

[CHAPTER 552]

AN ACT

August 7, 1942
[S. 2642]
[Public Law 703]

To amend section 219 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, by inserting "of part I" after "(12)", and to amend subsection (b) of section 417 of such Act by changing a reference from "carrier" to "freight forwarder".

Interstate Com-
merce Act, amend-
ments.
Ante, p. 300.

34 Stat. 595; 41 Stat.
494.
49 U. S. C. § 20 (11),
(12).

Ante, p. 237.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 219 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 219. The provisions of section 20 (11) and (12) of part I of this Act, together with such other provisions of such part (including penalties) as may be necessary for the enforcement of such provisions, shall apply with respect to common carriers by motor vehicle with like force and effect as in the case of those persons to which such provisions are specifically applicable."

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 417 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the word "carrier" where it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "freight forwarder".

Approved, August 7, 1942.

[CHAPTER 553]

AN ACT

August 18, 1942
[H. R. 7211]
[Public Law 704]

To facilitate the disposition of prizes captured by the United States during the present war, and for other purposes.

Prizes captured by
U. S. during present
war on high seas.
Court jurisdiction.

Venue.

Prizes brought into
territorial waters of a
cobelligerent.

Exercise of power to
take or appropriate
property for U. S.

Special prize com-
missioners to act
abroad.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all prizes captured during the present war on the high seas if said capture was made by authority of the United States or was adopted and ratified by the President of the United States and the prize was brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent or was taken or appropriated for the use of the United States on the high seas or in such territorial waters, including jurisdiction of all proceedings for the condemnation of such property taken as prize.

SEC. 2. The venue of any proceeding brought under the jurisdiction conferred by this Act shall be in the judicial district selected by the Attorney General, or his designee, for the convenience of the United States.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction of prizes brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent shall not be exercised under authority of this Act, nor shall prizes be taken or appropriated within such territorial waters for the use of the United States, unless the government having jurisdiction over such territorial waters consents to the exercise of such jurisdiction or to such taking or appropriation.

SEC. 4. In any case, whether or not brought under the jurisdiction conferred by this Act, the power to take or appropriate property for the use of the United States as provided by sections 4624 and 4625 of the Revised Statutes (title 34, U. S. C., secs. 1140, 1141) may be exercised by the War Shipping Administration with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy or his designee, or by such other officers or agencies as the President may designate.

SEC. 5. The district courts are authorized to appoint special prize commissioners to exercise abroad in cases arising under this Act the duties prescribed for such commissioners. Said courts may appoint such number of such special commissioners, and having such qualifications, as said courts may deem proper, without regard for the requirements of section 4621 of the Revised Statutes, as amended

(U. S. C., title 34, sec. 1137), except that for each case arising under the jurisdiction conferred by this Act there shall be at least one special commissioner who shall be a naval officer, active or retired, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall receive no other compensation than his pay in the Navy, and who shall protect the interests of the Department of the Navy in the prize property. Said courts may confer on such special commissioners such additional powers and duties, to be performed abroad or in the United States, as they may deem necessary or proper for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 6. The district courts may adopt such rules to govern the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by this Act as they may deem necessary or proper for carrying out the purposes thereof. All provisions of law relating to capture as prize or to the taking or appropriation of captures for the use of the United States, to the extent that such provisions are consistent with the provisions of this Act, shall be applicable in the exercise of the jurisdiction herein conferred.

SEC. 7. A cobelligerent of the United States which consents to the exercise of the jurisdiction herein conferred with respect to prizes of the United States brought into its territorial waters and to the taking or appropriation of such prizes within its territorial waters for the use of the United States shall be accorded, upon proclamation by the President of the United States, like privileges with respect to prizes captured under authority of such cobelligerent and brought into the territorial waters of the United States or taken or appropriated in the territorial waters of the United States for the use of such cobelligerent. Reciprocal recognition and full faith and credit shall be given to the jurisdiction acquired by courts of a cobelligerent hereunder and to all proceedings had or judgments rendered in exercise of such jurisdiction.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair or diminish the jurisdiction of any court of the United States under any other provisions of law, but the provisions of this Act shall be in addition thereto.

Approved, August 18, 1942.

[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

To amend section 107 of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 107 of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 is amended by striking out the last sentence thereof which reads as follows: "Any allowances which accrue under this title for the period preceding November 1, 1942, shall not be actually paid until after November 1, 1942."

Approved, August 20, 1942.

[CHAPTER 555]

AN ACT

To suspend temporarily the running of statutes of limitations applicable to certain offenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the running of any existing statute of limitations applicable to offenses involving the defrauding or attempts to defraud the United States or any agency thereof, whether by conspiracy or not, and in any manner,

Additional powers and duties.

Rules.

Application of existing provisions of law.

Reciprocal privileges to cobelligerents.

Provisions deemed additional to existing law.

August 20, 1942
[H. R. 7461]
[Public Law 706]

Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, amendment.
Ante, p. 383.

August 24, 1942
[H. R. 6484]
[Public Law 706]

Frauds against U. S. Suspension of running of statutes of limitations.