[CHAPTER 326]

AN ACT

Making it a misdemeanor to stow away on vessels and providing punishment therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person, without the consent of the owner, charterer, or master of any vessel and with intent to obtain, without paying therefor, transportation on such vessel to any place, within or without the United States, who shall board, enter, or secrete himself aboard such vessel, and shall be thereon at the time of departure of said vessel from a port, harbor, wharf, or other place within the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Canal Zone, or who, having boarded, entered, or secreted himself aboard such vessel in any place within or without the jurisdiction of the United States, shall remain aboard any such vessel after such vessel has left such place and who shall be found thereon at or before the time of arrival of such vessel at any place within the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Canal Zone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. Whoever shall knowingly aid, abet, or assist any person to violate this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding $1,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this Act shall modify, restrict, alter, or change in any particular any laws of the United States in existence at the date of enactment of this Act, or which shall be thereafter enacted either for the purpose of preventing any person from entering the United States in violation of the laws of the United States or for the purpose of securing the deportation from the United States of any person who, under the laws of the United States, shall be subject to deportation.

Approved, June 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 327]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To make temporary emergency provision for the determination of foreign construction costs under section 502 (b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the period of one year from the date of the enactment of this joint resolution or until the revocation within such one-year period of the proclamations heretofore issued by the President under section 1 (a) of the Neutrality Act of 1939, the United States Maritime Commission is authorized to make, upon the basis of conditions existing during the period prior to September 3, 1939, the determinations under section 502 (b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, of estimated foreign cost of vessels covered by construction contracts executed after that date.

Approved, June 11, 1940.