Joint Resolution

Continuing the availability of appropriations for the Small Defense Plants Administration for the month of July 1953, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That not to exceed $300,000 of the unobligated balance of the appropriation "Salaries and expenses, Small Defense Plants Administration, 1953" shall remain available through July 31, 1953. The revolving fund established under said Administration shall remain available through July 31, 1953, for payment of obligations and direct costs under contracts entered into during the fiscal year 1953.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be subject to the provisions of sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of the joint resolution approved June 30, 1953 (Public Law 91), making temporary appropriations for the fiscal year 1954.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and authority granted by this joint resolution shall be available on and after July 1, 1953, and all obligations incurred in anticipation of the enactment hereof are ratified and confirmed if otherwise in accordance with the terms hereof.

Approved July 16, 1953.

Public Law 128

An Act

To continue the effect of the statutory provisions relating to the deposit of savings for members of the Army and Air Force, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of December 18, 1942 (56 Stat. 1057), as extended by the Emergency Powers Continuation Act (66 Stat. 330), is amended by—

(1) striking out "but shall be forfeited by desertion" appearing in section 1 thereof;

(2) amending section 3 thereof to read, "Sec. 3. The amendments herein provided by sections 1 and 2 shall be effective until July 1, 1954."; and

(3) adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"Sec. 4. (a) Section 1305 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended by striking out "but shall be forfeited by desertion'.

"(b) The Act of February 9, 1889 (ch. 119, 25 Stat. 657), is hereby amended by striking out 'but shall be forfeited by desertion'.

"(c) The proviso to section 2 of the Act of June 15, 1943 (ch. 125, 57 Stat. 152), is hereby repealed.'."

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 129

An Act

To amend the Act of July 28, 1942 (ch. 528, 56 Stat. 722), relating to posthumous appointments and commissions, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of July 28, 1942 (ch. 528, 56 Stat. 722), is amended as follows:

[Text of amendments]

Approved July 17, 1953.
(a) By deleting the words "Secretary of War or the Secretary of
the Navy", and the words "Secretary of War and the Secretary of
the Navy" wherever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof
the words "appropriate Secretary";
(b) By deleting the words "in the military or naval service" where-
ver they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in
the military service";
(c) By deleting the words "War or Navy Department" wherever
they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "military
department concerned";
(d) By deleting the words "be, and they are hereby, severally" in
section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "is"; and
(e) By renumbering section 5 as "Sec. 6" and inserting immedi-
ately after section 4 a new section 5 as follows:
"Sec. 5. For the purposes of this Act, in any case where the date
of death is established or determined under the Missing Persons Act,
as amended, the date of death is the date of receipt by the head of
the department concerned of evidence that the person is dead, or the
date the finding of death is made under section 5 of that Act, as
amended."

Sec. 2. This amendatory Act is effective June 25, 1950.
Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 130
CHAPTER 221
AN ACT
To provide certain construction and other authority for the military departments
in time of war or national emergency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretaries
of the Army, Navy, and Air Force are respectively authorized, during
the national emergency proclaimed by the President on December 16,
1950, and for six months thereafter, or until July 1, 1954, or until such
date as may be specified by a concurrent resolution of the Congress,
whichever is the earliest, to provide for the acquisition, construction,
establishment, expansion, rehabilitation, conversion, and installation,
on land or at plants privately or publicly owned, of such industrial-
type plants, buildings, facilities, equipment, machine tools, utilities,
and appurtenances or interest therein, including the necessary land
therefor by purchase, donation, lease, condemnation, or otherwise
(without regard to sections 1136, 3648, and 3734 of the Revised Stat-
utes, as amended, and prior to approval of title to the underlying land
by the Attorney General), as may be necessary for defense production
or mobilization reserve purposes, and to provide for the maintenance,
storage and operation thereof and of those established pursuant to the
provision of the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 712), as amended (50
U. S. C. App. 773, 1171 (a)), and the Act of December 17, 1942 (56
Stat. 1053), as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 1201), either by means of
Government personnel or qualified commercial manufacturers under
contract with the Government: Provided, That as soon as practicable
prior to the submission of a budgetary request to the Congress for the
purchase of equipment or machine tools pursuant to this section, the
Secretary of Defense shall inform the Committees on Armed Services
of the Senate and of the House of Representatives in detail with
respect to the proposed program therefor. When the Secretary con-
cerned deems it necessary in the interest of the national defense, he
may lease any such plants, buildings, facilities, equipment, utilities,