

(3) The east half of section 8; the east half of section 17; east half of section 20; west half of section 21; the east half and the northwest quarter of section 28; all of sections 30, 31, and 32; all in township 22 south, range 63 east.

SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized by this Act shall be made subject to any existing valid claims against the lands described in the first section of this Act, and to any reservations necessary to protect continuing uses of those lands by the United States.

Approved May 14, 1956.

Public Law 523

CHAPTER 271

AN ACT

To authorize the construction and conversion of certain naval vessels, and for other purposes.

May 14, 1956
[H. R. 7993]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized to undertake the construction of, or to acquire and convert, not to exceed twenty-eight hundred tons of patrol vessels.

Patrol vessels.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the construction or for the acquisition and conversion of the foregoing vessels.

Appropriation.

Approved May 14, 1956.

Public Law 524

CHAPTER 278

AN ACT

For the relief of certain rural carriers.

May 18, 1956
[H. R. 6622]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each rural carrier who served a heavily patronized route during the period between November 1, 1949, and February 16, 1955, and who, as a result of administrative application of section 5 of the Act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 101), has received during such period total compensation in excess of the amount authorized under section 17 (d) of the Act of July 1, 1945, as amended (section 867 (d) of title 39, United States Code), is hereby relieved of all liability to refund to the United States the sum representing the difference between the amount of total compensation allowable under section 17 (d) of the Act of July 1, 1945, as amended, and the amount of total compensation paid the carrier during such period.

Postal Service,
rural carriers.

64 Stat. 103.
39 USC 888 note.

59 Stat. 456; 65
Stat. 625.

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Public Law 525

CHAPTER 279

AN ACT

To transfer certain lands from the Veterans' Administration to the Department of the Interior for the benefit of the Yavapai Indians of Arizona.

May 18, 1956
[S. 2851]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction over one thousand three hundred and twenty acres of land, more or less, formerly a part of the Fort Whipple Military Reservation,

Yavapai Indians
of Arizona.
Transfer of lands.

Arizona, and subsequently transferred to the Veterans' Administration by section 6 of the Act of March 4, 1931 (46 Stat. 1550), is hereby transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, and the title to such lands shall be held by the United States in trust for the Yavapai Indians, subject to any valid and existing rights in such lands. The description of the lands hereby transferred shall be determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, jointly, and in the event a survey is required to make such determination, the Department of the Interior shall bear the expense thereof. The transfer shall be subject to such terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, determines to be necessary to protect the interest of the Veterans' Administration Center, Whipple, Arizona.

Approved May 18, 1956.

Public Law 526

CHAPTER 280

May 18, 1956
[H. R. 4051]

AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain Army and Air Force nurses, and for other purposes.

Armed Forces,
Army and Air
Force nurses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of longevity pay heretofore made to Army and Air Force nurses for service after April 15, 1947, and before October 1, 1949, are validated to the extent that those payments were based upon service performed by the persons concerned as nurses or as commissioned officers of the Army Nurse Corps, Navy Nurse Corps, or Public Health Service. Any Army or Air Force nurse who has made a repayment to the United States of the amount so paid to her as longevity pay is entitled to be paid the amount involved, if otherwise proper.

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

Approved May 18, 1956.

Public Law 527

CHAPTER 281

May 18, 1956
[H. R. 5787]

AN ACT

To authorize settlement of claims for residential structures heretofore erected at the expense of patients on the grounds of the Public Health Service hospital, Carville, Louisiana.

PHS hospital,
Carville, La.
Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$25,000, to remain available until June 30, 1958, to enable the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to settle or compromise all claims by various persons of right or title to or interest in certain structures (including furniture and fixtures therein) which were erected prior to January 1, 1954, by patients of the Public Health Service Hospital at Carville, Louisiana, at their own expense on the grounds of the hospital. Such claims may be settled or compromised, with the approval of the Administrator of General Services, for such amounts as may be arrived