

[CHAPTER 299]

AN ACT

November 12, 1943
[H. R. 3366]
[Public Law 185]

To amend section 409 of the Interstate Commerce Act, relating to joint rates of freight forwarders and common carriers by motor vehicle.

Interstate Commerce Act, amendments.
56 Stat. 290.
49 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1009.
Freight forwarders, joint rates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 409 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the words "eighteen months" wherever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "thirty-six months".

SEC. 2. Paragraph (4) of the proviso contained in subsection (a) of such section 409 is amended to read as follows:

"(4) No new or additional joint rate or charge may be established under authority of this section for service from any point of origin to any point of destination with respect to any particular commodity or class of traffic unless at least one rate or charge for service from such point of origin to such point of destination with respect to such commodity or class of traffic, established by an individual freight forwarder or by a freight forwarder jointly with a common carrier by motor vehicle, is already lawfully in effect; but for purposes of this paragraph the making of a change in a joint rate or charge which has been established, or which has become effective pursuant to this section, shall not be deemed to constitute the establishment of a new or additional joint rate or charge."

Approved November 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 300]

JOINT RESOLUTION

November 12, 1943
[S. J. Res. 95]
[Public Law 186]

Relating to the tenure of office of the present President and Vice President of the Philippines.

Philippines.
Tenure of present President and Vice President.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of article VII of the amended Constitution of the Philippines, the present President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines serving at the time of the introduction of this joint resolution shall continue in their respective offices until the President of the United States shall proclaim that constitutional processes and normal functions of government shall have been restored in the Philippine Islands. Thereupon, the tenure of office of the present President of the Commonwealth shall cease and the Vice President shall become President to serve until such time as his successor shall have been elected and qualified according to the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines.

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[CHAPTER 301]

AN ACT

November 22, 1943
[H. R. 800]
[Public Law 187]

To provide for the issuance of a flag to the nearest relatives of certain persons who die in service in the land or naval forces of the United States.

U. S. flag.
Issuance in case of death in military or naval service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the case of any person who has died while in the military or naval service of the United States after May 27, 1941, and prior to the end of the wars in which the United States is now engaged, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to issue free of cost to the nearest relative of such person, or to such other person as the Admin-

istrator deems most appropriate, a flag of the United States, if no person is otherwise entitled to receive a flag of the United States used at the funeral of the deceased person.

SEC. 2. (a) The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to prescribe such regulations as he deems necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(b) The appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act is hereby authorized.

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Regulations.

Appropriation authorized.

[CHAPTER 302]

AN ACT

To amend section 36 of the Criminal Code.

November 22, 1943
[H. R. 1202]
[Public Law 188]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 36 of the Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1096; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 87) be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Criminal Code, amendment.

"SEC. 36. Whoever shall steal, embezzle, or knowingly apply to his own use, or unlawfully sell, convey, or dispose of any ordnance, arms, ammunition, clothing, subsistence, stores, money, or other property furnished or to be used for the military or naval service, shall be punished as prescribed in section 35 (C) of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, sec. 82)."

Embezzlement, etc., of arms and stores.

52 Stat. 198.

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[CHAPTER 303]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to dispense with unnecessary renewals of oaths of office by civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments", approved August 14, 1937.

November 22, 1943
[H. R. 1206]
[Public Law 189]

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 dispense with unnecessary renewals of oaths of office by civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments", approved August 14, 1937 (50 Stat. 640), be amended to read as follows:

Oaths of office.

5 U. S. C. § 17b.

"That civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments of the United States and employees of the District of Columbia who, upon original appointment, have subscribed to the oath of office required by section 1757 of the Revised Statutes, shall not be required to renew the said oath because of any change in status so long as their services are continuous in the department or independent establishment in which employed or in the government of the District of Columbia, unless in the opinion of the head of the department or independent establishment or the Commissioners of the District of Columbia the public interests require such renewal."

Renewals.

5 U. S. C. § 16.

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[CHAPTER 304]

AN ACT

To provide for a general term of the District Court for the District of Alaska at Anchorage, Alaska.

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[H. R. 1622]
[Public Law 190]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last para-

District Court for District of Alaska.