

[CHAPTER 161]

AN ACT

April 4, 1944
[H. R. 3259]
[Public Law 286]

To clarify the application of section 1 (b) of Public Law 17, Seventy-eighth Congress, to certain services performed by seamen as employees of the United States through the War Shipping Administration.

War Shipping Administration.

50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. § 1291 (b) (1) (i).

"Employment." Exclusion of certain services.

57 Stat. 47.
50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. § 1291 (b) (2) (c) (i).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of subsection (i) in section 1 (b) (1) of the Act entitled "An Act to amend and clarify certain provisions of law relating to functions of the War Shipping Administration, and for other purposes", approved March 24, 1943 (Public Law 17, Seventy-eighth Congress; 57 Stat. 45), is amended, effective as of the effective date or dates of said subsection (i), by inserting before the period thereof a comma and the following: "but shall not include any such service performed (1) under a contract entered into without the United States and during the performance of which the vessel does not touch at a port in the United States, or (2) on a vessel documented under the laws of any foreign country and bareboat chartered to the War Shipping Administration".

SEC. 2. Subsection (o) (1) in section 1 (b) (2) of the said Act of March 24, 1943, is amended, effective as of the effective date or dates of said subsection (o) (1), by inserting before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "but shall not include any such service performed (1) under a contract entered into without the United States and during the performance of which the vessel does not touch at a port in the United States, or (2) on a vessel documented under the laws of any foreign country and bareboat chartered to the War Shipping Administration".

Approved April 4, 1944.

[CHAPTER 162]

AN ACT

April 4, 1944
[H. R. 3602]
[Public Law 286]

To amend the Act making it a misdemeanor to stow away on vessels.

Stowaways on vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor to stow away on vessels and providing punishment therefor", approved June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 306; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 469), be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

"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, with such intent, 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 thereon 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.

Approved April 4, 1944.

[CHAPTER 163]

AN ACT

To exempt certain officers and employees of the Office of Price Administration from certain provisions of the Criminal Code and Revised Statutes.

April 4, 1944
[H. R. 3847]
[Public Law 287]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing contained in sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, secs. 198 and 203) shall be deemed to apply to any person because of any appointment under the authority of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942 (Public Law Numbered 421, Seventy-seventh Congress) or under authority of title III of the Second War Powers Act, 1942 (Public Law Numbered 507, Seventy-seventh Congress), as a member of a War Price and Rationing Board or to any other position in a regional, district, or local office of the Office of Price Administration, if such person is serving or has served in such capacity without compensation: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any representation before the Office of Price Administration while such person is an officer or employee of the Office of Price Administration.

Office of Price Administration.
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

56 Stat. 23, 177.
50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. §§ 901-946, 632.
Post, pp. 632, 827.

Approved April 4, 1944.

[CHAPTER 164]

AN ACT

To amend section 6 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941, as amended.

April 4, 1944
[H. R. 3912]
[Public Law 288]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941, as amended by the Act of July 2, 1942 (23 U. S. C. 106), is hereby further amended by striking out the amount "\$260,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$290,000,000": *And provided further,* That not exceeding \$5,000,000 of this appropriation be used by the Commissioner of Public Roads in areas certified to the Federal Works Administrator, by the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, or by their authorized representatives, as maneuver areas, for such improvement and construction as may be necessary to keep the roads therein, which have been or may be used for training of the armed forces, in suitable condition for such training purposes, and to repair the damage caused thereto by the operations of men and equipment in such training.

Defense Highway Act of 1941, amendment.
Access roads.
55 Stat. 766; 56 Stat. 562.
23 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 106.
Post, p. 371.

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[CHAPTER 165]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes.

April 4, 1944
[H. R. 4381]
[Public Law 289]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to establish or develop the following naval shore activities by the construction of such temporary or permanent public works as he may consider necessary, including buildings, facilities, accessories, and services, with which shall be included the authority to acquire the necessary land, and to continue or complete the construction of any project heretofore authorized or undertaken, which projects have been specifically approved by the Secretary of the Navy, with approximate costs as indicated: Fleet facilities, \$41,716,500; aviation facilities, \$228,375,000; storage facilities, \$90,335,000; Marine Corps housing and training, \$25,375,000; ord-

Navy, public works.
Construction authorized.
Anie, p. 7.