

possession, or other similar governmental organization or subdivision of a foreign government, and any agency or instrumentality of any such foreign government or of any such organization or subdivision; (3) the term 'central bank' includes any foreign bank or banker authorized to perform any one or more of the functions of a central bank; (4) the term 'person' includes any individual, or any corporation, partnership, association, or other similar organization; and (5) the term 'insured bank' shall have the meaning given to it in section 12B of this Act."

Approved, April 7, 1941.

"Central bank."

"Person."

"Insured bank."
48 Stat. 168.
12 U. S. C. § 264.

[CHAPTER 49]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Affirming and approving nonrecognition of the transfer of any geographic region in this hemisphere from one non-American power to another non-American power, and providing for consultation with other American republics in the event that such transfer should appear likely.

April 10, 1941
[S. J. Res. 7]
[Public Law 32]

Whereas our traditional policy has been to consider any attempt on the part of non-American powers to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to the peace and safety not only of this country but of the other American republics; and Whereas the American republics agreed at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace held in Buenos Aires in 1936 and at the Eighth International Conference of American States held in Lima in 1938 to consult with one another in the event that the peace, security, or territorial integrity of any American republic should be threatened; and

Preamble.

Whereas the Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the American Republics at Panama October 3, 1939, resolved "That in case any geographic region of America subject to the jurisdiction of any non-American state should be obliged to change its sovereignty and there should result therefrom a danger to the security of the American Continent, a consultative meeting such as the one now being held will be convoked with the urgency that the case may require": Therefore be it

51 Stat. 15.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (1) That the United States would not recognize any transfer, and would not acquiesce in any attempt to transfer, any geographic region of this hemisphere from one non-American power to another non-American power; and

Nonrecognition of certain transfers of regions of this hemisphere.

(2) That if such transfer or attempt to transfer should appear likely, the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult with the other American republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests.

Consultations if transfer appears likely.

Approved, April 10, 1941.

[CHAPTER 59]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To carry out the obligations of the United States under the Inter-American Coffee Agreement, signed at Washington on November 28, 1940, and for other purposes.

April 11, 1941
[S. J. Res. 43]
[Public Law 33]

Whereas an Inter-American Coffee Agreement was signed at Washington on November 28, 1940, by representatives of the Governments of the United States of America, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela; and

Preamble.
Pub. pp. 561, 754.

Whereas the said agreement contemplates the cooperation of the Government of the United States in a joint effort to promote the orderly marketing of coffee in international trade, with a view to assuring equitable terms for both producers and consumers by adjusting supply to demand: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the entry into force of the Inter-American Coffee Agreement, as proclaimed by the President, and during the continuation in force of the obligations of the United States thereunder, no coffee imported from any foreign country may be entered for consumption except as provided in the said agreement.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized to make such allocations of the quota provided in the agreement for countries not participating in the said agreement as he finds necessary or appropriate in order to afford any such country or countries an opportunity to supply a fair share of the quota, whether or not required by any international obligation of the United States, or in order to make available the types of coffee usually consumed in the United States. The President is also authorized to make such rules and regulations as he finds necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution and of the said agreement, and with respect to any provision of such regulations for any act or performance by an importer of coffee, compliance therewith shall be a condition to the entry for consumption of the coffee in respect of which the act or performance is required.

Approved, April 11, 1941.

[CHAPTER 64]

AN ACT

To extend the provisions of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 for a period of two years, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 19 of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 (relating to termination of the Act) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 19. This Act shall cease to be in effect (except as provided in section 13 of the Revised Statutes) and any agencies and offices established under, or to engage in the administration of, this Act shall cease to exist at 12:01 A. M., April 26, 1943.”

(b) Section 3527 of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to termination of the bituminous coal taxes) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3527. TERMINATION OF TAX.

“The taxes imposed by this chapter shall not apply to the sale or other disposal, after April 25, 1943, of bituminous coal.”

SEC. 2. The Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 is amended by adding after section 21 a new section to read as follows:

“SEC. 22. (a) There is hereby established in the Executive branch of the Government an office to be known as the Office of the Bituminous Coal Consumers' Counsel. The office shall be in charge of a counsel to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The counsel shall have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in the mining, transportation, or sale of, or the manufacture of equipment for, coal (whether or not bituminous coal), oil, or gas, or in the generation, transmission, or sale of hydroelectric power, or in the manufacture of equipment for the use thereof, and

Inter-American
Coffee Agreement.
Execution of obliga-
tions.
Treaty Series 970.

Allocations of quota
to nonparticipating
countries.

Rules and regula-
tions.

April 11, 1941
[H. R. 4146]
[Public Law 34]

Bituminous Coal
Act of 1937, amend-
ment.
50 Stat. 90.
15 U. S. C. § 840.
Duration of Act.
1 U. S. C. § 29.

Internal Revenue
Code, amendment.
53 Stat. 432.
26 U. S. C. § 3527.

Bituminous Coal
Act of 1937, amend-
ment.
50 Stat. 91.
Office of Bitumi-
nous Coal Consumers'
Counsel, establish-
ment.
Post, pp. 202, 544.