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exported from the United States are, so far as applicable, hereby extended to like articles upon which an internal-revenue tax has been paid when shipped from the United States to the island of Porto Rico or to the Philippine Islands.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

March 4, 1915.
[H. R. 13222.]
[Public, No. 314.]

CHAP. 165.—An Act To regulate the use of public school buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. School buildings, etc., may be used for civic meetings, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the control of the public schools in the District of Columbia by the board of education shall extend to, include, and comprise the use of the public school buildings and grounds by pupils of the public schools, other children and adults, for supplementary educational purposes, civic meetings for the free discussion of public questions, social centers, centers of recreation, playgrounds. The privilege of using said buildings and grounds for any of said purposes may be granted by the board upon such terms and conditions and under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe.

Acceptance of free services of teachers, lecturers, etc.

SEC. 2. That the board of education is authorized to accept, upon written recommendation of the superintendent of schools, free and voluntary services of the teachers of the public schools, other educators, lecturers, and social workers and public officers of the United States and the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That teachers of the public schools shall not be required or compelled to perform any such services or solicited to make any contribution for such purposes: *Provided further*, That the public school buildings and grounds of the District of Columbia shall be used for no purpose whatsoever other than those directly connected with the public school system and as further provided for in this Act.

Provisos.
Services to be voluntary, etc.

Other use of buildings forbidden.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 3. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

March 4, 1915.
[H. R. 15215.]
[Public, No. 315.]

CHAP. 166.—An Act To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to adjust and settle the shortages in certain accounts of said District, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia. Appropriation to settle defalcation of J. M. A. Watson.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed to adjust and settle the shortages in certain accounts of said District arising through the defalcation of J. M. A. Watson, formerly an employee of the Government of said District, by paying into the Treasury of the United States the sum of $63,939.96, to be credited as follows: Miscellaneous receipts, United States, $10,623.75; miscellaneous trust-fund deposits, District of Columbia, $51,556.22, and permit fund, District of Columbia, $1,759.99. There is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this Act the sum of $63,939.96, to be paid wholly from the revenues of the District of Columbia.

From District revenues.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

March 4, 1915.
[H. R. 16510.]
[Public, No. 316.]

CHAP. 167.—An Act To provide for recognizing the services of certain officers of the Army, Navy, and Public Health Service for their services in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal, to extend to certain of such officers the thanks of Congress, and for other purposes.

Isthmian Canal Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of Congress