

Public Law 87-207

September 6, 1961
[H. R. 6244]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain members and former members of the uniformed services erroneously in receipt of family separation allowances.

Uniformed serv-
ices.
Family separ-
ation allowances.
Refunds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That members and former members of the uniformed services are relieved of all liability to refund to the United States the amounts, which were otherwise correct, erroneously received by them after February 28, 1956, and before September 1, 1956, as family separation allowances under former paragraph 4304, Joint Travel Regulations of the uniformed services. Any member or former member of a uniformed service who has at any time made repayment to the United States of any amount paid to him as a family separation allowance within that period is entitled to have refunded to him the amount repaid provided application is made within one year.

SEC. 2. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States full credit shall be given for the amount for which liability is relieved by this Act.

Appropriations.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available for the pay and allowances of members of the uniformed services are available for refunds under this Act.

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September 6, 1961
[S. 880]

AN ACT

To amend section 216 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to accept gifts and bequests of personal property for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

U. S. Merchant
Marine Academy.
Gifts and be-
quests of personal
property.
53 Stat. 1182;
Ante, p. 212.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 216 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1126), is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) (1) The Secretary of Commerce may accept, hold, administer, and spend gifts and bequests of personal property made on the condition that it be used for the benefit of, or for use in connection with, the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Gifts and bequests of money and the proceeds from the sales of property received as gifts shall be deposited in the Treasury in the fund called ‘United States Merchant Marine Academy general gift fund’. The Secretary may disburse funds deposited under this subsection for the benefit or use of the Merchant Marine Academy subject to the terms of the gift or bequest. If a gift is made for a specific purpose and that purpose is accomplished without exhausting the entire amount of the gift, then unless the donor has manifested a different intention, the Secretary may disburse the residue of the gift for a purpose that in the judgment of the Secretary, or his delegate, is as close as practical to the specific purpose for which the gift was made.

“(2) For the purpose of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes, property that is accepted under this subsection is considered as a gift or bequest to or for the use of the United States.

"(3) Upon the request of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury may invest, reinvest, or retain investments of money or securities comprising any part of the United States Merchant Marine Academy general gift fund in securities of the United States or in securities guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States. The interest and benefits accruing from those securities shall be deposited to the credit of the United States Merchant Marine Academy general gift fund, and may be disbursed as provided in this subsection."

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Public Law 87-209

AN ACT

To provide for a national hog cholera eradication program.

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[S. 1908]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to safeguard the health of the swine herds of the Nation, to prevent the spread of hog cholera, to decrease substantially the estimated \$50,000,000 annual loss from hog cholera, to expand export markets for pork and pork products now restricted on account of hog cholera, and to otherwise protect the public interest, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby directed (1) to initiate a national hog cholera eradication program in cooperation with the several States under the provisions of section 11 of the Act of May 29, 1884, as amended (21 U.S.C. 114a), and related legislation, and (2) to prohibit or restrict, pursuant to the authority vested in him under the provisions of section 2 of the Act of February 2, 1903, as amended (21 U.S.C. 111), the interstate movement of virulent hog cholera virus or other hog cholera virus to the extent he determines necessary in order to effectuate such eradication program.

Agriculture Department.
Hog cholera, eradication program.

70 Stat. 1032.

32 Stat. 792.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish an advisory committee composed of (1) eleven members selected from representatives of the swine and related industries, State and local government agencies, professional and scientific groups, and the general public, and (2) one member selected from the officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture who shall serve as chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary.

Advisory Committee.

(b) It shall be the function of the Committee to advise the Secretary with respect to the initiation of the national hog cholera eradication program referred to in the first section of this Act, and with respect to the development of plans and procedures for carrying out such program.

Function.

(c) Committee members other than the chairman shall not be deemed to be employees of the United States and shall not be entitled to compensation, but the Secretary is authorized to pay their travel and subsistence expenses (or per diem in lieu thereof) in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Committee.

Expenses of members.

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