

## [CHAPTER 19]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To maintain the secrecy of military information.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That effective as of May 27, 1941, section 12 (h) of the Neutrality Act of 1939 (Public Resolution Numbered 54, Seventy-sixth Congress) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Any reports required by this section may be omitted or dispensed with in the discretion of the Secretary of State during the existence of a state of war."

Approved, January 26, 1942.

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[S. J. Res. 124]  
[Public Law 414]

Neutrality Act of  
1939, amendment.  
54 Stat. 11.  
22 U. S. C. § 452 (h).

National Munitions  
Control Board, re-  
ports.

## [CHAPTER 20]

## AN ACT

To provide protection of persons and property from bombing attacks in the United States, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not exceeding \$100,000,000, as may be necessary to enable the Director of Civilian Defense, appointed under authority of Executive Order Numbered 8757, dated May 20, 1941, to provide, under such regulations as the President may prescribe, facilities, supplies, and services to include research and development for the adequate protection of persons and property from bombing attacks, sabotage or other war hazards in such localities in the United States, its Territories and possessions, as may be determined by the said Director to be in need of, but unable to provide, such protection: *Provided,* That such facilities and supplies may be loaned to civil authorities in accordance with said regulations: *Provided further,* That any department or agency of the Federal Government having equipment or supplies not required for its use may, subject to the approval of the Division of Procurement, Treasury Department, transfer the same without charge (notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of December 20, 1928, 45 Stat. 1030) to the Director of Civilian Defense for the purpose herein authorized.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to wear an insignia, arm band, or other distinctive article prescribed by the Director of Civilian Defense except in accordance with the regulations promulgated under the authority of section 1 hereof: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the Director of Civilian Defense, or any person or employee acting under him by authority of this Act, or in pursuance of the regulations prescribed thereunder to interfere with or usurp any of the rights or duties of any local district, municipal, county, or State official.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

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[S. 1936]  
[Public Law 415]

Civilian defense.  
Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
Post, p. 99.  
6 F. R. 2517.

*Provisos.*  
Loan of facilities to  
civil authorities.  
Transfer of equip-  
ment from Govern-  
ment agencies.

40 U. S. C. § 311a.

Unauthorized wear-  
ing of insignia, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Local rights and du-  
ties.

Penalty.

## [CHAPTER 21]

## AN ACT

Authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore on the Great Lakes during 1942.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, by reason of emergency conditions in transportation on the Great Lakes, not-

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[S. 2204]  
[Public Law 416]

Great Lakes.  
Transportation of  
iron ore.  
Post, p. 735.

withstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Act of Congress approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 999), as amended by Act of Congress approved April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 154), and by Act of Congress approved July 2, 1935 (49 Stat. 442), or the provisions of any other Act of Congress or regulation, vessels of Canadian registry shall be permitted to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during the 1942 season of navigation on the Great Lakes.

Approved, January 27, 1942.

46 U. S. C. § 883;  
Supp. I, § 883 note.

## [CHAPTER 22]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To enable the United States to become an adhering member of the Inter American Statistical Institute.

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[S. J. Res. 96]  
[Public Law 417]

Inter American Statistical Institute.

Whereas the Inter American Statistical Institute was organized at Washington in May 1940, for the purpose of the advancement of statistical science and administration in the nations of the Western Hemisphere and to further the practical use of statistics in the solution of social and economic problems which are common to these nations; and

Whereas the success and effectiveness of the Institute is dependent very largely upon the degree of moral and financial support accorded by the governments of the American nations; and

Whereas the Government of the United States desires to participate in the work of the Institute and to receive its services and reports: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That to enable the United States to become an adhering member of the Inter American Statistical Institute, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be required for expenditure under the direction of the Secretary of State, for the payment of the share of the United States toward the support of the Institute: *Provided*, That the share of the United States each year after the second year shall not exceed 50 per centum of the total contribution made for the same purposes by all adhering member governments during the year preceding the one for which payment is made: *Provided further*, That the total cost to the United States shall not exceed \$35,000 in any one year.

Annual appropriation authorized.  
*Post*, p. 719.

*Provisos*.  
U. S. share of total contribution.

Maximum.

Approved, January 27, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 23]

## AN ACT

Validating certain conveyances heretofore made by Central Pacific Railway Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain portions of right-of-way, in the city of Tracy, in the county of San Joaquin, State of California, and in the town of Elk Grove, in the county of Sacramento, State of California, acquired by Central Pacific Railway Company under the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1862 (12 Stat. L. 489), as amended by the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1864 (13 Stat. L. 356).

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[Public Law 418]

Central Pacific Railway Company and lessee.

Validation of certain conveyances.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the conveyances hereinafter particularly described and heretofore executed by Central Pacific Railway Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain lands or interests therein, in the city of Tracy, in the county of San Joaquin, State of California, and in the town of Elk Grove, in the county