

[CHAPTER 557.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 17, 1935.
[H. J. Res. 351.]
[Pub. Res., No. 50.]

Authorizing the use of public parks, reservations, and other public spaces in the District of Columbia; and the use of tents, cots, hospital appliances, flags, and other decorations, property of the United States, by Washington (District of Columbia) 1935 Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World, and for other purposes.

Washington, D. C.,
Elks convention.
Permits granted for
use of certain buildings,
parks, etc.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, and the Architect of the Capitol are hereby severally authorized to grant permits to the Washington (District of Columbia) 1935 General Entertainment Committee of the Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World, hereinafter referred to as the "I. B. P. O. E. of W. Committee", for the use of any buildings, parks, rivers, waterways, reservations, sidewalks, or other public spaces in the District of Columbia, under his, their, or its control, respectively, on the occasion of the annual session of the Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World in the month of August 1935: *Provided*, That such use will inflict no serious or permanent injury upon any such buildings, parks, rivers, waterways, reservations, sidewalks, or other public spaces, or any portion or the contents thereof, in the opinion of the person granting any such permit, in accordance with this authority: *Provided further*, That all stands, arches, or platforms that may be erected on the public spaces aforesaid, including such as may be erected in connection with any display of fireworks, shall be under the supervision of the said Washington (District of Columbia) Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World and in accordance with plans and designs to be approved by the Architect of the Capitol, the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, and the Superintendent of National Capital Parks, and that no person or corporation shall be authorized to erect or use any such stands, arches, or platforms without permission of said committee: *And provided further*, That any such buildings, parks, reservations, or other public spaces which shall be used or occupied, by the erection of stands or other structures, or otherwise, shall be promptly restored to their condition before such occupancy, and the said committee shall indemnify the United States or the District of Columbia, as the case may be, for all damage of any kind whatsoever sustained by reason of any such use or occupation, and the said Improved, Benevolent, and Protective Order of Elks of the World Committee shall execute and deliver to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a satisfactory bond with penalty of \$10,000 to secure such prompt restoration and such indemnification.

Prorisos.
Condition.

Supervision, plans,
etc., of stands, etc.

Restoration after use.

Indemnity bond.

Special traffic regu-
lations.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to designate, set aside, and regulate the use of such streets, avenues, and sidewalks in the District of Columbia, under their control, as they may deem proper and necessary, for the purpose of said session, and to make such special regulations regarding standing, movement, and operation of vehicles of whatever kind or character, and all reasonable regulations necessary to secure the preservation of public order and the protection of life and property, from the 16th day of August 1935 to the 2d day of September 1935, both inclusive.

SEC. 3. That the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia is hereby granted authority to make such special regulations as in the opinion of said Commission may be necessary or desirable, regulating the standing, movement, and operation of taxicabs, street cars, busses, and other vehicles of conveyance under the regulation or control of said Commission, for the period commencing the 16th day of August 1935 and ending on the 2d day of September 1935, both inclusive.

Vehicles of conveyance.
Regulations governing.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are hereby authorized to loan to said committee such tents, camp appliances, trucks, motor equipment, benches, chairs, hospital furniture and utensils of all description, ambulances, horses, drivers, stretchers, Red Cross flags and poles, and other property and equipment, belonging to the United States, as in their judgment may be spared at the time of said session, consistent with the interests of the United States: *Provided*, That the said committee shall indemnify the United States for any loss or damage to any and all such property not necessarily incidental to such use: *And provided further*, That the said committee shall give approved bond to do the same.

Loan of tents, camp appliances, etc.

Proviso.
Indemnity for loss.

Bond.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are authorized to loan to the said committee such ensigns, flags, decorations, lighting equipment, and so forth, belonging to the United States (battle flags excepted) as are not then in use, and may be suitable and proper for decorations and other purposes, which may be spared without detriment to the public service, such ensigns, flags, decorations, lighting equipment, and so forth, to be used by the committee under such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by the said Secretary, or either of them: *Provided*, That the said committee shall, within five days after the close of said session, return to the said Secretaries all such ensigns, flags, decorations, lighting equipment, and so forth, thus loaned; and said Committee shall indemnify the United States for any loss or damage not necessarily incident to such use.

Loan of Government flags, etc.

