

not interfere with the free and safe operation thereof: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall require the location, construction, or maintenance of any such street or highway under or above any spur, industrial, switching or side track, or branch line of any railroad unless the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall find the same is necessary in the public safety.”

Proviso.
Spur, etc., tracks.

SEC. 2. Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Right reserved.

SEC. 3. If this amendatory Act, or any part thereof, shall be declared invalid, the Act of February 28, 1903, as originally enacted shall remain in full force and effect and unimpaired by this amendatory Act.

Separability.

Approved, May 9, 1941.

[CHAPTER 94]

AN ACT

To authorize the Attorney General to grant easements to States over lands belonging to the United States under his supervision and control.

May 9, 1941
[H. R. 3394]
[Public Law 56]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General, whenever he deems it advantageous to the Government and upon such terms and conditions as he deems advisable, is hereby authorized on behalf of the United States to grant to any State, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, easements in and rights-of-way over lands belonging to the United States which are under his supervision and control. Such grant may include the use of such easements or rights-of-way by public utilities to the extent authorized and under the conditions imposed by the laws of such State relating to use of public highways. Such partial, concurrent, or exclusive jurisdiction over the areas covered by such easements or rights-of-way, as the Attorney General deems necessary or desirable, is hereby ceded to such State. The Attorney General is hereby authorized to accept or secure on behalf of the United States from the State in which is situated any land conveyed in exchange for any such easement or right-of-way, such jurisdiction as he may deem necessary or desirable over the land so acquired.

Attorney General.
Granting of easements over certain public lands.

Approved, May 9, 1941.

[CHAPTER 95]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the commissioners of Mahoning County, Ohio, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Mahoning River in the village of Lowellville, Mahoning County, Ohio.

May 9, 1941
[H. R. 3682]
[Public Law 57]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the commissioners of Mahoning County, Ohio, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River in the village of Lowellville, Mahoning County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters”, approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Mahoning River.
Bridge authorized across, at Lowellville, Ohio.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

34 Stat. 54.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Approved, May 9, 1941.

[CHAPTER 96]

AN ACT

May 9, 1941
[H. R. 3835]
[Public Law 58]

To exempt from internal-revenue taxes, on the basis of reciprocity, articles imported by consular officers and employees of foreign states for their personal or official use.

Internal Revenue
Code, amendment.
53 Stat. 471.
26 U. S. C. § 3801.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Internal Revenue Code is hereby amended by renumbering section 3802 as section 3803 and by inserting after section 3801 the following new section :

“SEC. 3802. EXEMPTION OF CONSULAR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF FOREIGN STATES FROM PAYMENT OF INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES ON IMPORTED ARTICLES.

“(a) **RULE OF EXEMPTION.**—No internal-revenue tax shall be imposed with respect to articles imported by a consular officer of a foreign state or by an employee of a consulate of a foreign state whether such articles accompany the officer or employee to his post in the United States, its insular possessions, or the Panama Canal Zone, or are imported by him at any time during the exercise of his functions therein, if—

“(1) such officer or employee is a national of the state appointing him and not engaged in any profession, business, or trade within the territory specified in subsection (a) ;

“(2) the articles are imported by the officer or employee for his personal or official use ; and

“(3) the foreign state grants an equivalent exemption to corresponding officers or employees of the Government of the United States stationed in such foreign state.

“(b) **CERTIFICATE BY SECRETARY OF STATE.**—The Secretary of State shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the names of the foreign states which grant an equivalent exemption to the consular officers or employees of the Government of the United States stationed in such foreign states.”

Approved, May 9, 1941.

[CHAPTER 97]

AN ACT

May 9, 1941
[H. R. 3974]
[Public Law 59]

To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Security Agency to adopt an official seal, and for other purposes.

Federal Security
Agency.
Official seal author-
ized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of the Federal Security Agency is authorized to adopt an official seal to be used as directed by the said Administrator on appropriate occasions in connection with the functions of such Agency or of any office, bureau, board, or establishment which is or shall hereafter become a part of such Agency, and such seal shall be judicially noticed. Copies of any books, records, papers, or other documents in the Federal Security Agency shall be admitted in evidence equally with the originals thereof when authenticated under such seal.

Approved, May 9, 1941.

[CHAPTER 98]

AN ACT

May 9, 1941
[H. R. 4036]
[Public Law 60]

To amend the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act, approved May 3, 1935.

District of Colum-
bia.

D. C. Code § 40-402.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act of May 3, 1935 (49 Stat. 166), as amended, is amended by adding