

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.

two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after, subject to paragraph (3) of this section, except that if claim for the overcharge has been presented in writing to the carrier within the two-year period of limitation said period shall be extended to include six months from the time notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant of disallowance of the claim, or any part or parts thereof, specified in the notice.

“(3) If on or before expiration of the two-year period of limitation in paragraph (2) a common carrier by motor vehicle subject to this part begins action under paragraph (1) for recovery of charges in respect of the same transportation service, or, without beginning action, collects charges in respect of that service, said period of limitation shall be extended to include ninety days from the time such action is begun or such charges are collected by the carrier.

“(4) The cause of action in respect of a shipment of property shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to accrue upon delivery or tender of delivery thereof by the carrier, and not after.

“(5) The term ‘overcharges’ as used in this section shall be deemed to mean charges for transportation services in excess of those applicable thereto under the tariffs lawfully on file with the Commission.

“(6) The provisions of this section shall apply only to cases in which the cause of action may accrue after the date of the enactment of this section.”

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 308 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) For the purposes of this section the term ‘carrier’ means a common carrier by water.”

SEC. 3. (a) Subsection (f) (1) of section 308 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(1) (A) All actions at law by carriers 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.

“(B) All complaints against carriers for the recovery of damages not based on overcharges shall be filed with the Commission within two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after, subject to subdivision (D).

“(C) For the recovery of overcharges action at law shall be begun or complaint filed with the Commission against carriers subject to this part within two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after, subject to subdivision (D), except that if claim for the overcharge has been presented in writing to the carrier within the two-year period of limitation said period shall be extended to include six months from the time notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant of disallowance of the claim, or any part or parts thereof, specified in the notice.

“(D) If on or before expiration of the two-year period of limitation in subdivision (B) or the two-year period of limitation in subdivision (C) a carrier subject to this part begins action under subdivision (A) for recovery of charges in respect of the same transportation service, or, without beginning action, collects charges in respect of that service, said period of limitation shall be extended to include ninety days from the time such action is begun or such charges are collected by the carrier.”

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) of this section shall apply only to cases in which the cause of action may accrue after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. Paragraph (5) of subsection (f) of section 308 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Part IV of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is

“Overcharges.”

54 Stat. 940.  
49 U. S. C. § 908 (a).

“Carrier.”

54 Stat. 941.  
49 U. S. C. § 908 (f)  
(1).  
Time limitation.

Recovery of damages.

Repeal.  
54 Stat. 941.  
49 U. S. C. § 908 (f)  
(5).

56 Stat. 288.  
49 U. S. C. § 1006.

Freight forwarders.

hereby amended by inserting after section 406 thereof a new section as follows:

"SEC. 406a. (1) All actions at law by freight forwarders 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 freight forwarders subject to this part within two years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after, subject to paragraph (3) of this section, except that if claim for the overcharge has been presented in writing to the freight forwarder within the two-year period of limitation said period shall be extended to include six months from the time notice in writing is given by the freight forwarder to the claimant of disallowance of the claim, or any part or parts thereof, specified in the notice.

"(3) If on or before expiration of the two-year period of limitation in paragraph (2) a freight forwarder subject to this part begins action under paragraph (1) for recovery of charges in respect of the same service, or, without beginning action, collects charges in respect of that service, said period of limitation shall be extended to include ninety days from the time such action is begun or such charges are collected by the freight forwarder.

"(4) The cause of action in respect of a shipment of property shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to accrue upon delivery or tender of delivery thereof by the freight forwarder, and not after.

"Overcharges."

"(5) The term 'overcharges' as used in this section shall be deemed to mean charges for service in excess of those applicable thereto under the tariffs lawfully on file with the Commission.

"(6) The provisions of this section shall apply only to cases in which the cause of action may accrue after the date of the enactment of this section."

Approved June 29, 1949.

[CHAPTER 273]

AN ACT

To amend section 8c of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, relating to marketing agreements and orders, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue orders under such section with respect to filberts and almonds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsections (2) and (6) of section 8c of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 608c (2) and (6)), are amended by inserting "filberts, almonds," after the word "including" in the phrase "including pecans and walnuts".

Approved June 29, 1949.

[CHAPTER 274]

AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That that part of subparagraph (7) of paragraph (b) of section 324A of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 1137; 8 U. S. C. 907), reading: "Section 334 (e)" is hereby amended to read: "Section 334 (c)".

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June 29, 1949  
[S. 1089]

[Public Law 139]

49 Stat. 754, 755.  
7 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 608c (2), (6).

June 29, 1949  
[H. R. 1837]

[Public Law 140]

62 Stat. 282.  
8 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 724a (b) (7).