

within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

SEC. 2. The line hereinbefore described shall be established as a combined pierhead and bulkhead line of the West River.

SEC. 3. Any project heretofore authorized by an Act of Congress, insofar as such project relates to the above-described portion of the West River, is hereby abandoned.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 9, 1955.

## Public Law 290

## CHAPTER 650

### AN ACT

To amend title 14, United States Code, so as to provide for compensatory absence of Coast Guard military personnel serving at isolated aids to navigation, and for other purposes.

August 9, 1955  
[S. 2566]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 432 (f) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting the words "as amended" following the words "Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945".

Coast Guard.  
63 Stat. 526.

SEC. 2. Section 432 (g) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by amending the first sentence thereof to read as follows: "The head of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, under regulations prescribed by him, may regulate the hours of duty and the pay of civilian keepers of lighthouses and civilians employed on lightships and other vessels of the Coast Guard, but such personnel may be called upon for duty in emergency circumstances or otherwise at any time or all times".

SEC. 3. The analysis of chapter 13 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting in such analysis the following item:

"511. Compensatory absence of military personnel at isolated aids to navigation."

63 Stat. 529.

SEC. 4. Chapter 13 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting a new section as follows:

"§ 511. Compensatory absence of military personnel at isolated aids to navigation.

"The head of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, under regulations prescribed by him, may grant compensatory absence from duty to military personnel of the Coast Guard serving in lightships and at lighthouses and other isolated aids to navigation of the Coast Guard when conditions of duty result in confinement because of isolation or in long periods of continuous duty."

Approved August 9, 1955.

## Public Law 291

## CHAPTER 651

### JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Texas Hill Country Development Foundation to convey certain land to Kerr County, Texas.

August 9, 1955  
[H.J. Res. 276]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding the second paragraph of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to provide for the conveyance to the Texas Hill Country Development Foundation of certain surplus land situated in Kerr County, Texas", approved June 28, 1954 (Private Law 480, Eighty-third Congress), or

Texas Hill Coun-  
try Deve lopment  
Foundation,  
Conveyance,  
68 Stat. A98.