

and contiguous to the waters of the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer, without exchange of funds, a fireboat of the YTB-225 type, excess to the Navy's needs, to the government of the District of Columbia, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to accept, operate, and maintain such fireboat, and to dispose of the obsolete fireboat now in their possession.

Approved August 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 890]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the erection in the District of Columbia of a statue of Nathan Hale.

August 8, 1946  
[S. J. Res. 84]  
[Public Law 683]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to grant authority to the Second National Bank, of New Haven, Connecticut, executor of the estate of the late George Dudley Seymour, to erect the bronze statue of Nathan Hale, bequeathed by him to the United States of America, including pedestal, on an appropriate site on grounds now owned by the United States in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the site chosen shall be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts, and the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of this statue: *Provided further*, That unless the erection of this statue is begun within five years from and after the date of passage of this joint resolution, the authorization hereby granted is revoked.

Approval of site.

Time limitation.

Approved August 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 904]

## AN ACT

To amend subsection 9 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939, as amended.

August 8, 1946  
[H. R. 1487]  
[Public Law 684]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection 9 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939 (53 Stat. 1148), as amended by the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767, U. S. C., title 18, sec. 61h), be, and it hereby is, amended by adding to said subsection, at the end thereof, the following sentence: "The provisions of the second sentence of this subsection shall not apply to the employees of The Alaska Railroad, residing in municipalities on the line of the railroad, in respect to activities involving the municipality in which they reside."

Hatch Act, amendment.

18 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 61h (a).

Employees of Alaska Railroad.

Approved August 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 905]

## AN ACT

Relating to marine insurance in the case of certain employees of the War Department who suffered death, injury, or other casualty prior to April 23, 1943, as a result of marine risks.

August 8, 1946  
[H. R. 1519]  
[Public Law 685]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That effective as of March 24, 1943, section 2 (b) of the Act of March 24, 1943, entitled "An Act to amend and clarify certain provisions of law relating to functions of the War Shipping Administration, and for other purposes", as amended, is amended to read as follows:

War Shipping Administration.  
57 Stat. 47.  
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1292 (b).

"(b) Whenever the Administrator, War Shipping Administration, finds that, on or after October 1, 1941, and before thirty days after

Marine insurance.  
Retroactive coverage.