

of Georgia Railway Company a perpetual easement for the installation and operation of a railroad spur track in, over, and across a fifty and one-half foot strip of land at the Naval Ordnance Plant, Macon, Georgia, containing approximately thirty-three one-hundredths acre of land, metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy shall require, as a condition precedent to the conveyance herein authorized, payment by the grantee to the United States of a sum equal to the current market value of the easement herein authorized to be conveyed. The grantee shall bear the expense of relocating fencing, gates, and power poles now located on the land.

Approved March 7, 1947.

Payment by  
grantee.

[CHAPTER 14]

AN ACT

To authorize the payment of \$425.88 by the United States to the Government of Switzerland.

March 10, 1947  
[H. R. 1040]  
[Public Law 14]

*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 authorized to pay to the proper representatives of the Government of Switzerland, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$425.88, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for the loss of food and other items stored aboard the Japanese vessel Awa Maru, when that vessel was sunk in western Pacific waters.

Switzerland.  
Settlement of  
claims.

Approved March 10, 1947.

[CHAPTER 15]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Firearms Act.

March 10, 1947  
[H. R. 1778]  
[Public Law 15]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph (6) of the first section of the Federal Firearms Act of June 30, 1938 (52 Stat. 1250; U. S. C., title 15, sec. 901 (6)), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

“(6) The term ‘crime of violence’ means murder, manslaughter, rape, mayhem, kidnaping, robbery, burglary, housebreaking; assault with intent to kill, commit rape, or rob; assault with a dangerous weapon, or assault with intent to commit any offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.”

“Crime of violence.”

Approved March 10, 1947.

[CHAPTER 16]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of June 25, 1938, as amended, by providing for the certification of batches of drugs composed wholly or partly of any kind of streptomycin, or any derivative thereof, and for other purposes.

March 10, 1947  
[H. R. 2045]  
[Public Law 16]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 301 (j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of June 25, 1938, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 21, ch. 9), is amended by inserting “506, 507,” after “section 404, 505.”

52 Stat. 1042.  
21 U. S. C. § 331 (j).

SEC. 2. Section 502 (1) of such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting “or streptomycin” after “penicillin”.

59 Stat. 463.  
21 U. S. C. § 352 (1).

59 Stat. 463.  
21 U. S. C. § 357.

SEC. 3. The heading of section 507 of such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting "OR STREPTOMYCIN" after "PENICILLIN"; and the first sentence of subsection (a) of such section 507 is amended by inserting "or streptomycin" after "penicillin".

Approved March 10, 1947.

[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

To continue in effect certain war excise tax rates, and for other purposes.

March 11, 1947  
[H. R. 1030]  
[Public Law 17]

Excise Tax Act of  
1947.

58 Stat. 61.  
26 U. S. C. § 1650.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Excise Tax Act of 1947".

SEC. 2. Section 1650 of the Internal Revenue Code (war tax rates of certain miscellaneous taxes) is hereby amended by striking out "and ending on the first day of the first month which begins six months or more after the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war".

Repeals.  
58 Stat. 63.  
26 U. S. C. §§ 1654,  
1655.

SEC. 3. Sections 1654 (termination of retail tax on luggage, etc.) and 1655 (definition of "date of the termination of hostilities in the present war") of such Code are hereby repealed.

59 Stat. 576.  
26 U. S. C. § 1659.

SEC. 4. Section 1659 of such Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1659. DEFINITION OF RATE REDUCTION DATE.

"For the purposes of this chapter the term 'rate reduction date' means such date as the Congress shall by law prescribe."

58 Stat. 63.  
26 U. S. C. § 1650  
note.

SEC. 5. Section 302 (b) (2) of the Revenue Act of 1943 (period applicable to increase of tax with respect to billiard and pool tables and bowling alleys) is hereby amended by striking out "and continuing through June 30 next following the first day of the first month which begins six months or more after the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war (as defined in Chapter 9A of the Internal Revenue Code)".

58 Stat. 61.  
26 U. S. C. § 1650  
et seq.

58 Stat. 68.  
26 U. S. C. § 3250  
note.

SEC. 6. Section 309 (b) of the Revenue Act of 1943 (relating to draw-back on distilled spirits) is hereby amended by striking out "and ending on the first day of the first month which begins six months or more after the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war,".

55 Stat. 718.  
26 U. S. C. § 2401.

SEC. 7. (a) Section 2401 of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to the tax on furs) is hereby amended by inserting after the words "chief value" a comma and the following: "but only if such value is more than three times the value of the next most valuable component material".

Applicability.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply in the case of articles sold on or after the first day of the first month which begins more than twenty days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

55 Stat. 721.  
26 U. S. C. § 3469 (a).

SEC. 8. (a) Section 3469 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to the tax on transportation of persons) is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence two new sentences to read as follows: "The tax shall not apply with respect to transportation any part of which is outside the northern portion of the Western Hemisphere, except with respect to any part of such transportation which is from any port or station within the United States, Canada, or Mexico to any other port or station within the United States, Canada, or Mexico. For the purposes of this section, the words 'northern portion of the Western Hemisphere' mean the area lying west of the thirtieth meridian west of Greenwich, east of the International Date Line, and north of the equator, but not including any country of South America."

"Northern portion  
of the Western Hemisphere."