

Enemy prisoners of war, internees, and detainees.

Articles made by interned members of United Nations armed forces, etc.

Regulations.

Scope and duration.

55 Stat. 1647,  
50 U. S. C., Supp. 1,  
app., prec. § 1 note.

SEC. 2. In order to implement the provisions of article 38 of The Convention Between the United States of America and Other Powers, relating to the Treatment of prisoners of war, signed at Geneva on July 27, 1929, ratified by the President on January 16, 1932, and proclaimed on August 4, 1932 (47 Stat. (part 2) 2021, 2043), all articles consigned or addressed to enemy prisoners of war and enemy civilian internees and detainees in the United States, its Territories or possessions, including the Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands, shall be admitted free of all duties and internal revenue taxes imposed upon or by reason of importation and all customs charges and exactions.

SEC. 3. All articles made by members of the armed forces of the United Nations interned or detained as prisoners of war by any enemy country or made by nationals of the United States interned or detained by any enemy country as enemy nationals shall, when imported into the United States, its Territories or possessions, including the Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands, be admitted free of all duties and internal revenues taxes imposed upon or by reason of importation and all customs charges and exactions.

SEC. 4. The exemptions from duties, taxes, charges, and exactions provided for by this joint resolution shall be subject to compliance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

SEC. 5. This joint resolution shall be effective as to articles entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the date of its enactment and before the expiration of six months after the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941.

Approved, June 27, 1942.

[CHAPTER 459]

AN ACT

To provide for a permanent postage rate of 3 cents per pound on books.

June 30, 1942  
[S. 337]  
[Public Law 636]

Postal Service.  
Postage rate on  
books.

Proviso.

45 Stat. 943.  
39 U. S. C. § 293a.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the postage rate on books consisting wholly of reading matter or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for students' notations and containing no advertising matter other than incidental announcements of books, when mailed under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, shall be 3 cents per pound or fraction thereof, irrespective of the postal zone of destination thereof: *Provided,* That this Act shall not affect the rates of postage on books mailed by or to libraries and organizations as prescribed by the Act of February 28, 1925, as amended (39 U. S. C., 1934 ed., sec. 293a).

Approved, June 30, 1942.

[CHAPTER 460]

AN ACT

To provide for the placing in Gallinger Hospital of a memorial to George Earle Chamberlain.

June 30, 1942  
[S. 2316]  
[Public Law 637]

George Earle Cham-  
berlain.  
Memorial, Gallin-  
ger Hospital, D. C.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed to provide for the placing, with appropriate ceremonies, in Gallinger Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia, of a bust of the late George Earle Chamberlain, formerly a Senator from the State of Oregon, or a suitable bronze plaque bearing his name and a proper inscription, as a memorial to his efforts and achievements on behalf of Gallinger Hospital.



SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 30, 1942.

Appropriation authorized.

[CHAPTER 461]

AN ACT

To further expedite the prosecution of the war by authorizing the control of the exportation of certain commodities.

June 30, 1942  
[S. 2558]  
[Public Law 638]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 6 of the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 714) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Export control of certain commodities. 50 U. S. C., app. § 701.

“(a) The President is hereby authorized to prohibit or curtail the exportation of any articles, technical data, materials, or supplies, except under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe.

Authority of the President.

“(b) Unless the President shall otherwise direct, the functions and duties of the President under this section shall be performed by the Board of Economic Warfare.

Administration by Board of Economic Warfare.

“(c) In case of the violation of any provision of any proclamation, rule, or regulation issued hereunder, such violator or violators, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty for violation.

“(d) The authority granted by this section shall terminate on June 30, 1944 or upon any prior date which the Congress by concurrent resolution, or the President, may designate; except that as to offenses committed, or rights or liabilities incurred prior to such date, the provisions of this section and such rules, regulations, and proclamations shall be treated as remaining in effect for the purpose of sustaining any suit, action, or prosecution with respect to such right, liability, or offense.”

Termination of authority.

Approved, June 30, 1942.

[CHAPTER 462]

AN ACT

To provide for the better administration of officer personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during the existing war, and for other purposes.

June 30, 1942  
[H. R. 7160]  
[Public Law 639]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of existing law insofar as they relate to periodic computations for the purpose of determining the authorized number of commissioned officers in the various grades of the line of the Regular Navy and of the Marine Corps, the permanent promotion or advancement of all officers of the Navy and Marine Corps, and the involuntary retirement or honorable discharge of commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps by reason of failure of selection for promotion or advancement or upon the completion of designated periods of commissioned service, are hereby suspended: *Provided,* That in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy an officer who on the date of this Act has been recommended for permanent promotion or advancement by the approved report of a selection board, or who has become due for permanent promotion or advancement by length of service or otherwise to a nonselection grade or rank, shall be immediately eligible for such permanent promotion or advancement, with or without the examinations required by existing law as the

Navy and Marine Corps. Suspension of certain provisions affecting officer personnel.

Proviso. Officers recommended or due for permanent promotion.

Immediate eligibility.