

jurisdiction of the Panama Canal during the fiscal years 1935 and 1936, which were in excess of the amounts paid such officer as rental allowance, shall to the extent of such excess be refunded to such persons upon presentation of a claim therefor to the Comptroller General.

Approved, October 13, 1941.

[CHAPTER 431]

AN ACT

Relating to the payment of fees and costs of witnesses and jurors and the accounting therefor.

October 13, 1941
[S. 1051]
[Public Law 267]

United States
courts.

Accounts of fees and
costs.

Payment of ex-
traordinary expenses.

Payment of fees of
jurors and witnesses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 846 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 577), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 846. No accounts of fees or costs paid to any witness or juror, upon the order of any judge or commissioner, or to any witness upon the certificate of attendance of the United States attorney or assistant United States attorney, or to any juror upon the certificate of attendance of the clerk of the court, shall be so reexamined as to charge any marshal for an erroneous taxation of such fees or costs. Where the ministerial officers of the United States have incurred or shall incur extraordinary expense in executing the laws thereof, the payment of which is not specifically provided for, the President of the United States is authorized to allow the payment thereof under the special taxation of the district court of the district in which the said services have been or shall be rendered, to be paid from the appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judiciary."

SEC. 2. Section 855 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 608) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 855. The marshal shall pay to the jurors all fees to which they appear to be entitled on the certificate of attendance of the clerk of the court, and, in cases where the United States is a party, the marshal shall pay to the witnesses all fees to which they appear to be entitled on the certificate of attendance of the United States attorney or assistant United States attorney, which sum shall be allowed the marshal in the General Accounting Office in his accounts."

Approved, October 13, 1941.

[CHAPTER 432]

AN ACT

To amend the Alien Registration Act, 1940, by making it a criminal offense to reproduce alien registration receipt cards.

October 13, 1941
[S. 1512]
[Public Law 268]

Alien Registration
Act, 1940, amendment.

Unlawful reproduc-
tion of receipt cards.

Penalty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 36 of the Alien Registration Act, 1940 (Act of June 28, 1940, title III, sec. 36, 54 Stat. 675; U. S. C., title 8, sec. 457), be, and the same is, hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection to be lettered (d), reading as follows:

"(d) Any person who with unlawful intent photographs, prints, or in any other manner makes, or executes, any engraving, photograph, print, or impression in the likeness of an alien registration receipt card or any colorable imitation thereof, except when and as authorized under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Attorney General, shall upon conviction, be fined not to exceed \$5,000 or be imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Approved, October 13, 1941.

[CHAPTER 436]

AN ACT

To authorize employees of the United States to testify on behalf of the District of Columbia and employees of the District of Columbia to testify on behalf of the United States and of the District of Columbia without loss of salary or annual leave.

October 14, 1941
[S. 1344]
[Public Law 269]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act employees of the Government of the United States in active service who are called upon to serve as witnesses on behalf of the District of Columbia in any court proceeding in which the government of the District of Columbia may be a party and employees of the government of the District of Columbia who are called upon to serve as witnesses on behalf of the United States or the District of Columbia in any court proceeding in which the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia may be a party, shall not be paid witness fees for such service, but the period of such service shall be without loss of salary or compensation and shall not be deducted from any leave of absence with pay authorized by law.

Employees of U. S. and D. C. Service as witness without loss of salary or annual leave.

Witness fees disallowed.

Approved, October 14, 1941.

[CHAPTER 437]

AN ACT

To further amend the Acts for promoting the circulation of reading matter among the blind.

October 14, 1941
[S. 1570]
[Public Law 270]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved April 27, 1904 (33 Stat. 313), the supplemental provision in the Act approved August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 551), the joint resolution approved June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 668), the Act approved May 9, 1934 (48 Stat. 678), and the Act amending these Acts approved May 16, 1938 (52 Stat. 378) (39 U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, sec. 331), be, and the same are hereby, amended to read as follows:

Postal Service. Reading matter, etc., for the blind.

39 U. S. C. § 331.

Books, pamphlets, and other reading matter published either in raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed or in the form of sound-reproduction records for the use of the blind, in packages not exceeding the weight prescribed by the Postmaster General, and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed, and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries; magazines, periodicals, and other regularly issued publications in such raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or on sound-reproduction records (for the use of the blind), which contain no advertisements and for which no subscription fee is charged, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Designated matter to be transmitted free of postage.

Volumes of the Holy Scriptures, or any part thereof, published either in raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or in the form of sound-reproduction records for the use of the blind, which do not contain advertisements (a) when furnished by an organization, institution, or association not conducted for private profit, to a blind person without charge, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage; (b) when furnished by an organization, institution, or association not conducted for private profit to a blind person at a price not greater than the cost price thereof, shall be transmitted in the United States mails at the

Holy Scriptures.