or under the provisions of the Act of June 30, 1941 (55 Stat. 394; 10
U.S.C. 982a), who performs or has performed active military service
subsequent to retirement shall, upon relief from such active duty,
receive retired pay in the amount received by him prior to his recall
to active duty, or on the basis of his grade and length of service at
the time of relief from active duty, whichever is the greater: Provided,
That the amount of his retired pay shall not in any event exceed 75
per centum of the enlisted base and longevity pay of the highest
enlisted grade held by him.

Sec. 9. No back pay for any period prior to the date of enactment
of this Act shall accrue to any person by reason of the enactment of
this Act except as otherwise provided in section 3. No person, active or
retired, of any of the armed forces, shall suffer, by reason of this Act,
any reduction in any pay, allowances, or compensation to which he
was entitled upon the effective date of this Act. Retired enlisted
personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, personnel of the Navy and
Marine Corps who are members of the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine
Corps Reserve, and personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps who
become eligible and who apply for transfer to the Fleet Reserve or
Fleet Marine Corps Reserve shall receive an opportunity to elect
to receive reenter and retired pay under the provisions of this Act or to
receive such pay under the provisions of law in effect immediately
prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, and these persons shall
be entitled to receive the pay elected.

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[CHAPTER 984]

AN ACT

To establish the Castle Clinton National Monument, in the city of New York,
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 Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States,
title to the site, comprising approximately one acre and situated in
Battery Park, New York City, of the historic structure known as
Castle Clinton, together with such structure and any other improve-
ment on or appurtenant to such site. When title to such property is
vested in the United States, it shall constitute the Castle Clinton
National Monument.

Sec. 2. The administration, protection, and development of the
Castle Clinton National Monument shall be under the supervision of
the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the provisions of the Act
entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other

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[CHAPTER 955]

AN ACT

To establish a national air museum, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there
is hereby established under the Smithsonian Institution a bureau to
be known as a national air museum, which shall be administered by
the Smithsonian Institution with the advice of a board to be com-
posed of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, or his
successor, the Chief of Naval Operations, or his successor, the Secre-
tary of the Smithsonian Institution, and two citizens of the United
States appointed by the President from civilian life who shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The members of the board shall serve as such members without compensation.

(b) The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution with the advice of the board may appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the head of a national air museum whose appointment and salary shall not be subject to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. The Smithsonian Institution may employ such other officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient operation and administration of the museum.

Sec. 2. Said national air museum shall memorialize the development of aviation; collect, preserve, and display aeronautical equipment of historical interest and significance; serve as a repository for scientific equipment and data pertaining to the development of aviation; and provide educational material for the historical study of aviation.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution with the advice of the advisory board is hereby directed to investigate and survey suitable lands and buildings for selection as a site for said national air museum and to make recommendations to Congress for the acquisition of suitable lands and buildings for said national air museum.

Sec. 4. (a) The board is authorized to adopt an official seal which shall be judicially noticed and to make such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it deems necessary for the administration of its functions. The board may function notwithstanding vacancies and three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

(b) The Smithsonian Institution shall include in its annual report of its operations to Congress a statement of the operations of said national air museum, including all public and private moneys received and disbursed.

Sec. 5. (a) The heads of executive departments of the Government are authorized to transfer or loan to said national air museum without charge therefor aircraft, aircraft parts, instruments, engines, or other aeronautical equipment or records for exhibition, historical, or educational purposes.

(b) The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is authorized (1) to accept as a gift to the Smithsonian Institution from George H. Stephenson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a statue of Brigadier General William L. Mitchell of such character as may be deemed appropriate, and (2) without expense to the United States, to cause such statue to be erected at a suitable location on the grounds of the national air museum.

Sec. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $50,000 for the purposes of this Act and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually hereafter such sums as may be necessary to maintain and administer said national air museum including salaries and all other necessary expenses.

Approved August 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 956]

AN ACT

Providing for the conveyance to the city of Canton, South Dakota, of the Canton Insane Asylum, located in Lincoln County, South Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings is authorized and directed to convey by
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Individual War Memorials, and for other purposes.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, this measure simply provides for the appointment of a Commission on Individual War Memorials. It has to have no power of action. It is to investigate the question of policy, and will report back, so that there is not no committee involved in the making of the appointment of the Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the consideration of the joint resolution?

