

law, the value of the tangible and intangible property shall be taken as of January 1 for a basis of assessment for the next fiscal year.

Board of personal tax appeals.
Time of convening.

SEC. 7. That hereafter the board of personal tax appeals for the District of Columbia shall convene on the first Monday of July of each year and shall continue in session to and including the first Monday of December of each year, or until such hearings are completed. All appeals to said board shall be made within thirty days after notice of fixing an assessment.

Tax ledgers to be prepared annually.

SEC. 8. That the assessor of the District of Columbia shall be charged with the duty of preparing the annual tax ledgers on a numerical system, which shall be finished or completed at such time as will allow preparation by him of tax bills for collection purposes.

Sale of real estate in arrears for taxes.
Vol. 32, p. 633, amended.

SEC. 9. That section 1 of "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act in relation to taxes and tax sales in the District of Columbia,' approved February 28, 1898," approved July 1, 1902, is hereby amended so as to provide that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall give notice by advertising twice a week for three successive weeks, beginning on the third Monday in December of each year hereafter, in the regular issue of three daily newspapers published in said District, that the said pamphlet has been printed.

Advertising notice of.

Assessment of real estate annually.
Vol. 39, p. 678, amended.

SEC. 10. That assessments of real estate in the District of Columbia for purposes of taxation shall be made annually in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as now provided by law for making biennial assessments of real estate in said District: *Provided*, That to enable the assessor of the District of Columbia to make annual assessments of real estate there is authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary for the employment of additional personal services.

Provido.
Additional employees authorized.

Effective, December 1, 1926.

SEC. 11. That the provisions of this Act shall be in force and effect on and after December 1, 1926.

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CHAP. 760.—An Act Relating to the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital.

District of Columbia.
Park police.
Vol. 43, p. 175, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan police force, the United States park police, and the fire department of the District of Columbia," approved May 27, 1924 (United States Statutes at Large, volume 43, page 175), is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of said section and adding the following words: "and such others as the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital deems necessary and are appropriated for by Congress."

Additions to force authorized.

Leaves of absence granted.
Vol. 43, p. 176, amended.

SEC. 2. That section 7 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following: "Hereafter each of the members of the United States park police force may be granted leave of absence with pay for such time, not exceeding twenty days in any one calendar year, as the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital shall determine: *Provided further*, That upon the recommendation of the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons of the District of Columbia, acting as such board, or members thereof in their individual capacity, and with the approval of the director, members of the United States park police force may be granted additional leave with pay on account of sickness, not to exceed thirty days in any one calendar year; except that in case of sickness or injury incurred in actual performance of duty, the

Provido.
Additional leave on account of sickness.

If sickness or injury incurred in line of duty.

Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital may grant such additional sick leave, with full pay, as may be recommended by the Board of Police and Fire Surgeons, acting as such, or members thereof in their individual capacity.

SEC. 3. That paragraph (b) of section 16 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for regulation of motor-vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1925 (Statutes at Large, volume 43, page 1126), is hereby amended by striking out the words "chief of engineers" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital."

Approved, July 3, 1926.

Park system.
Control of, under Director of Public Buildings, etc., in place of Chief of Engineers.
Vol. 43, p. 1126, amended.

CHAP. 761.—An Act To amend paragraph (11), section 20, of the Interstate Commerce Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (11) of section 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: "And provided further, That the liability imposed by this paragraph shall also apply in the case of property reconsigned or diverted in accordance with the applicable tariffs filed as in this Act provided."

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Interstate commerce.
Liability for goods in transit.
Vol. 38, p. 1197; Vol. 41, p. 494.

Extended to property reconsigned, etc.

CHAP. 762.—An Act Relating to contempts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever letters rogatory shall issue out of any court of the United States, either with or without interrogatories addressed to any court of any foreign country, to take the testimony of any witness, being a citizen of the United States or domiciled therein, and such witness, having been personally notified by it according to the practice of such court, to appear and testify pursuant to such letters rogatory and such witness shall neglect to appear, or having appeared shall decline, refuse, or neglect to answer to any question which may be propounded to him by or under the authority of such court, to which he would be required to make answer were he being examined before the court issuing such letters, the court out of which said letters issued may upon proper showing order that a subpoena issue addressed to any consul of the United States within any country in which such witness may be, commanding such witness to appear before the said court at a time and place therein designated.

SEC. 2. Whenever the attendance at the trial of any criminal action of a witness, being a citizen of the United States or domiciled therein, who is beyond the jurisdiction of the United States, is desired by the Attorney General or any assistant or district attorney acting under him, the judge of the court before which such action is pending, or who is to sit in the trial of the same, may, upon proper showing, order that a subpoena issue, addressed to any consul of the United States within any country in which such witness may be, commanding such witness to appear before the said court at a time and place therein designated.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of any consul of the United States within any country in which such witness may be at the request of

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United States courts.
Subpoena to a consul from a Federal court, if a citizen abroad refuses to answer letters rogatory issued to a foreign court, to compel him to attend, etc.

Subpoena to a consul from a Federal court in a criminal action commanding a citizen to appear before the court.

Personal service by consul of subpoena, etc.