

Hearings, etc., for.

the fair and reasonable rates and charges for such hotel or apartment. The commission's determination in such case shall be made after such notice and hearing and shall have the same force and effect and be subject to appeal in the same manner as a determination of the commission under section 106 of this title.

Assigning and sub-leasing restricted.

SEC. 118. No tenant shall assign his lease of or sublet any rental property or apartment at a rate in excess of the rate paid by him under his lease without the consent of the commission upon application in a particular case, and in such case the commission shall determine a fair and reasonable rate of rent or charge for such assignment or sublease.

Post, p. 1634.

Former Resolution repealed.
Vol. 40, p. 593.
Aide, p. 104.

SEC. 119. The public resolution entitled "Joint resolution to prevent profiteering in the District of Columbia," approved May 31, 1918, as amended, is hereby repealed, to take effect sixty days after the date of the confirmation by the Senate of the commissioners first nominated by the President under the provisions of this title; but a determination by the commission made within such period of sixty days shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of this title, notwithstanding the provisions of such public resolution. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with any provision of this title are hereby suspended so long as this title is in force to the extent that they are in such conflict.

Enforcement of determination of Commission.

Conflicting laws suspended.

Appropriation for expenses.

Half from District revenues.

SEC. 120. The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated and made immediately available to carry out the provisions of this title, one-half thereof to be paid out of money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated and the other one-half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Invalidity of any clause, etc., not to affect others.

SEC. 121. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this title shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operations to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Emergency for enactment declared.

SEC. 122. It is hereby declared that the provisions of this title are made necessary by emergencies growing out of the war with the Imperial German Government, resulting in rental conditions in the District of Columbia dangerous to the public health and burdensome to public officers and employees whose duties require them to reside within the District and other persons whose activities are essential to the maintenance and comfort of such officers and employees, and thereby embarrassing the Federal Government in the transaction of the public business. It is also declared that this title shall be considered temporary legislation, and that it shall terminate on the expiration of two years from the date of the passage of this Act, unless sooner repealed.

Temporary character and termination declared.

Approved, October 22, 1919.

October 22, 1919.
[S. 2100.]

CHAP. 81.—An Act Authorizing the Union Pacific Railroad Company, or its successors, to convey for public-road purposes, certain parts of its right of way.

[Public, No. 64.]

Union Pacific Railroad Company.
May convey for public roads parts of right of way.
Proviso.
Width of track retained.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Union Pacific Railroad Company, or any of its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized to convey to any State, county, or municipality any portion of its right of way, to be used as a public highway or street: *Provided,* That no such conveyance shall have the effect to diminish the right of way of said railroad company to a less width than fifty feet on

each side of the center of the main track of the railroad as now established and maintained.

Received by the President, October 10, 1919.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 82.—An Act Extending the provisions for the regulation of steam vessels to vessels owned or operated by the United States Shipping Board, and for other purposes.

October 25, 1919.
[S. 633.]

[Public, No. 65.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all steam vessels owned or operated by the United States Shipping Board, or any corporation organized or controlled by it, shall be subject to all the provisions of title 52 of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the regulation of steam vessels and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto.

Regulation of Steam Vessels. Shipping Board vessels subject to.

R. S., Title LII, pp. 852-869.

Received by the President, October 14, 1919.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 85.—An Act To prohibit intoxicating beverages, and to regulate the manufacture, production, use, and sale of high-proof spirits for other than beverage purposes, and to insure an ample supply of alcohol and promote its use in scientific research and in the development of fuel, dye, and other lawful industries.

October 28, 1919.
[H. R. 6810.]

[Public, No. 66.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the short title of this Act shall be the "National Prohibition Act."

National Prohibition Act.

TITLE I.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF WAR PROHIBITION.

The term "War Prohibition Act" used in this Act shall mean the provisions of any Act or Acts prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors until the conclusion of the present war and thereafter until the termination of demobilization, the date of which shall be determined and proclaimed by the President of the United States. The words "beer, wine, or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquors" in the War Prohibition Act shall be hereafter construed to mean any such beverages which contain one-half of 1 per centum or more of alcohol by volume: *Provided*, That the foregoing definition shall not extend to dealcoholized wine nor to any beverage or liquid produced by the process by which beer, ale, porter or wine is produced, if it contains less than one-half of 1 per centum of alcohol by volume, and is made as prescribed in section 37 of Title II of this Act, and is otherwise denominated than as beer, ale, or porter, and is contained and sold in, or from, such sealed and labeled bottles, casks, or containers as the commissioner may by regulation prescribe.

War prohibition enforcement.

Meaning of terms.

Alcoholic strength of intoxicating beverages.

Proviso. Dealcoholized wine, near beer, etc., excepted.

Post, p. 313. Conditions.