

## [CHAPTER 143]

## AN ACT

To strengthen and improve the organization and administration of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1949  
[S. 1704]  
[Public Law 73]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be in the Department of State in addition to the Secretary of State an Under Secretary of State and ten Assistant Secretaries of State.

Department of State.  
Under Secretary and Assistant Secretaries.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State and the officers referred to in section 1 of this Act shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Counselor of the Department of State and the Legal Adviser, who are required to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall rank equally with the Assistant Secretaries of State. Any such officer holding office at the time the provisions of this Act become effective shall not be required to be reappointed by reason of the enactment of this Act. The Secretary may designate two of the Assistant Secretaries as Deputy Under Secretaries.

Deputy Under Secretaries.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of State, or such person or persons designated by him, notwithstanding the provisions of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 999) or any other law, except where authority is inherent in or vested in the President of the United States, shall administer, coordinate, and direct the Foreign Service of the United States and the personnel of the State Department. Any provisions in the Foreign Service Act of 1946, or in any other law, vesting authority in the "Assistant Secretary of State for Administration", the "Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of the Administration of the Department", the "Director General", or any other reference with respect thereto, are hereby amended to vest such authority in the Secretary of State.

Direction of Foreign Service.

22 U. S. C. § 801 et seq.; Supp. II, § 815 et seq.  
Post, p. 407.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of State may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the functions now or hereafter vested in the Secretary of State or the Department of State, and he may delegate authority to perform any of such functions to officers and employees under his direction and supervision.

Rules and regulations.

Delegation of authority.

SEC. 5. The following statutes or parts of statutes are hereby repealed:

Repeals.

Section 200 of the Revised Statutes, as amended and amplified by the Acts authorizing the establishment of additional Assistant Secretaries of State, including section 22 of the Act of May 24, 1924 (ch. 182, and the Act of December 8, 1944, R. S. 200; 43 Stat. 146; 58 Stat. 798; 5 U. S. C. 152, as amended by Public Law 767, Eightieth Congress).

62 Stat. 670.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 152 note.  
22 U. S. C. § 822.

Section 202 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1000) and any other reference in such Act to the "Deputy Director General".

Section 1041 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1032).

22 U. S. C. § 811.

Approved May 26, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 144]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to issue a proclamation designating Memorial Day, 1949, as a day for a Nation-wide prayer for peace.

May 26, 1949  
[S. J. Res. 61]  
[Public Law 74]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day, 1949, by praying, each in

Memorial Day, 1949.  
Issuance of proclamation authorized.

accordance with his religious faith, for permanent peace, designating a period during such day in which all the people of the United States may unite in prayer for a permanent peace; calling upon all the people of the United States to unite in prayer at such time; and calling upon the newspapers, radio stations, and all other mediums of information to join in observing such day and period of prayer.

Approved May 26, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 145]

## AN ACT

To amend the War Claims Act of 1948.

May 27, 1949

[S. 326]

[Public Law 75]

50 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, app. §§ 2001-2013.  
62 Stat. 1241.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, app. § 2001 (c).

62 Stat. 1245.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, app. § 2007 (a).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the War Claims Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1240) is amended in the following respects:

1. The last sentence of section 2 (c) is amended to read as follows: "The limit of time within which claims may be filed with the Commission shall in no event be later than March 1, 1951."

2. Section 8 (a) is amended by striking out the words "March 31, 1949" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 31, 1950".

Approved May 27, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 146]

## AN ACT

To provide additional revenue for the District of Columbia.

May 27, 1949

[H. R. 3704]

[Public Law 76]

District of Colum-  
bia Revenue Act of  
1949.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act divided into titles and sections may be cited as the "District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1949" and title I of this Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Sales Tax Act" and title II of this Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Use Tax Act".

District of Colum-  
bia Sales Tax Act.

## TITLE I—GROSS SALES TAX

## DEFINITIONS

- "Assessor." SECTION 101. "Assessor" means the Assessor of the District or his duly authorized representatives.
- "Business." SEC. 102. "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person or caused to be engaged in by him with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.
- "Collector." SEC. 103. "Collector" means the Collector of Taxes of the District or his duly authorized representatives.
- "Commissioners." SEC. 104. "Commissioners" means the Commissioners of the District or their duly authorized representatives.
- "District." SEC. 105. "District" means the District of Columbia.
- "Engaging in business." SEC. 106. "Engaging in business" means commencing, conducting, or continuing in business, as well as liquidating a business when the liquidator thereof holds himself out to the public as conducting such a business.
- "Food." SEC. 107. "Food" means cereals and cereal products; milk and milk products, including ice cream; meat and meat products; fish and fish products; eggs and egg products; vegetables and vegetable products; fruit, fruit products, and fruit juices; bottled soft drinks; spices and salt; flavoring extracts and condiments; sugar and sugar products; coffee and coffee substitutes; tea; cocoa and cocoa products; and ice when used for household consumption: *Provided, however,* That the