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CHAP. 309.—An Act To amend section thirty-two hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States concerning the distilling of brandy from fruits. June 3, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-two hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: Fruit brandy.

"SEC. 3255. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may exempt distillers of brandy made exclusively from apples, peaches, grapes, pears, pineapples, oranges, apricots, berries or prunes from any provision of this title relating to the manufacture of spirits, except as to the tax thereon, when in his judgment it may seem expedient to do so." Distillers exempted from general spirit regulations. R. S., sec. 3255, p. 627, amended.

Approved, June 3, 1896.

CHAP. 310.—An Act To repeal section sixty-one of an Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes, which became a law August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four. June 3, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section sixty-one of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes," which became a law August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed. Alcohol in the arts. Repeal of tax exemption. Vol. 28, p. 567.

SEC. 2. That a joint select committee is hereby authorized, to consist of three Senators to be appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate, and three Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, which select committee shall consider all questions relating to the use of alcohol in the manufactures and arts free of tax, and to report their conclusions to Congress on the first Monday in December, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. Congressional committee to examine and report on use of alcohol in the arts, etc. *Post*, p. 697.

Said joint select committee is authorized to sit, by subcommittee or otherwise, during the recess or session of Congress, at such times and places as they deem advisable; to summon witnesses, administer oaths, print testimony or other information, and to employ such stenographic, clerical, and other assistance as may be necessary, one half of the expense to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives. Powers, etc.

Approved, June 3, 1896.

CHAP. 311.—An Act Authorizing the construction of a wagon and motor bridge over the Missouri River at Saint Charles, Missouri. June 3, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Saint Charles and Saint Louis County Bridge Company, a corporation duly created under the laws of the State of Missouri, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto, across the Missouri River, between the city of Saint Charles, Missouri, and Saint Louis County, Missouri, at a point to be selected consistent with the interests of river navigation. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, street railway cars, motor cars, animals, foot passengers, and for all road travel, for such reasonable rates of toll and under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the said corporation, its successors or assigns, and approved from time to time by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That the said corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall build and maintain at all times, as accessory works to said bridge, such booms, piers, dikes, guard fences, and similar devices as may be necessary, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, to insure at all times a permanent channel for a sufficient distance above and below Saint Charles and Saint Louis County Bridge Company may bridge Missouri River. Wagon, etc., bridge. Toll. *Provisos.* Aids to navigation.