

[CHAPTER 80]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of October 14, 1940, relating to defense housing, by authorizing an additional appropriation of \$150,000,000, and for other purposes.

April 29, 1941
 [H. R. 3486]
 [Public Law 42]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, is hereby amended (1) by striking out "\$3,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3,500" and (2) by striking out the period at the end thereof and adding a colon and the following: "Provided further, That all items of cost with respect to each such family dwelling unit shall be separately estimated with a view toward economy, and no movable equipment shall be installed in such units, unless the Administrator shall, in any particular case, deem such installation to be in the public interest."

Defense housing, amendments.
 54 Stat. 1126.
 42 U. S. C., ch. 9 note.
 Family dwelling units, cost limitations.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of such Act of October 14, 1940, is hereby amended by striking out "\$150,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$300,000,000".

Additional authorization.
 54 Stat. 1126; ante, p. 65.
 42 U. S. C., ch. 9 note.
 Post, p. 199.

Approved, April 29, 1941.

[CHAPTER 81]

AN ACT

To expedite the national defense by clarifying the application of the Act of August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 793), as to the requirement of mandatory performance and payment bonds in connection with supply contracts.

April 29, 1941
 [S. 1059]
 [Public Law 43]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 793), may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, be waived with respect to contracts for the manufacturing, producing, furnishing, construction, alteration, repair, processing, or assembling of vessels, aircraft, munitions, matériel, or supplies of any kind or nature for the Army or the Navy, regardless of the terms of such contracts as to payment or title: *Provided,* That as to contracts of a nature which, at the date of the passage of this Act, would have been subject to the provisions of the Act of August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 793), the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy may require performance and payment bonds as provided by said Act.

National defense, supply contracts.
 Waiver of requirement.
 40 U. S. C. §§ 270a-d.

Proviso.

Approved, April 29, 1941.

[CHAPTER 82]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to permit the construction and maintenance of overhanging walks on the highway bridge, route numbered 36, at Highlands, New Jersey, for public use.

May 1, 1941
 [S. 478]
 [Public Law 44]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to grant permission to the State of New Jersey to maintain public walks on the Shrewsbury River highway bridge, route numbered 36, to overhang over portions of parcels 86A and 86B, Borough of Highlands, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey, being property of the United States used for a servicing base of the Coast Guard.

Highlands, N. J.
 Public walks on highway bridge.

The property affected by such permission shall be described by metes and bounds in the permit, which shall also contain an express condition that if the State of New Jersey shall at any time cease to use

Maintenance.

or maintain the public walks on the highway bridge that overhang the described property in question, the permit shall be considered null and void, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to include in such permit such other conditions as he may deem necessary in order to assure that the maintenance of the walks will not interfere with the use of the said property by the United States.

Approved, May 1, 1941.

[CHAPTER 83]

AN ACT

May 1, 1941
[S. 482]
[Public Law 46]

To provide for the appointment of one additional United States district judge for the northern district of Ohio.

Ohio. U. S.
Additional district judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional United States district judge for the northern district of Ohio: *Provided,* That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge in said district shall not be filled.

Proviso.

Approved, May 1, 1941.

[CHAPTER 84]

AN ACT

May 2, 1941
[H. R. 3252]
[Public Law 46]

To make emergency provision for certain activities of the United States Maritime Commission, and for other purposes.

U. S. Maritime Commission.
Determination of foreign ship-construction costs.

54 Stat. 2643.
50 U. S. C., app., prec. § 1 note.
Contracts for construction, etc., of vessels.

Negotiating authority.

49 Stat. 1985.
46 U. S. C., ch. 27.
Ante, p. 6.

Modification of contracts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority of the United States Maritime Commission under Public Resolution Numbered 82, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 306), shall continue in effect during the national emergency declared by the President on September 8, 1939, to exist, but not after June 30, 1942.

SEC. 2. (a) Whenever deemed by the President of the United States to be in the best interests of the national commerce and defense during the national emergency declared by the President on September 8, 1939, to exist, but not after June 30, 1942, (1) the United States Maritime Commission is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) hereof, to negotiate contracts for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, alteration, reconditioning, repair, outfitting, or equipping of complete vessels, or any portion thereof, including plans, spare parts, and equipment therefor, that the Commission has been or may be authorized to acquire, construct, reconstruct, alter, recondition, repair, outfit, or equip, pursuant to the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, or section 4 of Public Law Numbered 5, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved February 6, 1941, with or without advertising or competitive bidding upon determination that the price is fair and reasonable; (2) upon its determination that such action is in the best interests of the national commerce and defense because of changes in conditions occurring after the execution of its contracts heretofore or hereafter entered into for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, reconditioning, repair, outfitting, or equipping of vessels, the Commission is hereby authorized to modify such contracts in conformity with provisions hereof relating to negotiated contracts, and to adjust the payments to be made thereunder, but the aggregate amount payable to the contractor under any contract modified pursuant hereto shall