

junior to him, is in the upper half of the list of rear admirals: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to officers of the Naval Reserve while on any lineal list established pursuant to title III of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947: *Provided further*, That no back pay or allowances shall be held to have accrued under the provisions of this Act for any period prior to the date of its approval.

Approved March 17, 1949.

61 Stat. 829,
34 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 3c *et seq.*

[CHAPTER 28]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Extending an invitation to the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1956 Olympic Games at Detroit, Michigan.

March 23, 1949
[S. J. Res. 56]
[Public Law 22]

Whereas the United States Olympic Association will invite the International Olympic Committee to hold the Olympic Games in the United States at Detroit, Michigan, in 1956: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Government of the United States joins in the invitation of the United States Olympic Association to the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1956 Olympic Games in the United States at Detroit, Michigan; and expresses the hospitable hope that the United States may be selected as the site for this great enterprise in international good will.

1956 Olympic
Games.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a copy of this joint resolution to the International Olympic Committee.

Approved March 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 30]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the filling of a vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress.

March 24, 1949
[H. J. Res. 89]
[Public Law 23]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, be filled by the appointment of Jerome C. Hunsaker, a citizen of Massachusetts, for the statutory term of six years, to succeed Frederic C. Walcott, retired.

Board of Regents of
Smithsonian Institu-
tion.

Approved March 24, 1949.

[CHAPTER 32]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the Eighty-third and Final National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28 to September 1, 1949.

March 24, 1949
[H. R. 2455]
[Public Law 24]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at the Eighty-third and Final National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28 to September 1, 1949.

U. S. Marine Band.
Attendance at
G. A. R. encampment.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such convention, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sufficient sum to cover the cost of transportation and pullman accommodations for the leaders and members of the Marine Band, and allowance not to exceed \$8 per day each

Appropriation au-
thorized.

for additional traveling and living expenses while on duty, such allowance to be in addition to the pay and allowance to which they would be entitled while serving their permanent station.

Approved March 24, 1949.

[CHAPTER 33]

JOINT RESOLUTION

For the authorization of a special contribution by the United States for the relief of Palestine refugees.

March 24, 1949
[S. J. Res. 36]
[Public Law 25]

Palestine refugees.
Appropriation au-
thorized.
Post, p. 232.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the President, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed \$16,000,000 as a special contribution by the United States to the United Nations for the purposes set forth in the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of November 19, 1948, providing for the relief of Palestine refugees.

Advances by R.F.C.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provision of any other law, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized and directed, until such time as an appropriation shall be made pursuant to section 1, to make advances to the President, not to exceed in the aggregate \$8,000,000, to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution. From appropriations authorized under section 1, there shall be repaid to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, without interest, the advances made by it under authority contained herein. No interest shall be charged on advances made by the Treasury to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in implementation of this section.

Approved March 24, 1949.

[CHAPTER 36]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during the period from March 15 to December 15, 1949, inclusive.

March 28, 1949
[S. J. Res. 52]
[Public Law 26]

Canadian vessels.
Transportation
iron ore.

46 U. S. C. § 883;
Supp. II, § 883 note.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Act of Congress approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 999), as amended by Act of Congress approved April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 154), and by Act of Congress approved July 2, 1935 (49 Stat. 442), or the provisions of any other Act of Congress or regulation, vessels of Canadian registry shall be permitted to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during the period from March 15 to December 15, 1949, inclusive.

Approved March 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 37]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the middle district of Georgia.

March 29, 1949
[S. 271]
[Public Law 27]

Georgia.
Additional district
judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional district judge for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. When a vacancy shall occur in the office of the existing district judge for said district such vacancy shall not be filled.

Approved March 29, 1949.