Penalty.

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any individual to solicit or accept, or to agree to accept, any valuable thing or a promise or offer of any valuable thing—

"(1) to influence such individual to lose or cause to be lost, or to attempt to lose or cause to be lost, or to limit or attempt to limit his or his team’s margin of victory or score in, any professional or amateur athletic contest in which such individual is or may be a contestant or participant; or

"(2) to influence such individual, in the case of any professional or amateur athletic contest in connection with which such individual (as a manager, coach, owner, second, jockey, trainer, handler, groom, or otherwise) has or will have any duty or responsibility with respect to a contestant, participant, or team who or which is engaging or may engage therein, to cause or attempt to cause (A) the loss of such athletic contest by such contestant, participant, or team; or (B) the margin of victory or score of such contestant, participant, or team to be limited; or

"(3) to influence such individual, in the case of any professional or amateur athletic contest in connection with which such individual is to be or may be a referee, judge, umpire, linesman, starter, timekeeper, or other similar official, to cause or attempt to cause (A) the loss of such athletic contest by any contestant, participant, or team who or which is engaging or may engage therein; or (B) the margin of victory or score of any such contestant, participant, or team to be limited.

"(c) Whoever violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years and by a fine of not more than $10,000.

"(d) Whoever violates any provision of subsection (b) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year and by a fine of not more than $5,000.

"(e) As used in this section, the term ‘athletic contest’ means any of the following, wherever held or to be held: A football, baseball, softball, basketball, hockey, or polo game, or a tennis, or wrestling match, or a prize fight or boxing match, or a horse race or any other athletic or sporting event or contest."

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 231]

AN ACT

To authorize funds for ceremonies in the District of Columbia.

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, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed $10,000 in any fiscal year for such expenses as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall deem to be necessary, including personal services, and without reference to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, or the civil-service laws, for the reception and entertainment of officials of foreign, State, local, or
Federal governments and other dignitaries and eminent persons visiting in or returning to the District of Columbia; and the certificate of the Commissioners shall be sufficient voucher for the expenditure of appropriations made pursuant to this Act.

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 234]

AN ACT

To reimburse certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for money stolen or obtained through false pretenses from them while they were on duty at the United States naval training station, Farragut, Idaho.

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 certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel, such sum or sums, amounting in the aggregate to not to exceed $2,017, as may be certified by the Secretary of the Navy to be required to reimburse them for losses they sustained as a result of certain sums of money having been stolen or obtained by false pretenses from them, without fault or negligence on their part, while they were on duty as members of Company 956-43 at the naval training station, Farragut, Idaho, in the months of November and December 1943: 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 attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, 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 July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 235]

AN ACT

To provide for the construction, extension, and improvement of public-school buildings in Owyhee, Nevada.

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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not to exceed $300,000 for the construction, extension, improvement, and equipment of school buildings in Owyhee, Nevada: Provided, That plans and specifications for the construction, extension, and improvement of the said school buildings shall be furnished by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs: And provided further, That the said school buildings so constructed, extended, and improved shall be the property of the United States and shall be turned over to the Owyhee Public School District under the provisions of the Act of April 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 596), as amended by the Act of June 4, 1936 (49 Stat. 1458), and shall be made available to all Indian children of the said district on the same terms, except as to the payment of tuition, as to other children of said school district.

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