

of State is authorized to pay to the Government of Switzerland such sums as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, shall determine to be necessary to provide compensation for losses and damages inflicted on persons and property in Switzerland during World War II by units of the United States armed forces in violation of neutral rights: *Provided, however*, That the total amount of compensation authorized herein shall not exceed \$16,000,000.

Limitation.

Appropriations authorized.
Post, p. 878.

SEC. 2. Appropriations are hereby authorized to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Approved June 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 268]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting certain extensions of time for tax purposes.

June 28, 1949
[H. J. Res. 276]
[Public Law 137]

Revenue Act of 1942, amendments,
56 Stat. 944, 952;
62 Stat. 387.
26 U. S. C. §§ 812, 826, 861, 1000 notes; Supp. II §§ 811, 812, 826, 861, 1000 notes.
56 Stat. 985; 61 Stat. 132.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 1191 (j).

62 Stat. 697.
18 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 283.

Retired officers of armed forces.
Prosecution of claims against U. S.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 403 (d) (3) and 452 (c) of the Revenue Act of 1942 (relating to release of certain powers of appointment in the case of the estate and gift taxes) are hereby amended by striking out "1949" wherever appearing therein and inserting in lieu thereof "1950".

SEC. 2. (a) Subsection (j) of the Renegotiation Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, Supp. I, title 50 App., sec. 1191 (j)), is hereby amended by striking out "June 30, 1949" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1950".

(b) Section 283 of title 18 of the United States Code is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph thereof a new paragraph as follows:

"Retired officers of the armed forces of the United States, while not on active duty, shall not by reason of their status as such be subject to the provisions of this section. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow any such retired officer within two years next after his retirement to act as agent or attorney for prosecuting or assisting in the prosecution of any claim against the United States involving the department in whose service he holds a retired status, or to allow any such retired officer to act as agent or attorney for prosecuting or assisting in the prosecution of any claim against the United States involving any subject matter with which he was directly connected while he was in an active-duty status."

Approved June 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 272]

AN ACT

June 29, 1949
[S. 257]
[Public Law 138]

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, so as to provide limitations on the time within which actions may be brought for the recovery of undercharges and overcharges by or against common carriers by motor vehicles, common carriers by water, and freight forwarders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That part II of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after section 204 thereof a new section as follows:

"SEC. 204a. (1) All actions at law by common carriers by motor vehicle subject to this part for the recovery of their charges, or any part thereof, shall be begun within two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after.

"(2) For recovery of overcharges, action at law shall be begun against common carriers by motor vehicle subject to this part within

Interstate Commerce Act, amendments.
49 Stat. 546.
49 U. S. C. § 304.
Time limitation.

Recovery of overcharges.