

“(2) Nothing in this section shall limit or affect the appointment of and payment of compensation to retired officers or warrant officers not presently or hereafter prohibited by law.”

Approved June 26, 1951.

Public Law 54

CHAPTER 152

AN ACT

June 26, 1951  
[H. R. 4393]

To extend for two years the period during which free postage for members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Korea and other specified areas shall be in effect.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide free postage for members of the Armed Forces of the United States in specified areas”, approved July 12, 1950 (Public Law 609, Eighty-first Congress), is hereby amended by striking out “June 30, 1951” and inserting in lieu thereof “June 30, 1953”.

64 Stat. 336.  
50 U. S. C. app.  
§ 892.

Approved June 26, 1951.

Public Law 55

CHAPTER 153

AN ACT

June 27, 1951  
[H. R. 157]

To provide transportation on Canadian vessels between Skagway, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, between Haines, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation.

Alaska.  
Transportation on  
Canadian vessels.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, until June 30, 1952, notwithstanding the provisions of law of the United States restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from any port in the United States to another port of the United States, passengers may be transported on Canadian vessels between Skagway, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, between Haines, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation: *Provided,* That such Canadian vessels may transport merchandise between Hyder, Alaska, and other ports and points herein enumerated.

Approved June 27, 1951.

Public Law 56

CHAPTER 154

AN ACT

June 27, 1951  
[H. R. 389]

For the relief of the State of Maryland.

State of Maryland.  
Payment for dam-  
age to oyster bars.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the State of Maryland the sum of \$20,000. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of such State against the United States on account of damage to natural oyster bars in the Patuxent and Severn Rivers

heretofore caused by dredging operations conducted by the Department of the Navy: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved June 27, 1951.

## Public Law 57

## CHAPTER 155

## AN ACT

To extend the time for completing the construction of a toll bridge across the Delaware River near Wilmington, Delaware.

June 27, 1951  
[H. R. 4338]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the State of Delaware, by and through its State highway department, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Delaware River near Wilmington, Delaware", approved July 13, 1946, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Toll bridge.  
Delaware River.

60 Stat. 533.

Time limitation.

"SEC. 5. The authority hereby granted shall cease and be null and void unless the actual construction of said bridge and its approaches be commenced within three years and completed within six years from July 13, 1946."

Approved June 27, 1951.

## Public Law 58

## CHAPTER 165

## AN ACT

Relating to the treatment of powers of appointment for estate and gift tax purposes.

June 28, 1951  
[H. R. 2084]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That this Act may be cited as the "Powers of Appointment Act of 1951".

Powers of Appointment  
Act of 1951.

## SEC. 2. ESTATE TAX—POWERS OF APPOINTMENT.

(a) Section 811 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to powers of appointment) is hereby amended to read as follows:

53 Stat. 122.  
26 U. S. C. § 811 (f).

"(f) POWERS OF APPOINTMENT.—

"(1) PROPERTY WITH RESPECT TO WHICH DECEDENT EXERCISES A GENERAL POWER OF APPOINTMENT CREATED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 21, 1942.—To the extent of any property with respect to which a general power of appointment created on or before October 21, 1942, is exercised by the decedent (1) by will or (2) by a disposition which is of such nature that if it were a transfer of property owned by the decedent, such property would be includible in the decedent's gross estate under subsection (c) or (d); but the failure to exercise such a power or the complete release of such a power shall not be deemed an exercise thereof.

"If before November 1, 1951, or within the time limited by paragraph (2) of section 403 (d) of the Revenue Act of 1942, as amended, in cases to which such paragraph is applicable, a general power of appointment created on or before October 21, 1942, shall have been partially released so that it is no longer a general power

56 Stat. 942.  
26 U. S. C. § 811  
notes.