

President of the United States, or as Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress of the United States, unless such pamphlet, circular, card, dodger, poster, advertisement, or statement contains the name or names of the person or persons, association, committee, or corporation responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, and if an association, committee, or corporation is responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, there shall be attached the names of the officers of such association, committee, or corporation.

SEC. 2. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of section 1 of this Act, or aids and abets in a violation thereof, shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

SEC. 3. When used in this Act, the term "election" shall include a general or special election, and shall also include a primary election or convention of a political party. The term "candidate" means any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek election to any of the offices named in section 1 of this Act or who has caused or permitted his intention to do so to be publicly declared.

Penalty.

"Election."

"Candidate."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 707]

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court of Maine.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 3250]
[Public Law 545]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine to hear, determine, and render judgment, as though the United States were suable in tort, upon the claim of the State of Maine, for compensation for damages sustained by its bridge across the Kennebec River at Bath, Maine, known as the Carlton Bridge, resulting from said bridge being struck by the lighthouse tender Ilex, owned and operated by the United States, which collision occurred on the 17th day of August 1939: *Provided*, That suit hereunder shall be instituted within eighteen months following the approval of the Act: *Provided further*, That the jurisdiction herein conferred shall not be exercised unless the State of Maine shall consent to suit in the same cause on any counterclaim asserted by the United States arising out of the same transaction, as though the State of Maine were a private party.

State of Maine.
Claim for bridge
damages.

Institution of suit.

Counterclaim.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 708]

AN ACT

To amend section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work", approved February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148).

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 3429]
[Public Law 546]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148), authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work, is hereby amended by changing the period to a colon and adding the following: "*Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, retired personnel of the Department of the Interior may be employed by the Secretary of the

Department of the
Interior.
43 U. S. C. § 411b.

Employment of re-
tired personnel as
consultants.

Interior as consultants in accordance with the provisions of this Act, without deductions from compensation for retirement, without loss of or redetermination of retirement status, and without loss or reduction of retirement annuity or other benefits by reason of such employment, except that there shall be deducted from the compensation otherwise payable to any such retired employee sums equal to the retirement annuity or benefit allocable to the days of actual employment hereunder.”

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 709]

AN ACT

For the relief of the city and county of San Francisco.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 3590]
[Public Law 547]

City and county of
San Francisco, Calif.

Payment of claims

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the city and county of San Francisco, a municipal corporation, of San Francisco, California, the sum of \$18,101.68, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for reimbursement of expenses incurred in rebuilding and restoring a power transmission line and loss of power revenue in township 3 south, range 7 east, Stanislaus County, California, near Elliott Cut, a branch of the adjacent San Joaquin River, which transmission line was demolished by the crashing of a United States Navy Plane FM-1, Bureau number 150501, on May 10, 1943, while the said plane was engaged in making a flight over the area indicated: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with such claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with such claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 710]

AN ACT

To authorize increases in wages for certain employees of The Alaska Railroad for services rendered from May 1, 1943, to September 30, 1943, inclusive.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 4709]
[Public Law 548]

The Alaska Rail-
road.
Wage increases for
certain employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for services rendered by employees of The Alaska Railroad in Alaska during the period May 1, 1943, to September 30, 1943, inclusive, increases in wages over the amounts or rates paid during said period in accordance with the then current wage schedule, are hereby authorized in amounts sufficient to establish the following rates of pay per hour: Conductor, \$1.378; baggageman, \$1.221; brakeman, \$1.194; locomotive engineer, \$1.43; locomotive fireman, \$1.221; yard conductor, \$1.518; yard brakeman, \$1.334; yard locomotive engineer, \$1.57; yard locomotive fireman, \$1.361; hostler—terminal, \$1.24; hostler—road, \$1.184; hostler helper, \$0.995; engine watchman, \$0.944; and engineer—hostler, Fairbanks, \$1.486.