

## [CHAPTER 439]

## AN ACT

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 91]  
[Public Law 231]

To provide for a research and development program in the Post Office Department.

Postal Service.  
Research and devel-  
opment program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to establish in the Post Office Department a research and development program which shall be administered by the Postmaster General through such officers and employees as he may designate.

Purpose.

(b) The investigations and studies under this program shall be for the purpose of improving existing equipment, supplies, methods, procedures, means, and devices used in the Postal Service and of introducing new types of equipment, supplies, methods, procedures, means, and devices for use in such service in order that the businesses of the Post Office Department may be more efficiently and economically operated.

Facilities and assist-  
ance of Federal agen-  
cies.

SEC. 2. In carrying out its functions under this Act, the Department is authorized, pursuant to the Act of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1084), as amended (31 U. S. C., sec. 686), or other applicable law, to utilize the research and testing facilities of the National Bureau of Standards and to procure advice and assistance from any department or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government.

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## [CHAPTER 440]

## AN ACT

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 1720]  
[Public Law 232]

To provide for the conveyance of certain land in Missoula County, Montana, to the State of Montana for the use and benefit of Montana State University.

Montana.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to sell and convey, at one-half the value thereof fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, to the State of Montana for the use and benefit of Montana State University, Missoula, Montana, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land situated in Missoula County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:

The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the south half of the northwest quarter, and the north half of the southwest quarter, section 30, township 13 north, range 19 west, Montana principal meridian, containing approximately two hundred acres.

Right reserved to  
U. S.

SEC. 2. The patent issued under this Act shall contain a reservation to the United States of all mineral deposits in the lands and of the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under applicable laws and under regulations to be established by the Secretary.

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## [CHAPTER 441]

## AN ACT

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 2662]  
[Public Law 233]

To grant time to employees in the executive branch of the Government to participate, without loss of pay or deduction from annual leave, in funerals for deceased members of the armed forces returned to the United States for burial.

Veterans.  
Participation in fu-  
nerals.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That employees in

the executive branch of the Government who are veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I, or World War II may be excused from duty, without loss of pay or deduction from their annual leave, for such time as may be necessary, but not in excess of four hours in any one day, to enable them to participate as active pall-bearers or as members of firing squads or guards of honor in funeral ceremonies for members of the armed forces of the United States who lost their lives in World War II and whose remains are returned from abroad for final interment in the United States.

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[CHAPTER 442]

AN ACT

To declare the waterway (in which is located the Brewery Street Channel) from Brewery Street southeastward to a line running south thirty-three degrees fifty-three minutes thirty-six seconds west from the south side of Chestnut Street at New Haven, Connecticut, a nonnavigable stream.

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 3511]  
[Public Law 234]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the portion of the waterway in which is located the Brewery Street Channel in the city of New Haven, Connecticut, lying northwest of a line extending south thirty-three degrees fifty-three minutes thirty-six seconds west from a point (located north forty-five degrees fifteen minutes eight seconds west; distant two hundred and eighty-six feet from United States harbor line mark 41 on the southerly side of Waterside Park) four hundred and seventeen and seventy-two one-hundredths feet to the combined United States bulkhead and pierhead line on the upstream face of Canal Wharf as established by the Secretary of War May 14, 1942, is hereby declared to be a nonnavigable water of the United States within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

New Haven, Conn.  
Nonnavigable wa-  
terway.

SEC. 2. Any project heretofore authorized by any Act of Congress, insofar as such project relates to the above-described portion of the Brewery Street section of New Haven Harbor, is hereby abandoned.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Rights reserved.

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[CHAPTER 443]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, to provide that the annuities of certain officers and employees engaged in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the United States shall be computed on the basis of their average basic salaries for any five consecutive years of allowable service.

August 16, 1949  
[H. R. 3756]  
[Public Law 235]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 (d) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out "and the annuity of such officer or employee shall be equal to 2 per centum of his average basic salary for the five years next preceding the date of his retirement, multiplied by the number of years of service, not exceeding thirty years" and inserting in lieu thereof "and the annuity of such officer or employee shall be equal to 2 per centum of his average basic salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of such officer or employee, multiplied by the number of years of service, not exceeding thirty years".

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.  
56 Stat. 14.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 691 (d).

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