Sec. 303. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impose or authorize the imposition of maximum rents upon any housing accommodations in any defense-rental area or portion thereof, or upon housing accommodations of a class, in the case of which maximum rents have been removed by administrative action in accordance with the provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947; and nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect any adjustment in maximum rent made in accordance with the Housing and Rent Act of 1947.

Sec. 304. Section 2 of Public Law 301, Eightieth Congress, approved July 31, 1947 (relating to eviction of tenants from publicly operated housing accommodations), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out "April 1, 1948" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 1, 1949".

Sec. 305. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act, and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 306. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month following the month in which it is enacted.

Approved March 30, 1948.

[CHAPTER 162] AN ACT

To facilitate the use and occupancy of national-forest lands, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture, in conformity with regulations prescribed by him, may permit the use and occupancy of national-forest lands in Alaska for purposes of residence, recreation, public convenience, education, industry, agriculture, and commerce, not incompatible with the best use and management of the national forests, for such periods as may be warranted but not exceeding thirty years and of such areas as may be necessary but not exceeding eighty acres, and after such permits have been issued and so long as they continue in full force and effect the lands therein described shall not be subject to location, entry, or appropriation, under the public land laws or mining laws, or to disposition under the mineral leasing laws: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Secretary from canceling, revoking, or otherwise terminating a permit so issued upon proof of a breach of its terms and conditions or for other just cause.

Approved March 30, 1948.

[CHAPTER 163] AN ACT

To extend for a temporary period the provisions of the District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate rents in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1941, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 45-1601), is hereby amended by striking out "March 31, 1948" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 30, 1948".

Approved March 30, 1948.