

Public Law 3

CHAPTER 4

AN ACT

March 10, 1951
[H. R. 1001]

Naval vessels.
Construction or ac-
quisition.

To authorize the construction of modern 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 President is hereby authorized to undertake the construction of, or to acquire and convert, not to exceed five hundred thousand tons of modern naval vessels in the following categories and subcategories:

(a) Combatant vessels, three hundred and fifteen thousand tons, divided into:

1. Warships, one hundred thousand tons, including one aircraft carrier of not to exceed sixty thousand tons.

2. Amphibious warfare vessels and landing craft, one hundred and seventy-five thousand tons.

3. Mine warfare vessels, twenty-five thousand tons.

4. Patrol vessels, fifteen thousand tons.

(b) Auxiliary vessels, one hundred and seventy-five thousand tons.

(c) Service craft, nine thousand tons.

(d) Experimental types, one thousand tons.

Conversion.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized to convert not to exceed one million tons of existing naval vessels, from among those vessels on the Navy List determined to be best fitted for conversion, to modern naval vessels, of the following categories and subcategories:

(a) Combatant vessels, one million tons, divided into:

1. Warships, nine hundred and ninety thousand tons.

2. Mine warfare vessels, ten thousand tons.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the construction, acquisition, or conversion of the foregoing vessels.

Disposal restriction.
63 Stat. 714.
22 U. S. C., Sup. IV,
§§ 1571-1604.
34 U. S. C. §§ 491,
544.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, or the provisions of any other law, no battleship, carrier, cruiser, destroyer, or submarine of the United States which has not been stricken from the Navy Register as provided by section 2 of the Act of August 5, 1882 (22 Stat. 296), as amended, or any interest of the United States in any such vessel, shall hereafter be sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of unless authorized hereafter by the Congress.

Tonnage authoriza-
tions rescinded.
57 Stat. 604; 56 Stat.
655; 55 Stat. 197; 57
Stat. 92.
34 U. S. C., Sup. IV,
§§ 498c-12, 498c-9,
498c-4, 498c-10.

SEC. 5. The balance of tonnage authorizations remaining in the following Acts are hereby rescinded:

(a) The Act of December 17, 1943 (Public Law 204, Seventy-eighth Congress).

(b) The Act of July 9, 1942 (Public Law 665, Seventy-seventh Congress).

(c) The Act of May 24, 1941 (Public Law 72, Seventy-seventh Congress) as amended by the Act of December 17, 1941 (Public Law 353, Seventy-seventh Congress).

(d) The Act of May 26, 1943 (Public Law 61, Seventy-eighth Congress).

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CHAPTER 5

AN ACT

March 14, 1951
[H. R. 2262]

U. S. Marine Band.

To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the fortification of Dorchester Heights, Massachusetts, and the evacuation of Boston, Massachusetts, by the British, to be held in South Boston, Massachusetts, on March 17, 1951.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President

is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the fortification of Dorchester Heights, Massachusetts, and the evacuation of Boston, Massachusetts, by the British, to be held in South Boston, Massachusetts, on March 17, 1951.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such celebration, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sufficient sum to cover the cost of transportation and pullman accommodations for the leaders and members of the Marine Band, and allowance not to exceed \$8 per day each for additional traveling and living expenses while on duty, such allowance to be in addition to the pay and allowance to which they would be entitled while serving their permanent station.

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Appropriation au-
thorized.

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CHAPTER 8

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment upon a certain claim of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas.

March 19, 1951
[H. R. 335]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment upon, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the claim of the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, against the Government of the United States on account of delinquent real-estate taxes for the tax years 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1947 assessed and levied against three tracts of land in sections 11 and 14 of township 28 south, range 1 east, of the sixth principal meridian, in Sedgwick County, Kansas, constituting the aircraft factory and grounds owned in such years by the Defense Plant Corporation and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and leased to the Boeing Airplane Company and transferred on or about February 25, 1948, by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the United States subject to unpaid taxes for said four years. Such court shall determine the amount of said taxes, and render judgment in favor of said Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, and against the United States for the amount of any such taxes which such court may find and adjudge to have been lawfully assessed against such real estate and remaining due and unpaid: *Provided,* That nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing suit or judgment for interest, penalties or charges on, or in connection with said taxes. The court shall have such jurisdiction if suit is instituted within sixty days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Sedgwick County,
Kans.
Jurisdiction of
Court of Claims.

Time limitation.

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CHAPTER 9

AN ACT

To extend the period for the admission of alien spouses and minor children of citizen members of the United States Armed Forces.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law