

cars used by such road, together with the passengers, freight, express matter, baggage, and mails transported in such cars, without being subject to any other or different restrictions than those imposed by law on any vessel of the United States entering ports of the United States from ports in the same foreign country: *Provided*, That except as authorized by section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. IV, title 46, sec. 883), such ferry, tugboat, or towboat shall not, under penalty of forfeiture, be used in connection with the transportation of any merchandise shipped from any port or place in the United States, its Territories or possessions, embraced within the coastwise laws of the United States, to any other port or place within the same.

“(d) No foreign vessel shall, under penalty of forfeiture, engage in salvaging operations on the Atlantic or Pacific coast of the United States, in any portion of the Great Lakes or their connecting or tributary waters, including any portion of the Saint Lawrence River through which the international boundary line extends, or in territorial waters of the United States on the Gulf of Mexico, except when authorized by a treaty or in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 19, 1878, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 725): *Provided, however*, That if, on investigation, the Secretary of Commerce is satisfied that no suitable vessel wholly owned by a person who is a citizen of the United States and documented under the laws of the United States or numbered pursuant to the Act of June 7, 1918, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. IV, title 46, sec. 288), is available in any particular locality he may authorize the use of a foreign vessel or vessels in salvaging operations in that locality and no penalty shall be incurred for such authorized use.

“(e) Nothing in this section shall be held or construed to prohibit or restrict any assistance to vessels or salvage operations authorized by article II of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain ‘concerning reciprocal rights for United States and Canada in the conveyance of prisoners and wrecking and salvage’ signed at Washington, May 18, 1908 (35 Stat. 2036), or by the treaty between the United States and Mexico ‘to facilitate assistance to and salvage of vessels in territorial waters’, signed at Mexico City, June 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 3359).”

Approved, June 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 325]

AN ACT

To limit the interpretation of the term “products of American fisheries”.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That wherever, in the statutes of the United States or in the rulings, regulations, or interpretations of various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States there appears or may appear the term “products of American fisheries” said term shall not include fresh or frozen fish fillets, fresh or frozen fish steaks, or fresh or frozen slices of fish substantially free of bone (including any of the foregoing divided into sections), produced in a foreign country or its territorial waters, in whole or in part with the use of the labor of persons who are not residents of the United States.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on the day following the date of enactment hereof.

Approved, June 11, 1940.

*Proviso.*  
Transportation of merchandise not authorized; exception.  
41 Stat. 999.  
46 U. S. C. § 883; Supp. V, § 883.

Salvaging operations by foreign vessel, restriction.

20 Stat. 175.

*Proviso.*  
Use of foreign vessels.

40 Stat. 602.  
46 U. S. C. § 288; Supp. V, § 288.

Assistance to vessels or salvage operations. Treaties with Great Britain and Mexico.

June 11, 1940

[H. R. 8475]

[Public, No. 600]

“Products of American fisheries,” interpretation.

Effective date.

## [CHAPTER 326]

## AN ACT

June 11, 1940  
[H. R. 9492]  
[Public, No. 601]

Making it a misdemeanor to stow away on vessels and providing punishment therefor.

Stowaways on ves-  
sels.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any person, without the consent of the owner, charterer, or master of any vessel and with intent to obtain, without paying therefor, transportation on such vessel to any place, within or without the United States, who shall board, enter, or secrete himself aboard such vessel, and shall be thereon at the time of departure of said vessel from a port, harbor, wharf, or other place within the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Canal Zone, or who, having boarded, entered, or secreted himself aboard such vessel in any place within or without the jurisdiction of the United States, shall remain aboard any such vessel after such vessel has left such place and who shall be found thereon at or before the time of arrival of such vessel at any place within the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Canal Zone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Penalty.

Aiding, etc., in vio-  
lations; penalty.

SEC. 2. Whoever shall knowingly aid, abet, or assist any person to violate this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Certain laws not  
affected.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this Act shall modify, restrict, alter, or change in any particular any laws of the United States in existence at the date of enactment of this Act, or which shall be thereafter enacted either for the purpose of preventing any person from entering the United States in violation of the laws of the United States or for the purpose of securing the deportation from the United States of any person who, under the laws of the United States, shall be subject to deportation.

Approved, June 11, 1940.

## [CHAPTER 327]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

June 11, 1940  
[H. J. Res. 537]  
[Pub. Res., No. 82]

To make temporary emergency provision for the determination of foreign construction costs under section 502 (b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

Determination of  
foreign ship-construc-  
tion costs.

*Ante*, p. 4.  
22 U. S. C., Supp. V,  
§ 245i.

49 Stat. 1996.  
46 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, § 1152 (b).

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, for the period of one year from the date of the enactment of this joint resolution or until the revocation within such one-year period of the proclamations heretofore issued by the President under section 1 (a) of the Neutrality Act of 1939, the United States Maritime Commission is authorized to make, upon the basis of conditions existing during the period prior to September 3, 1939, the determinations under section 502 (b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, of estimated foreign cost of vessels covered by construction contracts executed after that date.

Approved, June 11, 1940.