Public Law 131

American Red Cross. Aid to Armed Forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the President shall find the cooperation and use of the American National Red Cross with the Armed Forces to be necessary, he is authorized to accept the assistance tendered by the said Red Cross, and to employ the same under the Armed Forces. The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 2. Whenever the said Red Cross cooperation and assistance with the Armed Forces shall have been accepted by the President, the personnel entering upon the duty specified in the first section of this Act may be transported while proceeding to their place of duty, while serving thereat, and while returning therefrom, at the cost and charge of the United States as civilian employees employed with the said forces; be furnished meals and quarters, providing the cost thereof is borne by such personnel or by the American National Red Cross, except that in instances where civilian employees are furnished quarters without cost, employees of the American National Red Cross may also be furnished quarters on the same basis without cost; and be furnished office space, warehousing, wharfage, and means of communication, without charge, when such facilities are available: Provided, That no passport fee shall be charged or collected for any passport issued to such personnel so serving or proceeding abroad to enter upon such service: Provided further, That such Red Cross equipment and supplies as may, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed as provided for in the first section hereof, be determined to be necessary in the furnishing of the assistance herein provided, including Red Cross supplies that may be tendered as a gift and accepted for use by the Armed Forces, shall be transported at the cost and charge of the United States.

SEC. 3. The fifth paragraph of section 127a of the Act of June 3, 1916, as added by section 51 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (ch. 227, 41 Stat. 785), is amended to read as follows:

"Each Secretary of a military department may grant permission, by revocable license, to the American National Red Cross to erect and maintain on any United States military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned buildings suitable for the storage of supplies, or to occupy for that purpose buildings erected by the
United States, under such regulations as the Secretary concerned may prescribe, such supplies to be available for the aid of the civilian population in case of serious national disaster.”

SEC. 4. The Act of January 5, 1905 (ch. 23, 33 Stat. 599), as amended, is further amended as follows:
(a) The first clause of section 3 is amended by deleting the word “armies” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Armed Forces”.
(b) The fourth clause of section 3 is amended (1) by deleting the words “Army and Navy” wherever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Armed Forces”, and (2) by deleting the words “and naval”.
(c) Section 6 is amended (1) by deleting immediately following the words “Secretary of” the word “War” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Defense”, and (2) by deleting the words “War Department” whenever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Department of Defense”.

SEC. 5. The third paragraph under the heading “WAR DEPARTMENT” of the Act of May 29, 1920 (ch. 214, 41 Stat. 659), is amended by deleting the words “War Department” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Department of Defense”.

SEC. 6. The Act of April 24, 1912 (ch. 90, 37 Stat. 90), as amended, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of this Act, employees of the American National Red Cross shall not be considered to be employees of the Federal Government of the United States.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 132

AN ACT
To amend the Act of May 19, 1947, so as to increase the percentage of certain trust funds held by the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation which is to be distributed per capita to individual members of such tribes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso in section 3 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the segregation and expenditure of trust funds held in joint ownership by the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation”, approved May 19, 1947, as amended, is amended by striking out “two-thirds” wherever it appears therein and by inserting in lieu thereof “80 per centum”.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 133

AN ACT
To authorize the adoption of a report relating to seepage and drainage damages on the Illinois River, Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following report is hereby adopted and authorized to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and supervision of the Chief of Engineers:
Illinois River, Nutwood Drainage and Levee District, Illinois; in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered