

[CHAPTER 91]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to convey certain lands situated within the Fort Douglas Military Reservation to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

March 14, 1946
[S. 1535]
[Public Law 324]

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 and directed to convey under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, a Colorado corporation, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to seven and eight thousand eight hundred and fifty-four ten-thousandths acres of land, more or less situated within the Fort Douglas Military Reservation, Utah.

Fort Douglas Military Reservation, Utah.
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. The lands conveyed pursuant to the provisions of the first section of this Act shall be used by the grantee as a location for a hospital for crippled children; and the deed of conveyance of such lands shall contain the express condition that if the grantee shall fail or cease to use such lands for such purposes, or shall alienate or attempt to alienate such lands, title thereto shall revert to the United States.

Reversion of title.

Approved March 14, 1946.

[CHAPTER 92]

AN ACT

For the relief of the city of Memphis, Tennessee, and Memphis Park Commission.

March 14, 1946
[S. 176]
[Public Law 325]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the city of Memphis, Tennessee, and the Memphis Park Commission, the sum of \$15,000, in full settlement of all claims against the Government of the United States for compensation for damages sustained by said city and its park commission on account of the destruction of the building known as the Woman's Building and its fixtures and equipment located in the fair grounds of said city by fire on January 19, 1943, occasioned by the negligence of agents and representatives of the United States Army, who, at the time, were in possession and control of said building, together with a large portion of the Memphis Fair Grounds and improvements thereon, for use exclusively for the purposes of a military reservation under lease thereof by the city of Memphis to the United States, wherein, in effect, the United States agreed that it would restore the leased premises to the same condition as that existing at the time of entering upon the same in the event of the damage or destruction thereof occasioned by the negligence of the lessee: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Payment of damage claims.

Approved March 14, 1946.

[CHAPTER 93]

AN ACT

March 14, 1946
[S. 1532]
[Public Law 326]

To authorize the appointment of certain persons as permanent brigadier generals of the line of the Regular Army.

Regular Army
Permanent brigadier
generals.
Post, p. 936.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is authorized to appoint as permanent brigadier generals of the line of the Regular Army the following persons: Hoyt S. Vandenberg, presently serving in the temporary grade of lieutenant general in the Army of the United States; James H. Doolittle, presently serving in the temporary grade of lieutenant general in the Army of the United States; Raymond S. McLain, presently serving in the temporary grade of lieutenant general in the Army of the United States; Curtis E. LeMay, presently serving in the temporary grade of major general in the Army of the United States; and Lauris Norstad, presently serving in the temporary grade of major general in the Army of the United States.

SEC. 2. Any persons appointed pursuant to the provisions of the first section of this Act shall be counted for the purposes of provisions of law establishing the authorized number of brigadier generals of the line of the Regular Army.

Approved March 14, 1946.

[CHAPTER 104]

AN ACT

March 20, 1946
[H. R. 5239]
[Public Law 327]

To amend Public Law 277, Seventy-ninth Congress, so as to provide the Coast Guard, at such time as it is transferred back to the Treasury Department, with a system of laws for the settlement of claims, and for other purposes.

59 Stat. 662.
31 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 215-217 notes,
222e, 222f, 223d.
Post, pp. 333, 846.
Coast Guard.
Settlement of claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 277, Seventy-ninth Congress, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sections:

“SEC. 5. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the Coast Guard and to the personnel of the Coast Guard, military and civil, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a part of the Navy. In such cases, the Secretary of the Treasury shall have and exercise, as to claims caused by military or civilian employees of the Coast Guard while acting within the scope of their employment or otherwise incident to the activities of the Coast Guard and as to the claims of the personnel of the Coast Guard, the authority conferred by this Act upon the Secretary of the Navy, and payment or reimbursement in kind of such claims shall be made from appropriations available to the Treasury Department which appropriations are hereby authorized. The Act of December 28, 1922 (42 Stat. 1066), shall be inapplicable to the Coast Guard sixty days after approval of this Act.

“SEC. 6. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the personnel of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Public Health Service when serving with the Navy.”

Approved March 20, 1946.

31 U. S. C. §§ 215-
217; Supp. V, §§ 215-
217 notes.
Post, p. 846.
Coast and Geodetic
Survey; P.H.S.