

or maintain the public walks on the highway bridge that overhang the described property in question, the permit shall be considered null and void, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to include in such permit such other conditions as he may deem necessary in order to assure that the maintenance of the walks will not interfere with the use of the said property by the United States.

Approved, May 1, 1941.

[CHAPTER 83]

AN ACT

May 1, 1941
 [S. 482]
 [Public Law 45]

To provide for the appointment of one additional United States district judge for the northern district of Ohio.

Ohio.
 Additional U. S.
 district judge.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional United States district judge for the northern district of Ohio: *Provided,* That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge in said district shall not be filled.

Approved, May 1, 1941.

[CHAPTER 84]

AN ACT

May 2, 1941
 [H. R. 3252]
 [Public Law 46]

To make emergency provision for certain activities of the United States Maritime Commission, and for other purposes.

U. S. Maritime
 Commission.
 Determination of
 foreign ship-construction costs.

54 Stat. 2643.
 50 U. S. C., app.,
 prec. § 1 note.
 Contracts for construction, etc., of vessels.

Negotiating authority.

49 Stat. 1985.
 46 U. S. C., ch. 27.
Ante, p. 6.

Modification of contracts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority of the United States Maritime Commission under Public Resolution Numbered 82, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 306), shall continue in effect during the national emergency declared by the President on September 8, 1939, to exist, but not after June 30, 1942.

SEC. 2. (a) Whenever deemed by the President of the United States to be in the best interests of the national commerce and defense during the national emergency declared by the President on September 8, 1939, to exist, but not after June 30, 1942, (1) the United States Maritime Commission is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) hereof, to negotiate contracts for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, alteration, reconditioning, repair, outfitting, or equipping of complete vessels, or any portion thereof, including plans, spare parts, and equipment therefor, that the Commission has been or may be authorized to acquire, construct, reconstruct, alter, recondition, repair, outfit, or equip, pursuant to the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, or section 4 of Public Law Numbered 5, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved February 6, 1941, with or without advertising or competitive bidding upon determination that the price is fair and reasonable; (2) upon its determination that such action is in the best interests of the national commerce and defense because of changes in conditions occurring after the execution of its contracts heretofore or hereafter entered into for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, reconditioning, repair, outfitting, or equipping of vessels, the Commission is hereby authorized to modify such contracts in conformity with provisions hereof relating to negotiated contracts, and to adjust the payments to be made thereunder, but the aggregate amount payable to the contractor under any contract modified pursuant hereto shall