

providing for the issuance of public improvement bonds", and Act 280 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1953, entitled "An Act relating to public improvement and the financing thereof, making appropriations for public improvements and providing for the issuance of public improvement bonds, and memorializing Congress to authorize the issuance of public improvement bonds of the Territory of Hawaii during the years 1953 to 1959, inclusive, without respect to the limitations imposed by the Hawaiian Organic Act" are hereby ratified and confirmed: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prohibit the amendment of said Act of said Territory by the legislature thereof, from time to time, to provide for changes in the improvements authorized by said Act, and for the disposition of unexpended moneys appropriated by said Act: *Provided further*, That no such amendment shall cause the proceeds of the bond issues hereby authorized to be expended for any purpose other than authorized public improvements or reduction of the debt, unless otherwise approved by the Congress.

31 Stat. 141.
48 USC 491.

SEC. 2. During the years 1954 to 1959, inclusive, the Territory of Hawaii is authorized to issue, any provision of the Hawaiian Organic Act or any other Act of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding, public improvement bonds in the amount of \$19,063,500 in excess of the existing debt limitation, which shall be in addition to all other issues in excess of said debt limitation authorized by the Congress: *Provided*, That the total indebtedness of such Territory shall not exceed \$95,000,000.

SEC. 3. All bonds issued pursuant to section 2 shall be serial bonds payable in substantially equal annual installments, with the first such installment maturing not later than five years from the date of issue and the last such installment maturing not later than thirty years from such date.

Approval of President.

SEC. 4. Bonds shall not be issued pursuant to section 2 without the approval of the President of the United States.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 644

CHAPTER 893

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 7131]

To repeal a limitation on pay of certain officers of the Navy.

Naval fleet admirals.
Pay.
50 USC app. 1691
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That fleet admirals of the Navy, appointed under the Act of March 23, 1946 (60 Stat. 59), shall be considered to be retired naval officers for the purposes of the last proviso of the paragraph under the heading "Pay of the Navy" contained in the Act of June 10, 1896 (29 Stat. 361), as that proviso was amended by section 9 of the Act of July 22, 1935 (49 Stat. 490; 34 U. S. C. 883).

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 645

CHAPTER 894

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 7398]

To repeal the requirement of section 3921 of the Revised Statutes that postmasters report to the Postmaster General failure to cancel postage stamps.

Postage stamps.
Cancellation.

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

section 3921 of the Revised Statutes which is codified in section 366 of title 39, United States Code, is hereby amended by striking out the comma following the word "them" and the words "and report the delinquent postmaster to the Postmaster General".

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 646

CHAPTER 895

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of postage-due stamps for philatelic purposes.

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 7399]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 26 of the Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (sec. 275 of title 39, United States Code), is hereby further amended by the addition of a sentence to read as follows:

Postage-due
stamps.
Sale.
20 Stat. 361.

"The Postmaster General may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, authorize the sale of deficiency or postage-due stamps for philatelic purposes through such agency of the Post Office Department as he may designate."

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 647

CHAPTER 896

AN ACT

To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the city and county of Honolulu, a municipal corporation, to issue public improvement bonds.

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 7517]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, notwithstanding any provisions of the Hawaiian Organic Act, any laws of the Territory of Hawaii or of any Acts of this Congress to the contrary, may authorize the city and county of Honolulu, a municipal corporation of the Territory of Hawaii, to issue bonds in the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of enabling it to construct sewerage systems in the city and county of Honolulu.

Honolulu, Ha-
waii.
Improvement
bonds.
31 Stat. 141.
48 USC 491.

SEC. 2. The bonds issued under authority of this Act shall be serial bonds, payable in substantially equal annual installments, the first installment to mature not later than five years and the last installment to mature not later than thirty years from the date of such issue. Such bonds may be issued without the approval of the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of Act 254 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1953, pertaining to the issuance of public improvement bonds, as authorized by this Act, are hereby ratified and confirmed subject to the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 648

CHAPTER 897

AN ACT

To authorize and direct the Farm Loan Board of Hawaii to convey certain land and to ratify and confirm certain acts of said Farm Loan Board.

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 7568]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the