

## [CHAPTER 84]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes, and certain other provisions of law.

March 4, 1944  
[H. J. Res. 230]  
[Public Law 249]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That nothing in section 109 or 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, secs. 198 and 203), or in section 361, 365, or 366 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 5, secs. 306, 314, and 315), or in any other provision of Federal law imposing restrictions, requirements, or penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the performance of services, or the payment or receipt of compensation in connection with any claim, proceeding, or matter involving the United States, shall apply with respect to counsel serving under the provisions of H. Res. 105, Seventy-eighth Congress, adopted February 9, 1943, or H. Res. 386, Seventy-eighth Congress, adopted December 18, 1943.

Limitation of operation of designated statutes.  
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

Approved March 4, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 86]

## AN ACT

To provide retirement benefits for certain persons who serve as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

March 10, 1944  
[S. 872]  
[Public Law 250]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint any former officer of the Regular Army, who, after active military service of more than fifteen years, has resigned his commission and who subsequently served for a period of more than fifteen years either as Director of the Veterans' Bureau or as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, or both, an officer on the active list of the Regular Army in the grade held by him at the time of such resignation and thereafter immediately place him on the retired list of the Army in that grade and with the retired pay thereof.

Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.  
Retirement benefits.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any such person may be so appointed and retired while holding civil office, and may continue to hold, or be appointed to, civil office to which compensation is attached, but, while entitled to receive the pay or compensation attached to any such civil office, shall not be entitled to receive active or retired pay by virtue of his military status.

Continuance in civil office.

Approved March 10, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 87]

## AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", approved July 1, 1898, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

March 11, 1944  
[H. R. 4166]  
[Public Law 251]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 75 (a), 75 (b), and 75 (c) of the Act of July 1, 1898, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Bankruptcy Act of 1898, amendments.  
47 Stat. 1470.  
11 U. S. C. § 203 (a), (b), (c).

"SEC. 75. (a) Every United States district court of bankruptcy shall appoint not more than twenty persons in any one district to be known as 'conciliation commissioners'. One such commissioner shall be

Conciliation commissioners.

Term of office.	<p>appointed from each division or for the territory served by the city where terms of court are held. The court shall designate the territorial district of each such commissioner. A conciliation commissioner's term of office shall be two years, but he may be removed by the court if his services are no longer needed or for other cause. No individual shall be eligible to appointment as a conciliation commissioner unless he is eligible for appointment as referee and in addition is a resident of the district, familiar with agricultural conditions therein and not engaged in the farm-mortgage business, the business of financing farmers or transactions in agricultural commodities or the business of marketing or dealing in agricultural commodities or of furnishing agricultural supplies. In each judicial district the court may, if it finds it necessary or desirable, appoint a suitable person as a supervising conciliation commissioner. The supervising conciliation commissioner shall have such supervisory functions under this section as the court may by order specify.</p> <p>"75. (b) Upon filing of any petition by a farmer under this section there shall be paid a fee of \$25 to be transmitted to the clerk of the court and covered into the Treasury. The conciliation commissioner shall receive as compensation for his services a fee of \$25 for each case submitted to him, to be paid out of the Treasury when the conciliation commissioner completes the duties assigned to him by the court. A supervising conciliation commissioner shall receive, as compensation for his services, a per diem allowance to be fixed by the court, in an amount not in excess of \$10 per day, together with subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with the law applicable to officers of the Department of Justice. Such compensation and expenses shall be paid out of the Treasury. If the creditors at any time desire supervision over the farming operations of a farmer, the cost of such supervision shall be borne by such creditors or by the farmer, as may be agreed upon by them, but in no instance shall the farmer be required to pay more than one-half of the cost of such supervision. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent a conciliation commissioner who supervises such farming operations from receiving such compensation therefor as may be so agreed upon. No fees, costs, or other charges shall be charged or taxed to any farmer or his creditors by any conciliation commissioner or with respect to any proceeding under this section, except as hereinbefore in this section provided. The conciliation commissioner may accept and avail himself of office space, equipment, and assistance furnished him by other Federal officials, or by any State, county, or other public officials. The Supreme Court is authorized to make such general orders as it may find necessary properly to govern the administration of the office of conciliation commissioner and proceedings under this section; but any district court of the United States may, for good cause shown and in the interests of justice, permit any such general order to be waived.</p> <p>"75. (c) At any time prior to March 4, 1946, a petition may be filed by any farmer, stating that the farmer is insolvent or unable to meet his debts as they mature, and that it is desirable to effect a composition or an extension of time to pay his debts. The petition or answer of the farmer shall be accompanied by his schedules. The petition and answer shall be filed with the court, but shall, on request of the farmer or creditor, be received by the conciliation commissioner for the county in which the farmer resides and promptly transmitted by him to the clerk of the court for filing. If any such petition is filed, an order of adjudication shall not be entered except as provided herein-after in this section."</p>
Qualifications.	
Supervising conciliation commissioners.	
Filing fee.	
Commissioner's compensation.	
Per diem allowance, subsistence, and travel expenses.	
Supervision over farming operations, cost.	
Additional charges prohibited.	
Office space, etc.	
General orders to govern administration.	
Time limitation for filing petition.	
Schedules.	
Order of adjudication.	

Approved March 11, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 88]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to change the name of Conduit Road in the District of Columbia", approved March 4, 1942.

March 11, 1944  
[S. 1554]  
[Public Law 252]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to change the name of Conduit Road in the District of Columbia", approved March 4, 1942, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

MacArthur Boulevard.  
56 Stat. 123.

"That the highway now known as Conduit Road extending from Foxhall Road in the District of Columbia to Great Falls in the State of Maryland shall hereafter be designated MacArthur Boulevard in honor of the gallant defense of the Philippines by General Douglas MacArthur."

Approved March 11, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 89]

## AN ACT

To extend for one year the date of termination of Public Law 22, dated April 1, 1943, entitled "To provide for a temporary increase in compensation for certain employees of the District of Columbia Government and the White House Police Force".

March 11, 1944  
[S. 1658]  
[Public Law 253]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of Public Law 22, approved April 1, 1943, be amended to read as follows:*

"This Act shall take effect as of December 1, 1942, and shall terminate on June 30, 1945, or such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may prescribe."

57 Stat. 57.  
3 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, § 63 note.

Approved March 11, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 91]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide cash awards to personnel of the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration for useful suggestions to improve administration of their activities.

March 13, 1944  
[S. J. Res. 78]  
[Public Law 254]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Maritime Commission is authorized to pay cash awards for suggestions submitted to it by any of its officers or employees in cases where the suggestion, in the opinion of the Commission or of a committee designated by it, would, if adopted, make for substantially increased efficiency, economy, or general improvement in carrying out the duties, powers, or functions of the Commission. Such suggestions shall be submitted and such awards shall be made under such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe, including provision for transfer to the United States of all rights or interests of the officer or employee in the suggestion. The provisions of this section shall apply in like manner to the War Shipping Administration and its officers and employees, and for the purpose of this section the terms "United States Maritime Commission" and "Commission" shall be deemed to refer to the War Shipping Administration. The total amount of cash awards made under this joint resolution in any fiscal year shall not exceed \$5,000 for each such agency, and the amount paid for any one suggestion shall not exceed \$250 for any one suggestion, except in case of a patentable idea, it may be not more than \$1,000.*

Maritime Commission.  
Cash awards for useful suggestions.

Applicability to War Shipping Administration.

Limitation.

Approved March 13, 1944.