

tons each, under a limit of cost of \$3,700,000 each, including costs of preparation of plans and specifications, cost of inspection during construction, and purchase or construction of complete equipment and outfit: *Provided*, That such limit of cost may be exceeded or shall be reduced by an amount equal to the percentage increase or decrease, if any, in ship construction cost generally dating from January 1, 1955, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 5, 1955.

Public Law 252

CHAPTER 578

August 5, 1955
[H. R. 727]

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance of certain land to the Pecwan Union School District for use as the site of a school.

Pecwan Union
School District,
Calif.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to provide a site for a school, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to convey to the Pecwan Union School District of the State of California, all of the right, title, and interest (other than mineral rights) of the United States and of the Indians who have an interest therein, in and to that tract of land containing fifteen acres and more particularly described as follows:

The southeast quarter northeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter and northeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter southeast quarter, section 7, containing five acres, and the south half northwest quarter southwest quarter southwest quarter and the north half southwest quarter southwest quarter southwest quarter, section 8, containing ten acres, township 11 north, range 3 east, Humboldt meridian, California.

Approved August 5, 1955.

Public Law 253

CHAPTER 579

August 5, 1955
[H. R. 7194]

AN ACT

To authorize subsistence allowances to enlisted personnel.

63 Stat. 812.
37 USC 251.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of subsection 301 (e) the following: "(f) Effective April 15, 1955, under such regulations and in such localities as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, enlisted members granted permission to mess separately whose duties require them to purchase one or more meals from other than Government messes shall be entitled to not to exceed the pro rata allowance authorized for each such meal for enlisted members when rations in kind are not available."

Approved August 5, 1955.