

post fund as provided for in this Act, and shall be used or disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. The annual report to Congress by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall include a summarized statement of post fund receipts, disbursements, and investments, and other pertinent information concerning said post fund.

Approved July 16, 1946.

Report to Congress.

[CHAPTER 580]

AN ACT

To provide assistance to the Republic of China in augmenting and maintaining a Naval Establishment, and for other purposes.

July 16, 1946
[H. R. 5356]

[Public Law 512]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the President is authorized, whenever in his discretion the public interests render such a course advisable, or will assist in relieving United States forces of duty in China or putting the Government of the Republic of China in better position to protect or improve the safety of navigation in its waters, to provide to the Republic of China such naval services, training, plans, and technical advice as he may deem proper; and to dispose of naval vessels and craft, not to exceed two hundred and seventy-one vessels and craft under authority of this Act, which are in excess of the naval needs of the United States, floating drydocks of capacity sufficient to accommodate any vessel or craft disposed of under authority of this Act, and material necessary for the operation and maintenance of the vessels and craft disposed of under authority of this Act and for the training of the crews of such vessels and craft, to the Republic of China by sale, exchange, lease, gift, or transfer for cash, credit, or other property, with or without warranty, or upon such other terms and conditions as he may deem proper: *Provided*, That prior to the disposition under the authority of this Act of any battleship, aircraft carrier of any type, cruiser, destroyer (but not destroyer escort), or submarine the President shall first obtain the authority of the Congress in each instance: *Provided further*, That no information, plans, advice, material, documents, blueprints, or other papers, bearing a secret or top-secret classification shall be disposed of or transferred under authority of this Act.

Republic of China.
Naval assistance.

Disposal of vessels,
etc.

Training of crews.

Secret documents,
etc.

Detail of officers and
enlisted men.

Restriction.

Additional compen-
sation.

Credit for longevity,
etc.

Termination of Act.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized, upon application from the Republic of China, and whenever in his discretion the public interests render such a course advisable, to detail not to exceed one hundred officers and two hundred enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps to assist the Republic of China in naval matters: *Provided*, That United States naval or Marine Corps personnel shall not accompany Chinese troops, aircraft, or ships on other than training maneuvers or cruises: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Navy is authorized to pay to such persons such additional compensation as may be necessary to make appropriate adjustment for increased cost of living occasioned by reason of detail to such duty: *And provided further*, That while so detailed such officers and enlisted men shall receive the pay and allowances thereunto entitled in the United States Navy or Marine Corps and shall be allowed the same credit for longevity, retirement, and for all other purposes that they would receive if they were serving with the forces of the United States.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall terminate five years after the date of its enactment.

Approved July 16, 1946.

[CHAPTER 581]

AN ACT

July 16, 1946
[H. R. 5641]

[Public Law 513]

Marine Band.
Attendance at con-
ventions.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

To authorize the attendance of the Marine Band at the national convention of the United Spanish War Veterans, to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 4 to 10, inclusive, 1946.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at the department convention of The American Legion to be held at Racine, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1946, and at the national convention of the United Spanish War Veterans to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 4 to 10, inclusive, 1946.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such conventions, there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$9,986.26, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That in addition to transportation and Pullman accommodations the leaders and members of the Marine Band be allowed not to exceed \$6 per day each for additional living expenses while on duty, and that the payment of such expenses shall be in addition to the pay and allowances to which they would be entitled while serving their permanent station.

Approved July 16, 1946.

[CHAPTER 582]

AN ACT

July 16, 1946
[H. R. 5933]

[Public Law 514]

Day nurseries and
nursery schools, D. C.

Maintenance in
public schools, etc.

Eligibility.

Employment of per-
sonnel.
Post, p. 894.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674;
Supp. V, § 661 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 216, 219.
Appropriations
available.

To authorize and direct the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia to establish and operate in the public schools and other suitable locations a system of nurseries and nursery schools for day care of school-age and under-school-age children, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, as used in this Act, "Board" means the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia; "parent" means natural parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or stepparent; and "child" means natural child, grandchild, stepchild, adopted child, or legal ward.

SEC. 2. On and after July 1, 1946, and until June 30, 1947, and no longer, the Board is authorized and directed to establish, maintain, and operate in and on such of the buildings and grounds of the public schools of the District of Columbia, as may be designated and approved by the Board of Education, and at such other suitable locations, as may be designated and approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, not to exceed a total of fourteen nurseries and nursery schools for the day care of children of school or under-school age of parents residing in the District of Columbia and who have resided therein for not less than one year immediately preceding the entry of their children into such nurseries or nursery schools and who are employed and are financially unable otherwise to provide for the day care of their children or who are so handicapped that they cannot otherwise provide for the day care of their children. The Board is authorized to employ teachers, attendants, clerks, custodians, and other persons necessary to provide such day care and to pay compensation for their services in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. Appropriations now or hereafter available for the maintenance and operation of the buildings and grounds of the said public schools shall be available for the maintenance and operation of such of the buildings and grounds of the said public schools in and on which such nurseries and nursery schools may be established, maintained, and operated.