[CHAPTER 44]

AN ACT

To suspend certain import taxes on copper.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the import tax imposed under section 3425 of the Internal Revenue Code shall not apply with respect to articles (other than copper sulfate and other than composition metal provided for in paragraph 1657 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, which is suitable both in its composition and shape, without further refining or alloying, for processing into castings, not including as castings ingots or similar cast forms) entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period beginning April 1, 1949, and ending with the close of June 30, 1950.

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 45]

AN ACT

To extend for a temporary period the provisions of the District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate rents in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1941, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 45-1601), is hereby amended by striking out "March 31, 1949" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 30, 1949".

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 46]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To maintain the status quo with respect to the exemption, from the tax on transportation of persons, of foreign travel via Newfoundland.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3469 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to the tax on transportation of persons) is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence thereof a new sentence to read as follows: "A port or station within Newfoundland shall not, for the purposes of the preceding sentence, be considered as a port or station within Canada."

Sec. 2. The amendment made by this joint resolution shall apply to amounts paid for transportation on or after April 1, 1949.

Approved March 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to provide for an Under Secretary of Defense.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 202 of the National Security Act of 1947 approved July 26, 1947 (61 Stat. 495; 5 U. S. C., sec. 171a), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(d) There shall be an Under Secretary of Defense, who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice
and consent of the Senate: Provided, That a person who has within ten years been on active duty as a commissioned officer in a Regular component of the armed services shall not be eligible for appointment as Under Secretary of Defense. The Under Secretary shall perform such duties, and shall exercise such powers, as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe. The Under Secretary shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Secretary of Defense during his absence or disability.”

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 301 of such Act (5 U. S. C., sec. 171b), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“The Under Secretary of Defense shall receive the compensation prescribed by law for Under Secretaries of executive departments.”

Approved April 2, 1949.

[CHAPTER 48]

AN ACT

To grant the consent of the United States to the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the Congress is hereby given to the compact, signed (after negotiations in which a representative of the United States, duly appointed by the President, participated and upon which he has reported to the Congress) by the Commissioners for the States of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, on October 11, 1948, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and thereafter ratified by the legislatures of each of the States aforesaid, which said compact reads as follows:

“UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN COMPACT

“The State of Arizona, the State of Colorado, the State of New Mexico, the State of Utah and the State of Wyoming, acting through their Commissioners,

“Charles A. Carson for the State of Arizona,
“Clifford H. Stone for the State of Colorado,
“Fred E. Wilson for the State of New Mexico,
“Edward H. Watson for the State of Utah and
“L. C. Bishop for the State of Wyoming,

after negotiations participated in by Harry W. Bashore, appointed by the President as the representative of the United States of America, have agreed, subject to the provisions of the Colorado River Compact, to determine the rights and obligations of each signatory State respecting the uses and deliveries of the water of the Upper Basin of the Colorado River, as follows:

“ARTICLE I

“(a) The major purposes of this Compact are to provide for the equitable division and apportionment of the use of the waters of the Colorado River System, the use of which was apportioned in perpetuity to the Upper Basin by the Colorado River Compact; to establish the obligations of each State of the Upper Division with respect to the deliveries of water required to be made at Lee Ferry by the Colorado River Compact; to promote interstate comity; to remove causes of present and future controversies; to secure the expeditious agricultural and industrial development of the Upper Basin, the storage of water and to protect life and property from floods.

“(b) It is recognized that the Colorado River Compact is in full force and effect and all of the provisions hereof are subject thereto.