

Public Law 583

CHAPTER 931

July 17, 1952
[H. R. 7722]

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act so as to provide for equality of grade, pay, and allowance between the Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard and comparable officers of the Army.

58 Stat. 684.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of subsection (a) of section 206 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U. S. C., sec 207), is amended by inserting after "Deputy Surgeon General" the following: "and the Chief Medical Officer of the United States Coast Guard,".

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CHAPTER 932

July 17, 1952
[H. R. 7806]

AN ACT

To authorize the participation by certain Federal employees, without loss of pay or deduction from annual leave, in funerals for deceased members of the Armed Forces returned to the United States from abroad for burial and relating to the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Veterans.
Participation in
funerals.

63 Stat. 608.
5 USC 30 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to grant time to employees in the executive branch of the Government to participate, without loss of pay or deduction from annual leave, in funerals for deceased members of the Armed Forces returned to the United States for burial", approved August 16, 1949, is amended to read as follows:

"That employees in the executive branch of the Government who are veterans of any war, campaign, or expedition (for which a campaign badge has been authorized), or members of honors or ceremonial groups of organizations of such veterans may be excused from duty without loss of pay or deduction from their annual leave, for such time as may be necessary, but not in excess of four hours in any one day, to enable them to participate as active pallbearers or as members of firing squads or guards of honor in funeral ceremonies for members of the Armed Forces of the United States whose remains are returned from abroad for final interment in the United States."

General Counsel
of Department of
Commerce.

SEC. 2. The Solicitor of the Department of Commerce shall hereafter be designated as the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, and all laws and orders relating or referring to the Solicitor of the Department of Commerce shall be deemed to relate or refer to the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

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Public Law 585

CHAPTER 933

July 17, 1952
[H. R. 8122]

AN ACT

To continue the existing method of computing parity prices for basic agricultural commodities, and for other purposes.

Agricultural
commodities.
Parity prices.
63 Stat. 1056.
7 USC 1301.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 301 (a) (1) (G) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 is amended to read as follows:

“(G) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the parity price for any basic agricultural commodity, as of any date during the six-year period beginning January 1, 1950, shall not be less than its parity price computed in the manner used prior to the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 1949.”

SEC. 2. Section 101 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of section 101 (d) thereof:

7 USC 1441.

“(6) The level of support of cooperators shall be 90 per centum of the parity price for the 1953 and 1954 crops of any basic agricultural commodity with respect to which producers have not disapproved marketing quotas.”

Cooperators.

SEC. 3. The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, is amended as follows:

1. Add a new subsection (f) at the end of section 101 of such Act, as follows:

“(f) The provisions of this Act relating to price support for cotton shall apply severally to (1) American upland cotton and (2) extra long staple cotton described in subsection (a) and ginned as required by subsection (e) of section 347 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, except that the level of price support which shall be made available to cooperators for extra long staple cotton of the 1953 crop if producers have not disapproved marketing quotas therefor shall be at a level bearing the same relationship to the level of price support determined for American upland cotton as the average farm price for extra long staple cotton during the period 1936-1942, inclusive, bore to such price for American upland cotton. Disapproval by producers of the quota proclaimed under such section 347 shall place into effect the provisions of section 101 (d) (3) of this Act with respect to the extra long staple cotton described in subsection (a) of such section 347. Nothing contained herein shall affect the authority of the Secretary under section 402 to make support available for extra long staple cotton in accordance with such section 402.”

Cotton.

Infra.

7 USC 1422.

2. Add a new section 420 to such Act, reading as follows:

“SEC. 420. Any price support program in effect on cottonseed or any of its products shall be extended to the same seed and products of the cottons defined under section 347 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.”

Long staple cotton.

63 Stat. 675.
7 USC 1347.

SEC. 4. Section 347 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“LONG STAPLE COTTON

“SEC. 347. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the provisions of this part shall not apply to extra long staple cotton which is produced from pure strain varieties of the Barbados species, or any hybrid thereof, or other similar types of extra long staple cotton designated by the Secretary having characteristics needed for various end uses for which American upland cotton is not suitable, and grown in irrigated cotton-growing regions of the United States designated by the Secretary or other areas designated by the Secretary as suitable for the production of such varieties or types.

Exemptions.

“(b) Whenever during any calendar year, not later than October 15, the Secretary determines that the total supply of cotton described in subsection (a) for the marketing year beginning in such calendar year will exceed the normal supply thereof for such marketing year by more than 8 per centum, the Secretary shall proclaim such fact and a national marketing quota shall be in effect for the crop of such cotton produced in the next calendar year. The Secretary shall also determine and specify in such proclamation the amount of the national

National marketing quotas.

marketing quota in terms of the quantity of cotton described in subsection (a) adequate to make available a normal supply of such cotton, taking into account (1) the estimated carry-over at the beginning of the marketing year which begins in the next calendar year, and (2) the estimated imports during such marketing year. The national marketing quota for cotton described in subsection (a) for any year shall not be less than the larger of thirty thousand bales or a number of bales equal to 30 per centum of the estimated domestic consumption plus exports of such cotton for the marketing year beginning in the calendar year in which such quota is proclaimed.

63 Stat. 670.
7 USC 1342,
1344.

7 USC 1346.

“(c) All provisions of this Act, except section 342, subsections (h), (k), and (l) of section 344, the parenthetical provisions relating to acreages regarded as having been planted to cotton, and the provisions relating to minimum small farm allotments, shall, insofar as applicable, apply to marketing quotas and acreage allotments authorized by this section: *Provided*, That the applicable penalty rate for such cotton under section 346 shall be the higher of 50 per centum of the parity price or 50 per centum of the support price for extra long staple cotton as of the date specified therein.

“(d) Unless marketing quotas are in effect under subsection (b) of this section, the penalty provisions of section 346 shall not apply to any cotton the staple of which is one and one-half inches or more in length.

“(e) The exemptions authorized by subsections (a) and (d) of this section shall not apply unless (1) the cotton is ginned on a roller-type gin or (2) the Secretary authorizes the cotton to be ginned on another type gin for experimental purposes or to prevent loss of the cotton due to frost or other adverse condition.”

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Public Law 586

CHAPTER 939

AN ACT

July 17, 1952
[S. 241]

To amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to further promote the development and maintenance of the American merchant marine, and for other purposes.

Merchant Marine Act, 1936, amendments.
49 Stat. 1995.
46 USC 1151.
Construction-differential subsidy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 501 (a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Any citizen of the United States may make application to the Commission for a construction-differential subsidy to aid in the construction of a new vessel to be used in the foreign commerce of the United States. No such application shall be approved by the Commission unless it determines that (1) the plans and specifications call for a new vessel which will meet the requirements of the foreign commerce of the United States, will aid in the promotion and development of such commerce, and be suitable for use by the United States for national defense or military purposes in time of war or national emergency; (2) the applicant possesses the ability, experience, financial resources, and other qualifications necessary to enable it to operate and maintain the proposed new vessel, and (3) the granting of the aid applied for is reasonably calculated to replace worn-out or obsolete tonnage with new and modern ships, or otherwise to carry out effectively the purposes and policy of this Act. The contract of sale, and the mortgage given to secure the payment of the unpaid balance