

fair price, disregarding the value of the improvements made by the lessee, which price shall be determined by three disinterested citizens to be appointed by the Governor."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved August 23, 1954.

Effective date.

Public Law 621

CHAPTER 825

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[H. R. 7334]

To authorize certain property transactions in Cocoli, Canal Zone, 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 Canal Zone Government and the Panama Canal Company, respectively, are authorized to transfer to the Department of the Navy, without exchange of funds, all or so much of the facilities, buildings, structures, and improvements of the respective transferor agencies situated at or within the town of Cocoli, Canal Zone, as may be mutually acceptable for transfer. Such facilities, buildings, structures, and improvements may be used, among other things, for occupancy by civilian personnel in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 5, 1928 (ch. 126, 45 Stat. 193), and by personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and the Public Health Service and their dependents on a rental basis without forfeiture of any rental allowances, including occupancy in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1945 (ch. 227, 59 Stat. 316): *Provided,* That upon any transfer by the Canal Zone Government under this Act, the capital investment in the transferred facilities, buildings, structures, and improvements shall be eliminated from the investment of the United States in the Canal Zone Government, but shall not be included in the costs of operation of that agency: *And provided further,* That transfers made by the Panama Canal Company under this Act shall be subject to the provisions of section 246 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code, as added by the Act of June 29, 1948 (ch. 706, sec. 2, 62 Stat. 1076).

Approved August 23, 1954.

Housing facilities at Cocoli, C. Z.
Transfer to Navy.

5 USC 75a.

37 USC 111a.

Public Law 622

CHAPTER 826

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[H. R. 8570]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to dispose of certain uncompleted naval vessels, 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 Secretary of the Navy is authorized to scrap the uncompleted naval vessels Castle (DD-720) and Woodrow R. Thompson (DD-721) and in his discretion to dispose of the materials therefrom by sale or to retain any such materials for further naval use.

SEC. 2. The action of the Department of the Navy in scrapping the uncompleted naval vessels Hoel (DD-768) and Abner Read (DD-769), prior to the enactment of the Act of June 19, 1948 (62 Stat. 492, ch. 521), which authorized the suspension of construction of these vessels, is hereby ratified.

Naval vessels.
Disposal of certain.

SEC. 3. The proviso of title III of the Second Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act, 1946, under the heading "Increase and Replacement of Naval Vessels" (60 Stat. 227), in the discretion of the President shall not apply to the "Lancetfish" (SS-296) and "Turbot" (SS-427).

Approved August 23, 1954.

Public Law 623

CHAPTER 827

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 3028]

To require the Postmaster General to reimburse postmasters of discontinued post offices for equipment owned by the postmaster.

Postmasters.
Reimbursement
for equipment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever a post office is discontinued, the Postmaster General shall reimburse the postmaster of such discontinued post office, on a fair and equitable basis, for any fixtures and equipment in use in such post office at the time of discontinuance, which were furnished by such postmaster out of personal funds and which were necessary to the efficient operation of such post office.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such amount each year as may be necessary to enable the Postmaster General to make reimbursement to postmasters of discontinued post offices under the provisions of this Act, except a post office of the fourth class.

Approved August 23, 1954.

Public Law 624

CHAPTER 828

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 23, 1954
[H. J. Res. 359]

Designating the period from October 11 to October 16, inclusive, 1954, as National Nurse Week.

Whereas the nursing profession plays a vital role in the health care of the Nation; and

Whereas a continued renewal and extension of its ranks through the attraction of young people to the profession is of the first importance to the Nation's future health and welfare; and

Whereas there are many problems facing the nursing profession which can only be solved through the aid of an informed and sympathetic public; and

Whereas it is proper and fitting that national attention and recognition should be focused on the great contributions, past and present, that the nursing profession in all its branches has made to the national welfare and security: Therefore be it

National Nurse
Week, 1954.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period beginning October 11, 1954, and ending October 16, 1954, is hereby designated as National Nurse Week, in honor of the professional nurses of America and in recognition of the vitally important service they have faithfully rendered in the promotion of the national health and welfare. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all the people of the United States to cooperate in the observance of such week.

Approved August 23, 1954.