The conveyance authorized by this Act shall not pass any right, title, or interest in oil, gas, fissionable materials, or other minerals. In the event actual construction of the said buildings and improvements has not commenced within five years from the effective date of this Act, or in the event said property shall cease to be used for public park and recreational purposes for a period of two successive years, then title thereto shall immediately revert to the United States.

Approved June 16, 1953.

Public Law 66

CHAPTER 120

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the Act of July 1, 1947 (61 Stat. 242), as amended.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act authorizing the erection of a memorial to the Marine Corps dead, approved July 1, 1947 (61 Stat. 242), as amended, is amended by inserting after the words “District of Columbia” the words “or immediate vicinity”.

Approved June 16, 1953.

Public Law 67

CHAPTER 126

AN ACT

To amend the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia in respect to the recording, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, of bills of sale, mortgages, deeds of trust, and conditional sales of personal property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 546-D, of subchapter 3 of chapter 16 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia”, approved March 3, 1901, as enacted by the Act approved June 5, 1952 (66 Stat. 126, ch. 370; title 42, D. C. Code 1951, as amended), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new language: “Provided, That this paragraph shall not be applicable to any bill of sale, mortgage, deed of trust, or conditional sale of railroad rolling stock filed pursuant to section 546-A or section 546-B of this subchapter.”

Approved June 18, 1953.

Public Law 68

CHAPTER 127

AN ACT

To provide for furnishing transportation in Government-owned automotive vehicles for employees of the Veterans' Administration at field stations in the absence of adequate public or private transportation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until July 1, 1955, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, whenever he finds such action to be necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Veterans' Administration, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, is authorized to utilize automotive equipment of the Veterans' Administration to transport its employees between field stations and nearest adequate public transportation at such reasonable rates
of fare for the service furnished as he may establish. All moneys collected as fares from such employees shall be accounted for and shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts. The authority herein granted the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall be exercised with respect to any station only after determination by the Administrator that existing private and other facilities are not and cannot be rendered adequate by other means, and that its exercise will result in the most efficient method of supplying transportation to the personnel concerned and a proper utilization of transportation facilities.

Approved June 18, 1953.

Public Law 69

AN ACT
To provide for the suspension of the imposition or execution of sentence in certain cases in the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia and in the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, and in the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia, the municipal court or the juvenile court, as the case may be, shall have power upon conviction to suspend the imposition of sentence or to impose sentence and suspend the execution thereof, if it should appear to the satisfaction of the court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public and of the defendant would be served thereby. In each case of the imposition of sentence and the suspension of the execution thereof, the municipal court may, in its discretion, place the defendant on probation as provided by the Act approved June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 864; sec. 24–102, D. C. Code, 1940), and the juvenile court may, in its discretion, place the defendant on probation as provided by the Act approved June 1, 1938 (52 Stat. 601; sec. 11–919, D. C. Code, 1940), by the Act approved March 23, 1906, as amended (34 Stat. 86; sec. 22–903, D. C. Code, 1940), or by the Act approved February 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 807; sec. 31–207, D. C. Code, 1940), as the case may be.

Approved June 18, 1953.

Public Law 70

AN ACT
To revive and reenact the Act of December 21, 1944, authorizing the City of Clinton Bridge Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at or near the cities of Clinton, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved December 21, 1944, entitled “An Act creating the City of Clinton Bridge Commission and authorizing said commission and its successors to acquire by purchase or condemnation and to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge or bridges across the Mississippi River at or near Clinton, Iowa, and at or near Fulton, Illinois”, as amended, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted: Provided, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.