commandant, commanding officer, or chief of any other force or activity of the Navy or Marine Corps, not attached to a naval district, naval base, or naval station.”

Approved February 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 6]

AN ACT

To provide for the payment on a commuted basis of the costs of transportation of dependents of certain persons entitled to such transportation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 12 of the Missing Persons Act (Act of March 7, 1942; 56 Stat. 143, 146), as amended (50 App. U. S. C. 1012), is hereby further amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: “: *Provided further*, That in lieu of transportation authorized by this section for dependents, the head of the department concerned may authorize the payment in money of amounts equal to such commercial transportation costs for the whole or such part of travel for which transportation in kind is not furnished, when such travel shall have been completed”.

(b) This amendment shall take effect as of September 8, 1939.

SEC. 2. (a) The first section of the Act of October 14, 1942 (56 Stat. 786; 50 App. U. S. C. 831), is hereby amended by inserting before the period at the end of such section the following: “: *Provided further*, That in lieu of transportation authorized by this section for dependents, the Secretary of the Navy may authorize the payment in money of amounts equal to such commercial transportation costs for the whole or such part of travel for which transportation in kind is not furnished, when such travel shall have been completed”.

(b) This amendment shall take effect as of October 1, 1940.

SEC. 3. (a) The Act of November 28, 1943 (57 Stat. 593; 50 App. U. S. C. 833a), is hereby amended by inserting the following new section and by renumbering the present section 5 as section 6:

“SEC. 5. In lieu of transportation authorized by this Act for dependents, the Secretary of the Navy may authorize the payment in money of amounts equal to such commercial transportation costs for the whole or such part of travel for which transportation in kind is not furnished, when such travel shall have been completed.”

(b) This amendment shall take effect as of December 7, 1941.

SEC. 4. Section 4 of the Act of June 5, 1942 (56 Stat. 314, 315; 50 App. U. S. C. 763, 764), is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following subsection (e):

“(e) In lieu of transportation authorized by subsections 3 (b), 3 (c), 4 (a), 4 (b), and 4 (c) of this Act for dependents, the Secretary of War may authorize the payment in money of amounts equal to such commercial transportation costs for the whole or such part of travel for which transportation in kind is not furnished, when such travel shall have been completed: *Provided*, That the provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to travel performed by dependents on and after the respective effective dates of the afore-mentioned subsections.”

Approved February 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 22]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making an additional appropriation for the fiscal year 1946 for readjustment benefits, Veterans' Administration.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

February 12, 1946
[S. 1631]
[Public Law 298]

Transportation for dependents.
Payment in money.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1012.

Personnel reported dead, etc.

50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 831.

Navy personnel under secret orders.

50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. §§ 833a-833e.

Navy personnel assigned to new stations.

50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 764.

Certain civilian and military personnel.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 763 (b), (c).

February 14, 1946
[H. J. Res. 316]
[Public Law 299]

Veterans.
Readjustment benefits, appropriation.