

in the District at the office or banking house of, or by, any such bank or banking institution, Federal savings and loan association, building association, building and loan association, or savings and loan association, if Saturday were not a holiday, shall or may be so performed on the next succeeding business day, and no liability or loss of rights of any kind shall result from such delay."

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[CHAPTER 577]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To implement further the purposes of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act by authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out an agreement with the United Kingdom, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 509]

Whereas in the Bretton Woods Agreements Act the Congress has declared it to be the policy of the United States "to seek to bring about further agreement and cooperation among nations and international bodies, as soon as possible, on ways and means which will best reduce obstacles to and restrictions upon international trade, eliminate unfair trade practices, promote mutually advantageous commercial relations, and otherwise facilitate the expansion and balanced growth of international trade and promote the stability of international economic relations"; and

Implementation of financial agreement between U. S. and United Kingdom.

Whereas in further implementation of the purposes of the Bretton Woods Agreements, the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom have negotiated an agreement dated December 6, 1945, designed to expedite the achievement of stable and orderly exchange arrangements, the prompt elimination of exchange restrictions and discriminations, and other objectives of the above-mentioned policy declared by the Congress: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems, is hereby authorized to carry out the agreement dated December 6, 1945, between the United States and the United Kingdom which was transmitted by the President to the Congress on January 30, 1946.

Authority to carry out agreement.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the agreement dated December 6, 1945, between the United States and the United Kingdom, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to use as a public-debt transaction not to exceed \$3,750,000,000 of the proceeds of any securities hereafter issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under that Act are extended to include such purpose. Payments to the United Kingdom under this joint resolution and pursuant to the agreement and repayments thereof shall be treated as public-debt transactions of the United States. Payments of interest to the United States under the agreement shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Public-debt transaction.

40 Stat. 288.
31 U. S. C. § 774 (2);
Supp. V, § 754a et seq.
Ante, p. 316.

Interest.

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[CHAPTER 578]

AN ACT

To govern distribution of war trophies and devices.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to apportion and distribute pro rata among the several States in the ratio that the total number of

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War devices and trophies.
Distribution to States.

Exceptions.

persons who have served or are serving in the Army of the United States from each State bears to the total number of such persons from all States, all war devices and trophies suitable for distribution, with the exception of such trophies as may be required for experimental purposes or for other use by the United States or any department or agency thereof, and the further exception of such trophies as may be required for display in national museums, at national homes for disabled members of the armed forces, or for monumental purposes in Arlington National Cemetery and in other national cemeteries, national parks, and national monuments wheresoever situated.

Basis of apportionment.

54 Stat. 885.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 301-318; Supp. V,
§ 302 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 181, 341,
342.
55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app., note prec. § 1.
Notice to chief executive of State.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act, the reports compiled under the direction of the Secretary of War showing the number of persons in the Army of the United States accredited to each State, Territory, and possession of the United States and to the District of Columbia, either by enlistment or by the process of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, or otherwise on active duty with the Army of the United States during the period from 27 May 1941 (the date of the President's proclamation of full national emergency) to the date of this Act, shall serve as the basis for determining the apportionment of war devices and trophies for distribution.

SEC. 3. As soon as practicable, the Secretary of War shall cause the chief executive of each of the several States, to be informed of the character and quantity of war devices and trophies apportioned thereto, and shall invite each such chief executive to designate such material as will be accepted free on board common carrier at the point of storage in the continental United States or point of debarkation and to designate the point or points to which the accepted material is to be shipped without expense to the United States, other than that of packing and loading at the point of storage or debarkation.

Shipment.

SEC. 4. Shipment of the apportionment of each State shall be made as soon as practicable after the chief executive thereof shall have informed the Secretary of War that such State will accept and take possession thereof as hereinbefore provided, and will relieve the United States of all responsibility for the safe delivery of the material and of all charges, costs, and expenses whatsoever connected with the transportation thereof. If the chief executive of any State shall not, within two years from the date on which the notification by the Secretary of War was issued to the chief executives file with the Secretary of War such acceptance and agreement, such apportionment, or any part thereof, or any war devices or trophies then deemed by the Secretary of War to be suitable for distribution whether previously so deemed or not, shall be reapportioned and redistributed to the several States as the Secretary of War shall determine, and any residue not accepted or rejected on or before the expiration of three years from such notification shall be otherwise disposed of according to law; and those war devices and trophies considered by the Secretary of War as unsuitable for distribution under this Act, may similarly be disposed of according to law.

Nonacceptance; reapportionment.

Disposal of residue.

Charges payable by U. S. Government.

SEC. 5. All charges for apportioning, segregating, packing, and transporting war trophies and devices to points of debarkation or storage in the continental United States and for repacking and loading them for distribution to the designated point or points within each of the several States, as provided for herein, and for transportation to national museums, national homes for disabled members of the armed forces, national cemeteries and national parks, and for the disposition of undistributed war devices and trophies shall be paid by the United States Government from an appropriation to be made for that purpose; but no part of such appropriation shall be expended in cleaning, painting, or otherwise reconditioning war devices and trophies prior to shipment.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of War is authorized to transfer, without reimbursement, such devices and trophies as the Secretary of War in his discretion shall determine, to the Secretary of the Treasury for the promotion of the sale of war or victory bonds, and to any other Government agency for scientific, experimental, monumental, or display purposes. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to sell or donate such war devices and trophies for the promotion of the sale of war or victory bonds.

Promotion of sale of war bonds, etc.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of War shall afford to those who have donated or contributed to the United States during the present emergency, and prior to the date of this Act, trophies and devices from previous wars, suitable preferences in the distribution of similar war trophies and devices under this Act, and the cost of delivering such replacements to ultimate destination shall be borne by the United States.

Contributors of trophies, etc., from previous wars.

SEC. 8. As used herein the terms "State" or "States" shall include all Territories and possessions of the United States, and the District of Columbia, and the Canal Zone.

"State," "States."

SEC. 9. The Secretary of War is authorized to make all rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the terms of this Act: *Provided*, That he shall require that war devices and trophies distributed in accordance with this Act shall, insofar as practicable, be mutilated prior to distribution so as to render them incapable of use as lethal weapons.

Rules and regulations.

Mutilation of trophies, etc.

SEC. 10. (a) As used in this Act the term "trophies" includes rifles, guns, howitzers, tanks, aircraft, items of individual equipment, and other articles used in warfare which originated with enemy countries and which were captured by, surrendered to, or have otherwise come into the possession of the Army of the United States.

"Trophies."

(b) As used in this Act the term "war devices" includes rifles, guns, howitzers, tanks, aircraft, items of individual equipment, and other articles used in warfare which originated with the armed forces of the United States and which are obsolete or unserviceable and not economically repairable.

"War devices."

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[CHAPTER 579]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to accept gifts, devises, and bequests in behalf of the general post fund for the use of veterans and for the sale and conveyance of any such property under certain circumstances and the covering of the proceeds thereof into the post fund, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 511]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized in his discretion to accept devises, bequests, and gifts, made in any manner, with respect to which the testator or donor shall have indicated his intention that such property shall be for the benefit of groups of persons formerly in the active military or naval forces of the United States who by virtue of such service alone, or disability suffered therein or therefrom, are or shall be patients or members of any one or more hospitals or homes operated by the United States Government, or shall have indicated his intention that such property shall be for the benefit of any such hospital or home, or shall be paid or delivered to any official, as such, or any agency in administrative control thereof.

Gifts for veterans. Acceptance by Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of acquiring the title and the possession to any property which he is by this Act authorized to accept, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to initiate and to appear in

Acquisition of property.