"That officers and enlisted men of the armed forces of the United States be, and they are hereby, authorized during the present war and for a year thereafter to accept from the governments of cobelligerent nations, neutral nations, or the other American Republics such decorations, orders, medals, and emblems, as may be tendered them, and which are conferred by such governments upon members of their own military forces, hereby expressly granting the consent of Congress required for this purpose by clause 8 of section 9, article I, of the Constitution: Provided, That any such officer or enlisted man is hereby authorized to wear any decoration, order, medal, or emblem accepted pursuant to authority contained in this Act or heretofore accepted by such person from the government of a cobelligerent nation, neutral nation, or of an American Republic."

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 62]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the administration of the Washington National Airport, and for other purposes", approved June 29, 1940.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the administration of the Washington National Airport, and for other purposes", approved June 29, 1940 (54 Stat. 686), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sections:

"Sec. 4. (a) The Administrator, and any Civil Aeronautics Administration employee appointed to protect life and property on the airport, when designated by the Administrator, is hereby authorized and empowered (1) to arrest under a warrant within the limits of the airport any person accused of having committed within the boundaries of the airport any offense against the laws of the United States, or against any rule or regulation prescribed pursuant to this Act; (2) to arrest without warrant any person committing any such offense within the limits of the airport, in his presence; or (3) to arrest without warrant within the limits of the airport any person whom he has reasonable grounds to believe has committed a felony within the limits of the airport.

"(b) Any individual having the power of arrest as provided in subsection (a) of this section may carry firearms or other weapons as the Administrator may direct or by regulation may prescribe.

"(c) The United States Park Police may, at the request of the Administrator, be assigned by the Director of the National Park Service, in his discretion, subject to the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to patrol any area of the airport, and any members of the United States Park Police so assigned are hereby authorized and empowered to make arrests within the limits of the airport for the same offenses, and in the same manner and circumstances, as is provided in this section with respect to employees designated by the Administrator.

"Sec. 5. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any rule or regulation prescribed under this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

"Sec. 6. The officer on duty in command of those employees designated by the Administrator as provided in section 4 may accept deposit of collateral from any person charged with the violation of any rule or regulation prescribed under this Act, for appearance in court or
before the appropriate United States commissioner; and such collateral shall be deposited with the United States commissioner at Alexandria, Virginia.

"Sec. 7. The Administrator may enter into agreements with the State of Virginia, or with any political subdivision thereof, for such municipal services as the Administrator shall deem necessary to the proper and efficient government of the airport, and he may, from time to time, agree to modifications in any such agreement: Provided, however, That where the charge for any such service is established by the laws of the State of Virginia, the Administrator may not pay for such service an amount in excess of the charge so established. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the making of payment for services under any such agreement."

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 63]

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the removal of stone piers in West Executive Avenue between the grounds of the White House and the Department of State Building.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of the National Park Service is hereby authorized and directed to remove the stone piers from West Executive Avenue between the grounds of the White House and the Department of State Building.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 67]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 663), entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of additional commissioned officers in the Regular Army, and for other purposes", as amended by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 670, Seventy-ninth Congress).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective December 28, 1945, the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of additional commissioned officers in the Regular Army, and for other purposes", approved December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 663), as amended by the Act of August 8, 1946 (Public Law 670, Seventy-ninth Congress), is further amended by inserting after section 8 thereof an additional section as follows:

"Sec. 9. For the purpose of administering the provisions of this Act, the date of nomination by the President if the Senate is in session, or if the Senate is in recess the date of a recess appointment by the President, shall be considered as the date or time of appointment in determining eligibility for appointment, permanent grade in which appointed, date of rank in such grade, period of service to be credited under section 5 hereof, and eligibility for promotion of each person appointed as a commissioned officer of the Regular Army under the provisions of this Act: Provided, That no person appointed under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled, by reason of such appointment, to any pay or allowances for any period prior to the date of acceptance of such appointment."

Approved May 15, 1947.