

all such proceedings the practice, pleadings, forms, and modes of proceedings shall conform as near as may be to the practice, pleadings, forms, and proceedings existing at the time in like causes in the courts of record of the State within which such district court is held, any rule of the court to the contrary notwithstanding”.

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 497]

AN ACT

November 30, 1945  
[H. R. 2874]  
[Public Law 233]

To amend the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia to authorize any corporation formed under authority of subchapter 3 of chapter 18 of such code to specify in its bylaws that a less number than a majority of its trustees may constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the corporation.

D. C. Code, amend-  
ment.

31 Stat. 1284.

Trustees of incor-  
porated societies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 601 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia”, approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 29-603), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 601. TRUSTEES.—Such incorporated society may elect its trustees, directors, or managers at such time and place and in such manner as may be specified in its bylaws, who shall have the control and management of the affairs and funds of the society, and a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, unless a less number be specified as a quorum in the bylaws; and whenever any vacancy shall happen in such board of trustees, directors, or managers the vacancies shall be filled in such manner as shall be provided by the bylaws of the society.”

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 498]

AN ACT

November 30, 1945  
[H. R. 3636]  
[Public Law 234]

Relating to the sale, in the District of Columbia, of certain small rockfish.

D. C. Code, amend-  
ment.

31 Stat. 1336.

Sale of small striped  
bass.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 899 of the Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, title 22, sec. 1605), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 899. Small Striped Bass.—It shall be unlawful for any person, prior to July 1, 1947, to offer for sale, to expose for sale, or to sell, in the District of Columbia, at any time during the year, any striped bass, locally called rockfish, which is less than eleven inches in length (measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail), and it shall be unlawful for any person, on or after July 1, 1947, to offer for sale, to expose for sale, or to sell, in the District of Columbia, at any time during the year, any striped bass, locally called rockfish, which is less than twelve inches in length (measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail).”

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 499]

AN ACT

November 30, 1945  
[H. R. 3867]  
[Public Law 235]

To amend the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia with respect to the making and publishing of annual reports by trust companies.

D. C. Code, amend-  
ment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 730 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish a code of law for the District of

Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 26-318), is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a colon and the following: "*Provided, however,* That trust companies which are required to file and to publish reports under the provisions of section 5211 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, shall not be required to make or publish the annual report required under this section".

Approved November 30, 1945.

31 Stat. 1307.

Annual reports by trust companies.

12 U. S. C. § 161; Supp. IV, § 161 note.

[CHAPTER 500]

AN ACT

To provide for the opening of a road within the boundaries of the District of Columbia Training School property in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

November 30, 1945  
[H. R. 3873]  
[Public Law 236]

*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 be, and they are hereby, authorized to convey to the State of Maryland the land and connections thereto necessary for use as a public thoroughfare through the District of Columbia Training School property in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, as shown on map numbered 3094, filed in the office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia.

D. C. Training School property, Anne Arundel County, Md., roadway.

SEC. 2. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby further authorized to grant an easement to the State of Maryland over the land and connections thereto, abutting said thoroughfare for slopes made necessary by the construction of this roadway.

Easement.

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 501]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the continuance of the tax-exempt status of certain property in the District of Columbia when used and occupied by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States of America or by the American Red Cross.

November 30, 1945  
[H. J. Res. 236]  
[Public Law 237]

Whereas certain real property in the District of Columbia, including property belonging to the United States of America and other property belonging to various institutions, associations, societies, and so forth, is exempt from real-estate taxation; and

Whereas in times of national stress it is necessary for the United States of America and its various instrumentalities to use and occupy additional space necessary for the proper execution of their enlarged functions: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the use and occupancy of real property in the District of Columbia by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States of America, or by the American Red Cross, on a basis which does not result in the receipt of rent or income to the owner thereof within the meaning of section 2 of the Act of December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1089), shall not operate to terminate the tax-exempt status of such property if exempted from taxation prior to such use and occupancy; and, further, that any taxes, penalties, or interest which may be due by reason of such change in the use and occupancy of such property and unpaid when this joint resolution shall be approved by the President shall be abated: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing any refund of any taxes, penalties, or interest heretofore paid.

District of Columbia.  
Tax-exempt status of certain property.

D. C. Code, Supp. IV, § 47-801b.

Approved November 30, 1945.