

53 Stat. 357.
26 U. S. C. §§ 3100-3124.

53 Stat. 320, 331.
26 U. S. C. §§ 2836, 2870.

55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp. I, app., prec. § 1 note.

all the tax-free purposes authorized by part II of subchapter C of this chapter, and when so withdrawn shall be subject to all applicable provisions of such part. Under such regulations as the Commissioner may prescribe, the manufacture, warehousing, withdrawal, and shipment of distilled spirits of one hundred and sixty degrees of proof or greater may be exempted from the provisions of section 2836 and section 2870. This subsection shall cease to be in effect upon the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941."

Approved, January 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 18]

AN ACT

January 26, 1942
[H. R. 6263]
[Public Law 413]

To amend section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934 for the purpose of granting to the President, in time of war or threatened war, certain powers with respect to communications by wire.

Communications Act of 1934, amendments.
48 Stat. 1104.
47 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 606 note.
Post, p. 1096.

War powers of President with respect to wire communication.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 47, sec. 606), is hereby amended by striking out "(d)" in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "(e)", and by inserting after subsection (c) a new subsection as follows:

"(d) Upon proclamation by the President that there exists a state or threat of war involving the United States, the President, if he deems it necessary in the interest of the national security and defense, may, during a period ending not later than six months after the termination of such state or threat of war and not later than such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may designate, (1) suspend or amend the rules and regulations applicable to any or all facilities or stations for wire communication within the jurisdiction of the United States as prescribed by the Commission, (2) cause the closing of any facility or station for wire communication and the removal therefrom of its apparatus and equipment, or (3) authorize the use or control of any such facility or station and its apparatus and equipment by any department of the Government under such regulations as he may prescribe, upon just compensation to the owners."

SEC. 2. Such section 606 is further amended by inserting at the end thereof two new subsections as follows:

"(f) Nothing in subsection (c) or (d) shall be construed to amend, repeal, impair, or affect existing laws or powers of the States in relation to taxation or the lawful police regulations of the several States, except wherein such laws, powers, or regulations may affect the transmission of Government communications, or the issue of stocks and bonds by any communication system or systems.

"(g) Nothing in subsection (c) or (d) shall be construed to authorize the President to make any amendment to the rules and regulations of the Commission which the Commission would not be authorized by law to make; and nothing in subsection (d) shall be construed to authorize the President to take any action the force and effect of which shall continue beyond the date after which taking of such action would not have been authorized."

Approved, January 26, 1942.

Laws or powers of the States.

Authority to amend rules.

Limitation.

[CHAPTER 19]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To maintain the secrecy of military information.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective as of May 27, 1941, section 12 (h) of the Neutrality Act of 1939 (Public Resolution Numbered 54, Seventy-sixth Congress) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Any reports required by this section may be omitted or dispensed with in the discretion of the Secretary of State during the existence of a state of war."

Approved, January 26, 1942.

January 26, 1942
[S. J. Res. 124]
[Public Law 414]

Neutrality Act of
1939, amendment.
54 Stat. 11.
22 U. S. C. § 452 (h).

National Munitions
Control Board, re-
ports.

[CHAPTER 20]

AN ACT

To provide protection of persons and property from bombing attacks in the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not exceeding \$100,000,000, as may be necessary to enable the Director of Civilian Defense, appointed under authority of Executive Order Numbered 8757, dated May 20, 1941, to provide, under such regulations as the President may prescribe, facilities, supplies, and services to include research and development for the adequate protection of persons and property from bombing attacks, sabotage or other war hazards in such localities in the United States, its Territories and possessions, as may be determined by the said Director to be in need of, but unable to provide, such protection: *Provided,* That such facilities and supplies may be loaned to civil authorities in accordance with said regulations: *Provided further,* That any department or agency of the Federal Government having equipment or supplies not required for its use may, subject to the approval of the Division of Procurement, Treasury Department, transfer the same without charge (notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of December 20, 1928, 45 Stat. 1030) to the Director of Civilian Defense for the purpose herein authorized.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to wear an insignia, arm band, or other distinctive article prescribed by the Director of Civilian Defense except in accordance with the regulations promulgated under the authority of section 1 hereof: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the Director of Civilian Defense, or any person or employee acting under him by authority of this Act, or in pursuance of the regulations prescribed thereunder to interfere with or usurp any of the rights or duties of any local district, municipal, county, or State official.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

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[S. 1936]
[Public Law 415]

Civilian defense.
Appropriation au-
thorized.
Post, p. 99.
6 F. R. 2517.

Provisos.
Loan of facilities to
civil authorities.

Transfer of equip-
ment from Govern-
ment agencies.

40 U. S. C. § 311a.

Unauthorized wear-
ing of insignia, etc.

Proviso.
Local rights and du-
ties.

Penalty.

[CHAPTER 21]

AN ACT

Authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore on the Great Lakes during 1942.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, by reason of emergency conditions in transportation on the Great Lakes, not-

January 27, 1942
[S. 2204]
[Public Law 416]

Great Lakes.
Transportation of
iron ore.
Post, p. 735.