

mittees of the House of Representatives shall be transferred to the House Studio.

Reserve fund.

(4) A sufficient reserve shall be set aside from the Joint Senate and House Recording Facility Revolving Fund to liquidate any outstanding accounts payable.

Balance, distribution.

(5) After appropriate adjustments for the value of assets assigned or transferred to the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, the balance in the Joint Senate and House Recording Facility Revolving Fund shall be distributed equally to the Senate and House of Representatives for deposit to the respective revolving funds authorized by this section.

Services and facilities, availability.

(j) Pending acquisition of the stock, supplies, materials, and equipment necessary to properly equip both studios, the present services and facilities shall be made available to both studios in order that each studio may carry out its duty.

Employment, restrictions.

(k) No person shall be an officer or employee of the House or Senate Recording Studio while he is engaged in any other business, profession, occupation, or employment which involves the performance of duties which are similar to those which would be performed by him as such an officer or employee of such studio unless approved in writing by the committee in the case of the House Recording Studio and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration in the case of the Senate Recording Studio.

61 Stat. 361.

(l) The Joint Recording Facility positions and salaries established pursuant to the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1948, and all subsequent Acts are hereby abolished.

67 Stat. 439.

Bonds and sureties.

(m) Effective with the completion of the transfer provided for by subsection (i) hereof the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution establishing in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund within the contingent fund of the House of Representatives", approved August 7, 1953 (2 U. S. C., sec. 123), is repealed.

(n) The Director of the House Recording Studio shall give bond to the Clerk of the House of Representatives with one or more sureties in the penal sum of \$20,000, with condition for the faithful performance of his duties and the preservation and security of all property in his care. The Director of the Senate Recording Studio shall give bond to the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate with one or more sureties in the penal sum of \$20,000, with condition for the faithful performance of his duties and the preservation and security of all property in his care.

Appropriations.

(o) Such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section are hereby authorized to be appropriated.

Short title.

SEC. 106. This Act may be cited as the "Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1957".

Approved June 27, 1956.

Public Law 625

CHAPTER 460

AN ACT

To amend the Act for the protection of walrus.

June 29, 1956  
[S. 3778]

Alaska.  
Walrus.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (ch. 368, 55 Stat. 632; 48 U. S. C. 248), is amended by changing the colon at the end of the first proviso to a comma and by inserting thereafter: "and said skins or hides may be exported from the Territory subject to such limitations on numbers and sizes of skins or hides exported as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe for the purpose of protecting and conserving the walrus herds:":

SEC. 2. Section 1 of said Act of August 18, 1941, is further amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a colon and by inserting thereafter: "Provided further, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe by regulations the extent to which, the times when, and the means by which, walrus may be taken for purposes other than food and clothing and the extent to which such walrus or the parts thereof may be possessed, sold, bartered, purchased, or exported. Any regulations so prescribed shall prohibit the hunting of walrus with the use of airplanes and helicopters and shall prohibit the taking of any walrus by a nonnative other than one bull walrus per year which may be taken only when the nonnative is accompanied by a native guide. The meat of any walrus taken by a nonnative shall be given to natives, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to prohibit the taking of walrus by nonnatives whenever he determines that such taking may endanger the food supply of the natives. No nonnative shall take any walrus under any regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior without first having procured a walrus hunting license which shall be issued in the manner prescribed by subdivision I, section 10, of the Alaska game law of January 13, 1925, as amended (43 Stat. 744; 48 U. S. C. 199). The fee for such license shall be \$25 for nonnative residents of the Territory of Alaska and \$50 for nonresidents. For the purposes of this Act, residence shall be governed by the conditions prescribed in section 3 of said Alaska game law. After deducting the amount that may be retained as compensation by persons authorized to sell such licenses, the amount of such retained compensation to be determined in accordance with subdivision K of section 10 of said Alaska game law, the proceeds from the sale of walrus hunting licenses shall be accounted for and disposed of in the manner prescribed by the said subdivision K."

Approved June 29, 1956.

## Public Law 626

## CHAPTER 461

## AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain members of the uniformed services.

June 29, 1956  
[H. R. 8922]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all payments of reenlistment bonuses heretofore made under the provisions of section 208 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as added by section 2 of the Act of July 16, 1954 (68 Stat. 488), are hereby validated to the extent that such bonuses were computed on the basis that reenlistments entered into by the member concerned subsequent to September 30, 1949, for which he did not receive a reenlistment bonus under section 207 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, were not counted in determining the reenlistment involved. Any member who has made repayment to the United States of any amount so paid to him as a reenlistment bonus is entitled to have refunded the amount repaid.

Armed Forces.  
Reenlistment  
bonuses.

37 USC 239.

63 Stat. 811; 68  
Stat. 488.  
37 USC 238.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the United States, from accountability for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available for the pay and allowances of members of the uniformed services, as defined in the Career Compensation Act of 1949, are available for refunds under this Act.

37 USC 231 note.

Approved June 29, 1956.