Proviso.
Return after session.

SEC. 6. That the Superintendent of National Capital Parks, subject to the approval of the Director of National Parks¹ Service, is hereby authorized to permit the use of any or all public parks, reservations, or other public spaces in the District of Columbia, including the Monument Grounds and the Ellipse, for use by said committee for the erection of grand stands, reviewing stands, platforms, and other structures for reviewing parade or other purposes; and said committee is hereby authorized to charge reasonable fees for the use of the same provided such fees are used to aid in meeting the necessary expenses incident to the said session.

Use of public spaces for stands, etc.

SEC. 7. That the Superintendent of National Capital Parks, subject to the approval of the Director of National Parks¹ Service, is hereby authorized to permit the use of such public parks, reservations, or other public spaces in the District of Columbia, under the control of the said Superintendent of National Capital Parks, as in the opinion of said Superintendent of National Capital Parks may be necessary, for the use by said committee for the parking of automobiles, the temporary erection of tents for entertainment, hospitals, and other purposes; and the said committee is hereby authorized to charge reasonable fees for the use of the same provided such fees are used to aid in meeting the expenses incident to the said session.

Reservations for automobiles.

Charge allowed; condition.

SEC. 8. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to permit said committee to stretch suitable overhead conductors, with sufficient supports, wherever necessary and in

Overhead conductors for special illumination.

¹ So in original.

- the nearest practicable connection with the present supply of light, for the purpose of effecting special illumination: *Provided*, That the said conductors shall not be used for the conveying of electrical currents after September 2, 1935, and shall, with their supports, be fully and entirely removed from the public spaces, streets, and avenues of the said city of Washington on or before September 25, 1935: *Provided further*, That the stretching and removing of the said wires shall be under the supervision of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall see that the provisions of this resolution are enforced; that all needful precautions are taken for the protection of the public; and that the pavement of any street, avenue, or alley disturbed is replaced in as good condition as before entering upon the work herein authorized: *And provided further*, That no expense or damage on account of or due to the stretching, operation, or removing of the said temporary overhead conductors shall be incurred by the United States or the District of Columbia, and that if it shall be necessary to erect wires for illuminating or other purposes over any park or reservation in the District of Columbia the work of erection and removal of said wires shall be under the supervision of the officer in charge of said park or reservation.
- Provisos.**
Time limit for use.
- Placing and removing wires.
- No Government liability.
- Wires over parks, etc.
- Licenses to peddlers, etc.
- Overhead wires.
- Use of unoccupied public buildings.
- Provisos.**
Surrender of, after session closes.
Bond.
- Boy Scout jamboree. Authority herein granted not to affect permits to.
- Ante*, pp. 105, 443.
- Shrine Convention. Provisions of Act applicable to.
- SEC. 9.** That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to grant, subject to approval of said committee and under such conditions as they may impose, special licenses to peddlers, merchants, and vendors to sell goods, wares, and merchandise on the streets, avenues, and sidewalks in the District of Columbia during said session, and to charge for such privileges such fees as they may deem proper.
- SEC. 10.** That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to permit the telegraph and telephone companies to extend overhead wires to such points as shall be deemed necessary by the said committee, the said wires to be taken down within ten days after the conclusion of the session.
- SEC. 11.** That the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Treasury are hereby authorized to assign to said committee for use and occupancy during said session such unoccupied public buildings or portions thereof in the District of Columbia as, in its discretion, may appear advisable: *Provided*, That any and all buildings so assigned shall be surrendered within ten days after the close of the said session: *Provided further*, That the said committee shall furnish a bond or other satisfactory assurance of indemnity against damage to said property while in its possession, incidental wear and tear excepted.
- SEC. 12.** None of the authority herein granted shall be exercised by any of the officials herein mentioned, in such manner as to conflict with permits granted or arrangements heretofore made with the Boy Scouts of America under the terms of Public Act Numbered 23, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved April 1, 1935, or any amendments thereto, or with any other permits heretofore regularly granted for the use of such public space, reservations, parks, streets, or buildings.
- SEC. 13.** All provisions of this Act shall apply to the Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Imperial Council Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to be held in the District of Columbia from August 16 to August 23, 1935, and to the general committee of arrangements of such session.

Approved, August 17, 1935.