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[CHAPTER 157]

AN ACT

May 31, 1941
[H. R. 4534]
[Public Law 89]

To amend the Act approved June 28, 1940, entitled "An Act to expedite the national defense, and for other purposes", in order to extend the power to establish priorities and allocate material.

National defense.
54 Stat. 676.
41 U. S. C., prec. § 1 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act approved June 28, 1940 (Public, Numbered 671, Seventy-sixth Congress), as amended, is amended by inserting "(1)" after "SEC. 2. (a)" and by adding at the end of subsection (a) thereof the following:

Priorities on defense contracts.

"(2) Deliveries of material to which priority may be assigned pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include, in addition to deliveries of material under contracts or orders of the Army or Navy, deliveries of material under—

"(A) contracts or orders for the Government of any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States under the terms of the Act of March 11, 1941, entitled 'An Act to promote the defense of the United States';

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"(B) contracts or orders which the President shall deem necessary or appropriate to promote the defense of the United States; and

"(C) subcontracts or suborders which the President shall deem necessary or appropriate to the fulfillment of any contract or order as specified in this section.

Allocation of material.

Deliveries under any contract or order specified in this section may be assigned priority over deliveries under any other contract or order. Whenever the President is satisfied that the fulfillment of requirements for the defense of the United States will result in a shortage in the supply of any material for defense or for private account or for export, the President may allocate such material in such manner and to such extent as he shall deem necessary or appropriate in the public interest and to promote the national defense.

Authority to obtain information.

The President shall be entitled to obtain such information from, require such reports by, and make such inspection of the premises of, any person, firm, or corporation as may be necessary or appropriate, in his discretion, to the enforcement or administration of the provisions of this section.

Nonliability for damages.

No person, firm, or corporation shall be held liable for damages or penalties for any default under any contract or order which shall result directly or indirectly from his compliance with any rule, regulation, or order issued under this section.

Delegation of power, etc.

The President may exercise any power, authority, or discretion conferred on him by this section, through such department, agency, or officer of the Government as he may direct and in conformity with any rules and regulations which he may prescribe."

Approved, May 31, 1941.

[CHAPTER 158]

AN ACT

May 31, 1941
[H. R. 4632]
[Public Law 90]

Authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore on the Great Lakes during 1941.

Transportation of iron ore.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That by reason of emergency conditions in transportation on the Great Lakes, notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Act of Congress approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 999), as amended by Act of Congress approved April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 154), and by Act of Congress approved July