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### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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HARRY S. TRUMAN, President; ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; JOSEPH W. MARTIN, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### [CHAPTER 1]

#### AN ACT

To extend veterans' preference benefits to widowed mothers of certain ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen.

January 19, 1948  
[H. R. 1426]  
[Public Law 396]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a semicolon and the following: "(5) widowed mothers (if they have not remarried and were widows at the time of the death or disability of their ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter)—

Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, amendments.  
58 Stat. 337.  
5 U. S. C. § 851.  
*Post*, p. 1233.  
Widowed mothers of deceased or disabled ex-servicemen.

"(A) of deceased ex-servicemen or ex-servicewomen who lost their lives while on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during any war, or in any campaign or expedition (for which a campaign badge has been authorized), or

"(B) of service-connected permanently and totally disabled ex-servicemen or ex-servicewomen,

if said ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman was separated from such armed forces under honorable conditions; and (6) a mother of a deceased ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman who lost his or her life while on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during any war, or in any campaign or expedition (for which a campaign badge has been authorized), or of a service-connected permanently and totally disabled ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman, if (A) said ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman was separated from such armed forces under honorable conditions, (B) the mother was divorced or legally separated from the father of said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter, and (C) said ex-serviceman son or ex-servicewoman daughter is the only child of said mother".

Mother of deceased or disabled ex-serviceman.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 is amended by striking out "and (3)," after the second comma in the first sentence, and inserting the following: "(3), (5) and (6)".

58 Stat. 388.  
5 U. S. C. § 852;  
Supp. I, § 852 note.

SEC. 3. Section 10 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 is amended by striking out "and (3)" and inserting "(3), (5) and (6)".

58 Stat. 390.  
5 U. S. C. § 859.

Approved January 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 2]

## AN ACT

January 19, 1948  
[H. R. 3146]  
[Public Law 397]

To amend section 3 of the Flood Control Act approved August 28, 1937, and for other purposes.

Flood control.  
50 Stat. 877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 of the Flood Control Act approved August 28, 1937, is amended to read as follows:

Surveys authorized.

49 Stat. 1570.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 701a,  
701b.

“SEC. 3. That, in order to further the declaration of policy and principles declared in sections 1 and 2 of the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936, and to supplement the preliminary examinations and surveys which the Secretary of War has heretofore been, or is hereafter, authorized and directed to make of waterways with a view to the control of their floods, the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys to be made for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on the watersheds of said waterways, the costs thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for such purposes.”

Report to Congress.

49 Stat. 1570.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 701a-  
701f, 701h.

SEC. 2. After the Secretary of Agriculture has submitted to Congress a regular or formal report made on any examination or survey, pursuant to the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936, as amended and supplemented, a supplemental, additional, or review report or estimate may be made if authorized by law or by resolution of the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Public Works of the Senate.

Approved January 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 3]

## AN ACT

January 19, 1948  
[H. R. 4055]  
[Public Law 398]

To provide increases in the rates of pension payable to veterans of Indian wars and the dependents of such veterans.

Veterans of Indian  
wars.  
Pension rates.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Indian wars and dependents of such veterans which are payable under any public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration are hereby increased by 20 per centum.

The increases provided by this section shall be effective from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved January 19, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 16]

## AN ACT

January 26, 1948  
[S. 1020]  
[Public Law 399]

To amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, as amended.

Philippine War  
Damage Commission  
employees.  
60 Stat. 128.  
50 U. S. C. app.  
§ 1751 (b).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 101 (b) of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by inserting after the word “employees,” the following: “who shall be entitled to accumulate annual leave to the maximum of ninety work days exclusive of the time actually and necessarily occupied in going to and from the continental United States and such time as may be necessarily occupied in awaiting sailing or flight.”

60 Stat. 128.  
50 U. S. C. app.  
§ 1751 (c).

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 101 of such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after the words “Commonwealth of the Philippines” the following: “(or the Republic of the Philippines)”.