

57 Stat. 574.

144, Eighty-second Congress, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document: *Provided*, That, in addition to the sum of \$58,750 heretofore authorized in Public Law 168, Seventy-eighth Congress, first session, and the further sum of \$25,268 recommended in House Document Numbered 144, Eighty-second Congress, herein authorized, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated and paid to the Nutwood Drainage and Levee District the further sum of \$23,665 to reimburse said district for the additional cost of pumping incurred between January 1, 1944, to and including June 30, 1953.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 134

CHAPTER 225

July 17, 1953
[S. 2199]

AN ACT

To allow States during major disasters to use or distribute certain surplus equipment and supplies of the Federal Government.

42 USC 1855b.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize Federal assistance to States and local governments in major disasters, and for other purposes", approved September 30, 1950 (64 Stat. 1109), as amended, is amended by striking out clause (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) by donating or lending equipment and supplies, determined under then existing law to be surplus to the needs and responsibilities of the Federal Government, to States for use or distribution by them for the purposes of the Act including the restoration of public facilities damaged or destroyed in such major disaster and essential rehabilitation of individuals in need as the result of such major disaster;"

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 135

CHAPTER 226

July 17, 1953
[S. 1644]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of May 27, 1940 (54 Stat. 223), as amended, and the Act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1111), to remove the limitation upon the rank of the Director of Music, the leader of the Military Academy Band, and to remove the limitation upon the pay of the leader of the United States Naval Academy Band, and to authorize the appointment of the present leader of the United States Navy Band to the permanent grade of commander in the Navy.

Military band
leaders.
Rank, etc.
Military Academy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 27, 1940 (54 Stat. 223), as amended (10 U. S. C. 1086), is amended to read as follows: "That from and after the date of approval of this Act the director of music, the leader of the Military Academy Band, shall have such rank as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army and shall be entitled to receive the pay and allowances of an officer of such grade: *Provided*, That in the computation of the pay and allowances of such director of music all active service in the Army, including service as teacher or director of music, shall be counted as if it were commissioned service: *Provided further*, That the said leader of the Military Academy Band shall, at such time as the President in his discretion may direct, be retired as director of music with the highest rank in which he satisfactorily served for not less than six months while on active duty, as determined by the Secretary of the Army, and when so retired, shall be entitled to receive the

same retirement pay as is now or may hereafter be provided by law or regulation for an officer in the Army of the same grade with length of service computed as above: *And provided further*, That the dependents of said director of music shall be entitled to the same pensions, death gratuity, and other benefits as are now or may hereafter be provided for an officer of the Regular Army of corresponding grade with corresponding length of service."

SEC. 2. The Act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1111), is amended to read as follows:

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Naval Academy Band shall hereafter consist of one leader with the pay and allowances of such grade as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy; one second leader with the pay and allowances of a warrant officer; and of such enlisted men and in such ratings as may be assigned to that band by the Navy Department: *Provided*, That the ratings and the proportionate distribution among the ratings of the enlisted men shall be substantially the same as in the Navy band: *Provided further*, That the leader, second leader, and the enlisted men of the Naval Academy Band shall be entitled to the same benefits in respect to pay, emoluments, and retirement arising from longevity, reenlistment, and length of service as are or hereafter may become applicable to other officers and enlisted men of the Navy."

SEC. 3. The President is authorized to appoint the present leader of the United States Navy Band to the permanent commissioned grade of commander in the Navy. Such appointment pursuant to this Act shall be deemed to be not in the line of the Navy or in any staff corps of the Navy.

Approved July 17, 1953.

34 USC 1091a.

Naval Academy.

U. S. Navy

Public Law 136

CHAPTER 227

AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of lands of the Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument, Virginia, for non-Federal lands.

July 17, 1953
[H. R. 1528]

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 authorized to exchange lands of the Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument, Virginia, for non-Federal lands of approximately equal value when, in his opinion, such action is in the interest of the United States. Lands acquired pursuant to this Act shall be within a distance of one and one-half miles from the historic Appomattox Court House site, Virginia, and shall become a part of the monument upon acquisition of title thereto by the United States. The total area of this national monument as it may be revised pursuant to this Act shall be no greater than its present acreage.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 137

CHAPTER 228

AN ACT

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended.

July 17, 1953
[H. R. 4905]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by adding a new subsection (d) as follows:

Atomic Energy
Commission.
60 Stat. 770.
42 USC 1812.