

Prompt payment as soon as just compensation determined.

Payment of 75 per cent of amount determined; suit for further sum if amount unsatisfactory.

28 U. S. C. §§ 41 (20), 250.

Repair, reconstruction, etc., of acquired property.

Property transfers.

49 Stat. 1987.  
46 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 1116.

“(d) In all cases, the just compensation authorized by this section shall be determined and paid by the Commission as soon as practicable, but if the amount of just compensation determined by the Commission is unsatisfactory to the person entitled thereto, such person shall be paid 75 per centum of the amount so determined and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sum as, added to said 75 per centum will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for by section 24, paragraph 20, and section 145 of the Judicial Code (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 28, secs. 41, 250).

“(e) The Commission is authorized to repair, recondition, reconstruct, and operate, or charter for operation, any property acquired under authority of this section. The Commission is further authorized to transfer the possession or control of any such property to any department or agency of the Government of the United States upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the President. In case of any such transfer the department or agency to which the transfer is made shall promptly reimburse the Commission for its expenditures on account of just compensation, purchase price, repairs, reconditioning, reconstruction, or charter hire for the property transferred. Such reimbursements shall be deposited in the construction fund established by section 206 of this Act.”

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 556]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a Coast Guard station on the shore of North Carolina at or near Wrightsville Beach, New Hanover County.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish a Coast Guard station on the shore of North Carolina, at or near Wrightsville Beach, New Hanover County, at such point as the Commandant of the Coast Guard may recommend.

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 557]

AN ACT

To amend section 194 of an Act entitled “An Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States”, approved March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. L. 1088).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 194 of the Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States, approved March 4, 1909, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 18, sec. 317), be amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 194. Whoever shall steal, take, or abstract, or by fraud or deception obtain, or attempt so to obtain, from or out of any mail, post office, or station thereof, or other authorized depository for mail matter, or from a letter or mail carrier, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or shall abstract or remove from any such letter, package, bag, or mail, any article or thing contained therein, or shall secrete, embezzle, or destroy any such letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein; or whoever shall steal, take, or abstract, or by fraud or deception obtain any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, which has been left for collection upon or adjacent to a collection box or other authorized

Wrightsville Beach, New Hanover County, N. C.

Establishment of Coast Guard station authorized.

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Criminal Code, amendment.  
35 Stat. 1125.  
18 U. S. C. § 317;  
Supp. IV, § 317.

Stealing, secreting, embezzling, etc., mail matter.

Mail left upon collection box, etc.

depository of mail matter; or whoever shall buy, receive, or conceal, or aid in buying, receiving, or concealing, or shall unlawfully have in his possession, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein, which has been so stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted, as herein described, knowing the same to have been stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted; or whoever shall take any letter, postal card, or package out of any post office or station thereof, or out of any authorized depository for mail matter, or from any letter or mail carrier, or which has been in any post office or station thereof, or other authorized depository, or in the custody of any letter or mail carrier, before it has been delivered to the person to whom it was directed, with a design to obstruct the correspondence, or to pry into the business or secrets of another, or shall open, secrete, embezzle, or destroy the same, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Approved, August 7, 1939.

Receiving property stolen, etc., from the mails.

Unauthorized taking of mail before delivery.

Penalty.

[CHAPTER 558]

AN ACT

To exempt certain motorboats from the operation of sections 4 and 6 of the Motor Boat Act of June 9, 1910, and from certain other Acts of Congress, and to provide that certain motorboats shall not be required to carry on board copies of the pilot rules.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 4 and 6 of the Act of June 9, 1910 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, secs. 514 and 516), shall not apply to motorboats propelled by outboard motors while competing in any race previously arranged and announced, or if such boats be designed and intended solely for racing, while engaged in such navigation as is incidental to the tuning up of the boats and engines for the race.

SEC. 2. Motorboats as defined by section 1 of the Act of June 9, 1910 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 511), the Act of June 7, 1897 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, ch. 3), the Act of February 8, 1895 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, ch. 4), and by section 4412 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, ch. 5) shall not be required to carry on board copies of the pilot rules.

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[Public, No. 331]

Outboard racing motorboats.  
36 Stat. 463.  
46 U. S. C. §§ 514, 516.  
Exemption from certain requirements while competing in prearranged race.

Motorboats as defined in specified Acts not required to carry on board copies of pilot rules.  
36 Stat. 462; 30 Stat. 90; 28 Stat. 645.  
R. S. § 4412.  
46 U. S. C. §§ 511, 391; 33 U. S. C. chs. 3, 4, 5.

[CHAPTER 559]

AN ACT

Authorizing the county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River near Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the 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: *Provided,* That permission for such bridge or any approaches to said bridge will not include the right to encroach upon or cross the Government reservation of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

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[H. R. 6441]  
[Public, No. 352]

Mississippi River. Bridge authorized across, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.  
*Proviso.*  
Reservation.