and increase markets for fishery products of domestic origin and (3) to conduct any biological, technological, or other research pertaining to American fisheries.

"(b) For the purposes of this section, any agency of the United States, or any corporation wholly owned by the United States, is authorized to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, any vessels or equipment excess to its needs required by the Secretary of the Interior for the activities, studies, and research authorized herein.

Transfer of excess vessels, etc.

"(c) In carrying out the purposes and objectives of this section, the Secretary of the Interior is directed as far as practicable to cooperate with other appropriate agencies of the Federal Government, with State or local governmental agencies, private agencies, organizations, or individuals, having jurisdiction over or an interest in fish or fishery commodities and he is authorized to appoint an advisory committee of the American fisheries industry to advise him in the formulation of policy, rules and regulations pertaining to requests for assistance, and other matters.

Agency cooperation, etc.

Advisory committee.

"(d) The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to retransfer any of the funds not to exceed $1,500,000 to be made available under this section to the Secretary of Agriculture to be used for the purposes specified in section 1 of this Act, and only such funds as are thus transferred shall be used for the purposes specified in section 1 of this Act with respect to domestically produced fishery products.

Retransfer of funds.

"(e) The separate fund created for the use of the Secretary of the Interior under section 2 (a) of this Act and the annual accruals thereto shall be available until expended, except (1) that not more than $3,000,000 be spent in any fiscal year and (2) that the balance of the fund shall not exceed $5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year, and the Secretary of the Interior shall retransfer the funds in excess of said $5,000,000 balance to the Secretary of Agriculture to be used for the purposes specified in section 32 of the Act of 1935 (49 Stat. 774; 7 U. S. C. 612c), as amended.

Availability of funds.

"(f) The Secretary of the Interior shall make a report to the appropriate committees of Congress annually on the use of the separate fund created under section 2 of this Act."

Report.

Approved July 1, 1954.

Public Law 467 CHAPTER 448

AN ACT

To restore eligibility of certain citizens or subjects of Germany or Japan to receive benefits under veterans' laws.

July 1, 1954
[H. R. 8488]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who, but for the last proviso of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of pension or other benefits withheld from persons for the period they were residing in countries occupied by enemy forces in World War II", approved August 7, 1946 (Public Law 622, Seventy-ninth Congress), would be entitled to compensation or pension benefits payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration shall be entitled to such benefits from the date of enactment of this Act, if claim therefor is filed within one year after such date, or from the date of claim, if claim therefor is filed more than one year after such date.

German and Japanese citizens. VA benefits.

60 Stat. 874. 38 USC 729a.

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