

nized as the father of American folk music and the true interpreter of the fundamental spirit of music; and

Whereas Stephen Collins Foster symbolizes in his works the unity of mankind through music; and

Whereas the National Federation of Music Clubs at its biennial convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 13, 1951, and the Florida Federation of Music Clubs at Miami, Florida, on April 10, 1951, have endorsed and joined with the Florida Stephen Foster Memorial Corporation's request for the designation of January 13, the day on which the spirit of his music became immortal, as Stephen Foster Memorial Day: Now, therefore, be it

Stephen Foster Memorial Day.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized to issue a proclamation designating January 13 of each year as Stephen Foster Memorial Day, and calling upon the people throughout the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies, pilgrimages to his shrines, and musical programs featuring his compositions.

Approved October 27, 1951.

Public Law 226

CHAPTER 601

AN ACT

October 29, 1951
[S. 657]

To amend and clarify the District of Columbia Teachers' Leave Act of 1949, and for other purposes.

D. C. Teachers' Leave Act of 1949, amendments.
63 Stat. 842.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the District of Columbia Teachers' Leave Act of 1949 is amended (a) by striking from the last sentence thereof the words "sixty" and "ten" and substituting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five" and "twenty", respectively, and (b) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Under such rules and regulations as the Board of Education may prescribe any teacher or attendance officer may use three days of such cumulative leave with pay in any school year for any purpose, upon giving timely notice of intended absence."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of such Act is amended (a) by striking from the proviso of the first sentence thereof the words "total amount to be" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "leave" and also by striking from such proviso the words "shall not exceed twenty days and" and (b) by striking from the last sentence thereof the word "sixty" and inserting in lieu thereof "seventy-five".

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such Act is amended by striking therefrom the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty-five".

SEC. 4. When any person occupying a position, the salary of which position is fixed by article I, title I, of the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 248), as amended, or a position as attendance officer, the salary of which position is fixed in class 32, article II, title I, of such Act, is transferred or promoted to any position in the schedule in article II, title I, of such Act (other than a position in class 32) shall be entitled to have credited to his account as accumulated sick leave as provided by the Act entitled "An Act to standardize sick leave and extend it to all civilian employees", approved March 14, 1936 (49 Stat. 1162), as amended, the same number of days as are credited to him as cumulative leave with pay under the provisions of the District of Columbia Teachers' Leave Act of 1949.

5 U. S. C. § 301 et seq.

SEC. 5. Any teacher or attendance officer who after the enactment of this Act is granted leave without pay by the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education shall be reinstated to the position from which leave was granted or to an equivalent position when said employee is ready to resume his duties in accordance with the rules of the Board of Education existing at the time such leave was granted.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second month following its enactment.

Effective date.

Approved October 29, 1951.

Public Law 227

CHAPTER 602

AN ACT

To provide that payment to States and Territories for care given to certain disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States shall be effective from the date such care commenced.

October 29, 1951
[H. R. 3548]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last proviso to section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to increase temporarily the amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States", approved May 18, 1948, is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided further,* That no such payment to a State or Territory shall be made until the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs determines that the veteran, on whose account such payment is requested, is eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility, and after such determination of eligibility such payment shall be made covering the period of eligibility from the date such care commenced, except that no such payment shall be made effective prior to the date of receipt by the Veterans' Administration of an appropriate request for determination of eligibility in the case of any eligible veteran with respect to whom such request is not received within ten days following the date such care commenced".

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62 Stat. 237.
24 U. S. C. § 134 note.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply to payments with respect to care given to disabled soldiers and sailors on and after the first day of the month next following the month during which this Act is enacted.

Effective date.

Approved October 29, 1951.

Public Law 228

CHAPTER 603

AN ACT

To provide for an agricultural program in the Virgin Islands.

October 29, 1951
[H. R. 4027]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to establish and maintain in the Virgin Islands of the United States an agricultural research and extension service program. In carrying out the program authorized by this Act the Secretary shall utilize the agencies, facilities, and employees of the Department of Agriculture, and may cooperate with the government of the Virgin Islands, and other public and private organizations and individuals in the Virgin Islands and elsewhere.

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