No objection being made, the joint resolution (S. Res. 183) was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

Record, etc., That there is hereby established a National Commission on Individual War Memorials to be composed of five members to be appointed by the President of the United States, and such members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but traveling, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in connection with the work of the Commission may be paid from any funds available for expenditure by the Commission. Said Commission is authorized to direct and prepare an adequate individual historical record of each man or woman who was killed in the military service during World War II. Such records shall be prepared as far as possible in cooperation with the family of the deceased, and placed in appropriate presentation form next of kin of such man or woman as a means of expressing the appreciation of the American people and for the information of generations yet to come.

Sec. 2. The Commission is authorized (1) to appoint such advisory committees as it may deem advisable, and to invite the newspaper of the United States to offer prizes for the best papers and pictures for use in memorial expressions in such individual memorials, and to arrange for the exhibition and publication of such materials.

Sec. 3. The Commission is authorized to make such expenditures, including expenditure of personal services, and rent at the seat of government and elsewhere, and for printing and binding, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Sec. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may equal the sum of $25 for each individual war memorial to be located under the direction of the Commission.

NATIONAL AIR MUSEUM

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, from the Committee on the Library I report favorably a Committee bill S. 144, to establish a national air museum, and for other purposes. I ask unanimous consent that the pending business be laid aside and that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

Mr. TAPT. Mr. President, I suggest that the bill be read, since it is not on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill.

The Chief Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That (a) there is hereby established under the Smithsonian Institution a bureau to be known as a national air museum, which shall be administered by the Smithsonian Institution with the advice of a board to be composed of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, or his successor, and three of his successors, or, in the event of the death of any of the Commanding General or of his successor, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and two citizens of the United States, appointed by the President of the United States, from civilian life who shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The members of the Board shall serve as such members without compensation.

(b) The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution with the advice of the board may appoint and fix the compensation and duties of the basal national air museum whose appointment and salary shall not be subject to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

(c) The Smithsonian Institution may employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient operation and administration of the museum.

Sec. 2. Said national air museum shall memorialize the national development of aviation; collect, preserve, and display aeronautical equipment of historical interest and significance; serve as a repository for scientific equipment and data pertaining to the development of aviation; and provide educational material for the historical study of aviation.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution with the advice of the advisory board is hereby directed to investigate and survey suitable lands and buildings for selection as a site for national air museum and to make recommendations to Congress for the acquisition of suitable lands and buildings for said national air museum.

Sec. 4. The board is authorized to adopt an official seal which shall be judicially noticed and to make such bylaws, rules, and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of its functions. The board may function notwithstanding vacancies and three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 4. The Smithsonian Institution shall include in its annual report of its operations to Congress a statement of the operations of said national air museum, including all public and private money received and disbursed.

Sec. 5. (a) The board of executive departments of the Government are authorized to transfer or loan to said national air museum without compensation any property of the United States, or to purchase such property, or to contract for the acquisition of such property, or to purchase with money appropriated for said purpose, aircraft, aircraft parts, instruments, engines, or other aeronautical equipment or records for exhibition, historical, or educational purposes.

(b) The Smithsonian Institution, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is authorized (1) to accept as a gift to the Smithsonian Institution from George H. Stephenson, of Philadelphia, Pa., a statute of Brig. Gen. William L. Mitchell of such character as may be deemed appropriate, and without compensation to the United States, to cause such statute to be erected at a suitable location on the grounds of the navy yard at Washington, D.C., and (2) to accept as a gift from said institution to the Smithsonian Institution, any books or manuscripts on the subject of the history of the library of the Library of Congress, including the several States, Territories, and possessions, and the District of Columbia. Provided. That said annual appropriation of $1,125,000, not to exceed $1,900,000, shall be exclusive for books in raised characters and the balance remaining shall be expended for the reproduction of the Library of Congress, which shall be expended under the direction of the Librarian of Congress to provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction recordings, or in any other form for the use of the blind residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, and possessions, and the District of Columbia.

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Sec. 5. The bill shall be read again after the house adjourns on June 15, 1947, and for each session thereafter.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, this bill simple provides for an additional authorization for the benefit of the blind. I have no time to make any recommendation. Mr. BARKLEY. That is correct. I might say that the bill has been under consideration for a long time. The House passed it a few days ago unanimously. The Smithsonian Institution is administering it properly.

When the bill was first introduced, the air museum was to be administered by the Smithsonian Institution, by either the War Department or the Navy Department. But work was done, however, at a conference participated in by the parties interested, that the appropriate place for the museum would be under the Smithsonian Institution.