

SEC. 3. Section 3975 of the Revised Statutes (sec. 493, title 39, U. S. C.) is hereby amended by striking out the semicolon and the following: "but where such service is performed over a route not established by law, he shall report the same to Congress at its meeting next thereafter, and such service shall cease at the end of the next session of Congress, unless such route is established a post route by Congress".

Approved April 4, 1953.

## Public Law 18

## CHAPTER 19

## AN ACT

April 4, 1953  
[H. R. 3073]

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, with respect to the survivorship benefits granted to Members of Congress.

Congress.  
Survivorship ben-  
efits.

53 Stat. 1201.  
5 USC 698.

Effective date.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (d) of section 4 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended by the Act of August 4, 1939 (Public, Numbered 263, Seventy-sixth Congress), which is referred to in paragraph (5) of section 3A of such Act, is amended by striking out the colon after the word "section" and the following: "Provided, That no election in lieu of the life annuity provided herein shall become effective in case an employee dies within thirty days after the effective date of retirement, and in the event of such death within this period, such death shall be considered as a death in active service".

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take effect as of January 1, 1953.

Approved April 4, 1953.

## Public Law 19

## CHAPTER 20

## AN ACT

April 4, 1953  
[H. R. 3658]

To extend for an additional two years the existing privilege of free importation of gifts from members of the Armed Forces of the United States on duty abroad.

65 Stat. 3.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act of December 5, 1942, entitled "An Act to accord free entry to bona fide gifts from members of the Armed Forces of the United States on duty abroad", as amended (U. S. C., title 50 App., sec. 847), is hereby amended by striking out "July 1, 1953" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1955".

Approved April 4, 1953.

## Public Law 20

## CHAPTER 21

## AN ACT

April 4, 1953  
[H. R. 3659]

To extend until July 1, 1955, the period during which personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders shall be exempt from duty.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first sentence of section 2 of the Act of June 27, 1942, entitled "An Act to

exempt from duty personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders" (U. S. C., title 50 App., sec. 802), is hereby amended to read as follows: "This Act shall be effective with respect to articles entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after December 8, 1941, and before July 1, 1955."

56 Stat. 461.

SEC. 2. Paragraph (18) of subsection (a) of the first section of the Emergency Powers Continuation Act (Public Law 450, Eighty-second Congress) is hereby repealed.

66 Stat. 332.

Approved April 4, 1953.

## Public Law 21

## CHAPTER 25

## AN ACT

To amend title V of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1953, so as to permit the continued use of appropriations thereunder to make payments to ARO, Incorporated, for operation of the Arnold Engineering Development Center after March 31, 1953.

April 13, 1953  
[H. R. 4130]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of title V of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1953 (66 Stat. 530), as reads: "Provided, That no part of such appropriation shall be used to make any payment to ARO, Incorporated, for operation of the Arnold Engineering Development Center after March 31, 1953, unless Congress shall have directed otherwise", is hereby repealed.

ARO, Inc.

Approved April 13, 1953.

## Public Law 22

## CHAPTER 30

## AN ACT

To permit the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish daylight-saving time in the District.

April 28, 1953  
[S. 1419]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance the standard time applicable to the District one hour for the period commencing not earlier than the last Sunday of April of each year and ending not later than the last Sunday of September of each year. Any such time established by the Commissioners under the authority of this Act shall, during the period of the year for which it is applicable, be the standard time for the District of Columbia.

Daylight-saving time, D.C.

Approved April 28, 1953.

## Public Law 23

## CHAPTER 31

## AN ACT

To amend and extend the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, and for other purposes.

April 30, 1953  
[H. R. 4507]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Housing and Rent Act of 1953".

Housing and Rent Act of 1953.