

## [CHAPTER 68]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

April 24, 1943  
[H. J. Res. 113]  
[Public Law 40]

To extend the provisions of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 for a period of thirty days.

Bituminous Coal Act of 1937.  
Time extension.  
55 Stat. 134.  
15 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 849.  
Post, p. 82.  
55 Stat. 134.  
26 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 3527.  
Post, p. 82.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That (a) section 19 of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 (relating to termination of the Act) is amended by striking out "April 26, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "May 24, 1943".

(b) Section 3527 of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to termination of the bituminous coal taxes) is amended by striking out "April 25, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "May 23, 1943".

Approved April 24, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 71]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

April 26, 1943  
[H. J. Res. 92]  
[Public Law 41]

To authorize the refund by the War Shipping Administrator of certain freights for transportation on frustrated voyages.

Frustrated voyages.  
Refund of sums collected as freight.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Administrator, War Shipping Administration, is authorized to refund to shippers or their authorized representatives sums collected by or for account of the United States as freight for transportation which was not completed by reason of frustration of the voyage on or about December 1, 1941, and before February 16, 1942: *Provided*, That when the United States has incurred any expense in connection with such frustrated voyages the refund shall be prorated upon such basis as the Administrator shall deem appropriate.

Approved April 26, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 76]

## AN ACT

April 29, 1943  
[S. 991]  
[Public Law 42]

To extend the time within which the powers relating to the stabilization fund may be exercised.

Gold Reserve Act of 1934, amendments.  
48 Stat. 341.  
31 U. S. C. § 822a (b).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That subsection (b) of section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, approved January 30, 1934, as amended, is amended by inserting after the second sentence thereof the following new sentence: "Such fund shall not be used in any manner whereby direct control and custody thereof pass from the President and the Secretary of the Treasury."

48 Stat. 342.  
31 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 822a (c).

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, approved January 30, 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) All the powers conferred by this section shall expire June 30, 1945, unless the President shall sooner declare the existing emergency ended and the operation of the stabilization fund terminated."

Approved April 29, 1943.

[CHAPTER 80]

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, for the purpose of further regulating interstate and foreign commerce in tobacco, and for other purposes.

April 29, 1943

[H. R. 2020]

[Public Law 43]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 313 (a) of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by striking out the period at the end of said subsection and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following new proviso: "And provided further, That the Burley tobacco acreage allotment which would otherwise be established for any farm having a Burley acreage allotment in 1942 shall not be less than one-half acre, and the acreage required for apportionment under this proviso shall be in addition to the National and State acreage allotments."

Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, amendment.

52 Stat. 47.

7 U. S. C. § 1313 (a).

Post, p. 387.

Burley tobacco acreage allotment.

Approved April 29, 1943.

[CHAPTER 81]

AN ACT

To authorize the return to private ownership of certain vessels formerly used or suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto.

April 29, 1943

[H. R. 2238]

[Public Law 44]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any vessel formerly used or suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto the title to which has been or may hereafter be acquired by the United States through purchase or requisition may be returned to private ownership in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Return of certain fishing vessels to owners.

SEC. 2. Every such vessel shall, upon determination by the department or agency having possession thereof that the vessel is no longer needed or can be spared by such department or agency without detriment to its service, be made available to the Administrator of the War Shipping Administration (hereinafter referred to as the Administrator), who shall notify the owner from whom such vessel was purchased or requisitioned that the vessel may be returned to such owner upon repayment to the United States of the compensation paid therefor less such allowances as the Administrator may deem reasonable (1) to cover the cost of such reconditioning as the Administrator and the owner may find necessary to make the vessel suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto (ordinary wear and tear excepted), and (2) to compensate such owner for the use of the vessel by the United States, and upon compliance with such other terms and conditions as the Administrator may prescribe. The determination of such allowances by the Administrator shall be final notwithstanding any other provision of law.

Notification by War Shipping Administrator.

Repayment to U. S.

SEC. 3. If any such owner shall fail, within a reasonable time after notice (which time shall be specified in the notice but may be extended by the Administrator), to make arrangements satisfactory to the Administrator for such return of the vessel or shall expressly waive the right thereto, the Administrator may advertise the vessel for sale upon competitive sealed bids subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator may prescribe, including a requirement of assurance that the vessel will not be used, for the period of one year from the date of sale, other than in the fisheries or industries related thereto, without the approval of the Administrator: *Provided, however,* That the Administrator may reject any bid which does not equal the purchase price or compensation paid or payable by the United States for such vessel less a reasonable allowance to cover the cost of reconditioning as hereinabove defined.

Disposition if owner fails to redeem.