

of February 11, 1893 (49 U. S. C. 46), shall apply with respect to any individual who specifically claims such privilege.

27 Stat. 443.

“(g) The Housing Expediter shall not publish or disclose any information obtained under this Act that such Housing Expediter deems confidential or with reference to which a request for confidential treatment is made by the person furnishing such information unless he determines that the withholding thereof is contrary to the public interest.

Disclosure of information.

“(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or attempt to remove from any controlled housing accommodations the tenant or occupant thereof or to refuse to renew the lease or agreement for the use of such accommodations, because such tenant or occupant has taken, or proposes to take, action authorized or required by this Act or any regulation, order, or requirement thereunder.”

Eviction of tenant.

SEC. 206. Section 209 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 200.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
II, app. § 1899.

“SEC. 209. Whenever in the judgment of the Housing Expediter such action is necessary or proper in order to effectuate the purposes of this Act, he may, by regulation or order, regulate or prohibit speculative or manipulative practices or renting or leasing practices (including practices relating to recovery of the possession) in connection with any controlled housing accommodations, which in his judgment are equivalent to or are likely to result in rent increases inconsistent with the purposes of this Act.”

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 301. Nothing in this Act or in the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, shall be construed to require any person to offer any housing accommodations for rent.

61 Stat. 193.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
II, app. §§ 1881-1884,
1891-1902.

SEC. 302. Section 303 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1948 is hereby repealed.

62 Stat. 100.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
II, app. § 1904.

SEC. 303. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act, and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Separability of provisions.

SEC. 304. Section 603 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out “March 31, 1949” in each place it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof “June 30, 1949”.

55 Stat. 56; 62 Stat.
101.
12 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 1738 (a).
Post, pp. 421, 681,
905.

SEC. 305. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month following the month in which it is enacted.

Effective date.

Approved March 30, 1949.

[CHAPTER 43]

AN ACT

To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish daylight-saving time in the District.

March 31, 1949
[S. 135]
[Public Law 32]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance the standard time applicable to the District one hour for the period commencing not earlier than the last Sunday of April 1949 and ending not later than the last Sunday of September 1949. Any such time established by the Commissioners under the authority of this Act shall, during the period of the year for which it is applicable, be the standard time for the District of Columbia.

Daylight saving
time, D. C.

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 44]

AN ACT

To suspend certain import taxes on copper.

March 31, 1949
[H. R. 2313]
[Public Law 33]

53 Stat. 415.
26 U. S. C. § 3425;
Supp. II, § 3425 note.

46 Stat. 676.
19 U. S. C. § 1201;
par. 1657.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the import tax imposed under section 3425 of the Internal Revenue Code shall not apply with respect to articles (other than copper sulfate and other than composition metal provided for in paragraph 1657 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, which is suitable both in its composition and shape, without further refining or alloying, for processing into castings, not including as castings ingots or similar cast forms) entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period beginning April 1, 1949, and ending with the close of June 30, 1950.

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 45]

AN ACT

To extend for a temporary period the provisions of the District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act.

March 31, 1949
[H. R. 3910]
[Public Law 34]

55 Stat. 788; 62 Stat.
205.
D. C. Code, Supp.
VII, § 45-1601 (b).
Post, p. 48.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate rents in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1941, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 45-1601), is hereby amended by striking out "March 31, 1949" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 30, 1949".

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 46]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To maintain the status quo with respect to the exemption, from the tax on transportation of persons, of foreign travel via Newfoundland.

March 31, 1949
[H. J. Res. 203]
[Public Law 35]

Internal Revenue
Code, amendment.
55 Stat. 721.
26 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 3469 (a).

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3469 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to the tax on transportation of persons) is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence thereof a new sentence to read as follows: "A port or station within Newfoundland shall not, for the purposes of the preceding sentence, be considered as a port or station within Canada."

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this joint resolution shall apply to amounts paid for transportation on or after April 1, 1949.

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to provide for an Under Secretary of Defense.

April 2, 1949
[H. R. 2216]
[Public Law 36]

Under Secretary of
Defense.

61 Stat. 500.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 171a.
Post, p. 580.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 202 of the National Security Act of 1947 approved July 26, 1947 (61 Stat. 495; 5 U. S. C., sec. 171a), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(d) There shall be an Under Secretary of Defense, who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice