

[CHAPTER 1135]

AN ACT

December 11, 1950
[H. R. 2365]
[Public Law 876]

For the relief of the city of Chester, Illinois

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Chester, Illinois, is hereby relieved of all liability to pay the Department of the Army for the cost of removing the wreckage of the old bridge over the Mississippi River because of financial difficulties and inability to effect such removal.

Approved December 11, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1136]

AN ACT

December 13, 1950
[H. R. 483]
[Public Law 877]

To extend the time limit within which certain suits in admiralty may be brought against the United States.

Suits in Admiralty
Act, amendment.
41 Stat. 526.
46 U. S. C. § 745.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Suits in Admiralty Act (41 Stat. 525, 46 U. S. C. 741–745), approved March 9, 1920, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. That suits as herein authorized may be brought only within two years after the cause of action arises: *Provided*, That where a remedy is provided by this Act it shall hereafter be exclusive of any other action by reason of the same subject matter against the agent or employee of the United States or of any incorporated or unincorporated agency thereof whose act or omission gave rise to the claim: *Provided further*, That the limitations contained in this section for the commencement of suits shall not bar any suit against the United States brought hereunder within one year after the enactment of this amendatory Act if such suit is based upon a cause of action whereon a prior suit in admiralty or an action at law was timely commenced and was or may hereafter be dismissed solely because improperly brought against any person, partnership, association, or corporation engaged by the United States to manage and conduct the business of a vessel owned or bareboat chartered by the United States or against the master of any such vessel: *And provided further*, That after June 30, 1932, no interest shall be allowed on any claim prior to the time when suit on such claim is brought as authorized by section 2 of this Act unless upon a contract expressly stipulating for the payment of interest.”

Approved December 13, 1950.

41 Stat. 525.
46 U. S. C. § 742.

[CHAPTER 1137]

AN ACT

December 15, 1950
[H. R. 9840]
[Public Law 878]

To exempt furlough travel of service personnel from the tax on transportation of persons.

Furlough travel.
Tax exemption.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective with respect to amounts paid after the date of enactment of this Act—

(a) Section 12 of the Act of August 8, 1947, entitled “An Act to terminate certain tax provisions before the end of World War II” (61 Stat. 919), is hereby repealed.

(b) Section 3469 (f) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(2) EXEMPTION OF MEMBERS OF MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE.—The tax imposed by this section shall not apply to the

26 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 3469.
55 Stat. 722.
26 U. S. C. § 3469
(f) (2).

payment for transportation or facilities furnished under special tariffs providing for fares of not more than 2.025 cents per mile applicable to round-trip tickets sold to personnel of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard traveling in uniform of the United States at their own expense when on official leave, furlough, or pass, including authorized cadets and midshipmen, issued on presentation of properly executed certificate.”

Approved December 15, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1138]

AN ACT

To give a short title to the Act of July 1, 1898, commonly known as the Bankruptcy Act.

December 20, 1950
[S. 2513]
[Public Law 879]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States”, approved July 1, 1898, is amended by inserting immediately after the enacting clause a new sentence as follows: “That this Act may be cited as the ‘Bankruptcy Act.’”

Bankruptcy Act, amendment.

30 Stat. 544.
11 U. S. C. note prec. § 1; Sup. III, § 32 *et seq.*

Approved December 20, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1139]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To continue for a temporary period certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended.

December 20, 1950
[S. J. Res. 207]
[Public Law 880]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 204 (f) of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out “December 31, 1950” in each place it occurs therein and inserting in lieu thereof “March 31, 1951”.

Housing and Rent Act of 1947, amendment.
Ante, p. 255.

SEC. 2. Section 204 (j) (3) of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a colon and the following: “*Provided further,* That as used in this Act the term ‘resolution’ shall not be construed to be limited to ordinances or other legislative acts, and any resolution heretofore adopted by any local governing body is hereby declared to be effective for the purpose of this section 204 (j) (3) or section 204 (f) (1), whether or not such resolution was legislative in character; and no suit or action shall be brought under section 205 of this Act, or any other provision of law, on the basis of any administrative decision or the decision of any court that the resolution described in this Act must be a legislative Act”.

Ante, p. 256.

Ante, p. 255.

61 Stat. 199.
50 U. S. C., Sup. III, app. § 1895.

Approved December 20, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1140]

AN ACT

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, to clarify the status of freight forwarders and their relationship with motor common carriers.

December 20, 1950
[H. R. 5967]
[Public Law 881]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) (5) of section 402 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by adding, following the words “general public” appearing therein, the words “as a common carrier”.

Interstate Commerce Act, amendments.
56 Stat. 284.
49 U. S. C. § 1002 (a) (5).