for, any other provisions of existing law: Provided further, that nothing in this section shall be construed to require an affidavit from any person employed for less than sixty days for sudden emergency work involving the loss of human life or destruction of property, and payment of salary or wages may be made to such persons from applicable appropriations for services rendered in such emergency without execution of the affidavit contemplated by this section.

SEC. 8. That notwithstanding the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, or any other provision of law, any owner, lessee, tenant, or operator of any farm land on which a substantial part of any crop was destroyed or damaged by flood or by insect infestation in 1943 so that abandonment or replanting of such crop is necessary, may market without penalty the actual production of cotton from any acreage planted on such farm land and the planting in 1943 of any acreage in excess of the farm cotton acreage allotment on such farm land shall not cause the producer to suffer any deduction or loss of eligibility for payment, commodity loans, or price support: Provided, That the acreage in excess of the farm acreage allotment in 1943 shall not constitute past acreage or past production of cotton in determining the farm, county, or State acreage allotment for any subsequent year.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1944”.

Approved July 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 216]

To establish in the Medical Department of the Army a corps to be known as the Pharmacy Corps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the Medical Department of the Army a corps to be known as the “Pharmacy Corps”. The Pharmacy Corps shall consist of seventy-two officers in grades from colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive. Appointments in the Pharmacy Corps, except as hereinafter provided for transfer thereto, shall be made in the grade of second lieutenant from pharmacists between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-two years who are graduates of recognized schools or colleges of pharmacy requiring four years of instruction for graduation, under such regulations and after such examinations as the Secretary of War shall prescribe. An officer of the Pharmacy Corps shall be promoted to the grade of first lieutenant after three years’ service, to the grade of captain after six years’ service, to the grade of major after twelve years’ service, to the grade of lieutenant colonel after twenty years’ service, and to the grade of colonel after twenty-six years’ service: Provided, That officers of the Regular Army holding commissions in the Medical Administrative Corps on the date of enactment of this Act shall be transferred to the Pharmacy Corps and commissioned in grade in such corps in addition to the seventy-two officers authorized for the corps.

SEC. 4. The first and second provisos of section 47c of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, are amended to read as follows: “Provided, That any medical, dental, pharmacy, or veterinary student may be admitted to a Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, or Veterinary Corps unit of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps for a course of training at the rate of ninety hours of instruction per annum for the four college years, and if at the end of two years of such training he has been selected by the professor of military science and tactics and the head of the institution for advanced training, and has agreed
in writing to continue in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the remainder of his course at the institution, and has agreed in writing to pursue the course in camp training prescribed by the Secretary of War, he may be furnished, at the expense of the United States, with commutation of subsistence at such rate not exceeding the cost of the garrison ration prescribed for the Army, as may be fixed by the Secretary of War, during the remainder of his service in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, not exceeding two years: Provided further, That any Reserve officer who is also a medical, dental, pharmacy, or veterinary student may be admitted to such Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, or Veterinary Corps unit for such training, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe."

Approved July 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 217]

AN ACT

To provide for the acceptance on behalf of the United States of a statue of Sir William Blackstone, the work of the late Paul W. Bartlett, 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 and directed to accept, on behalf of the United States, the bronze statue of Sir William Blackstone, the work of the late Paul W. Bartlett, as a gift from Mrs. Paul W. Bartlett, and, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, to provide for the erection of such statue at a suitable location on the north side of Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for carrying out the provisions of this Act, including the procurement of a suitable pedestal for such statue.

Approved July 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 218]

AN ACT

Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and for prior fiscal years, 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 following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and for prior fiscal years, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

LEGISLATIVE

SENATE

Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper: For the payment of twenty-one pages for the Senate Chamber, at $4 per day each, for the period July 1, 1943, to December 31, 1943, both dates inclusive, $15,456.

Senate Restaurants: For payment to the Architect of the Capitol in accordance with the Act approved September 9, 1942 (Public Act 709, Seventy-seventh Congress), fiscal year 1943, $18,592.