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he may from time to time specify, or which may be carried by any vessel or other means of transportation touching at any port, place, or Territory of the United States and bound to or from any foreign country. Any person who willfully evades or attempts to evade the submission of any such communication to such censorship or willfully uses or attempts to use any code or other device for the purpose of concealing from such censorship the intended meaning of such communication shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than $10,000, or, if a natural person, imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both; and the officer, director, or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violation shall be punished by a like fine, imprisonment, or both, and any property, funds, securities, papers, or other articles or documents, or any vessel, together with her tackle, apparel, furniture, and equipment, concerned in such violation shall be forfeited to the United States.

Penalty for evasions, using codes, etc.

TITLE IV—TIME LIMIT AND SHORT TITLE

SEC. 401. Titles I and II of this Act shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination of the war, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate.

SEC. 402. This Act may be cited as the "First War Powers Act, 1941".

Approved, December 18, 1941.

[CHAPTER 594]

JOINT RESOLUTION

December 19, 1941
[H. J. Res. 255]
[Public Law 355]

Creating a commission to investigate ways and means for improving economic conditions in the anthracite coal producing regions of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a commission to be composed of two Members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; two Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and three individuals to be appointed by the President, one of whom shall be an officer or employee of the Bureau of Mines, one of whom shall be an officer or employee of the National Resources Planning Board, and one of whom shall be an officer or employee of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Any vacancy in the commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. No member of the commission shall receive compensation for his services as such member.

Anthracite coal commission.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the commission to conduct an investigation for the purpose of determining the facts relating to, and ways and means for improving, economic conditions in the anthracite coal producing regions of the United States, and in the conduct of such investigation the commission shall take into consideration, among other relevant factors, (a) the availability in such regions, for national-defense activities, of skilled and unskilled workers, factories, and housing and other facilities, and (b) possible new and extended uses for anthracite coal and the byproducts thereof.

Investigation.

SEC. 3. The commission shall report to the President and to the Congress the results of its investigation, together with its recommendations, at the earliest practicable date. The commission shall cease to exist upon the submission to the President and the Congress of its final report.

Report.

Utilization of Government agencies.

SEC. 4. The commission is authorized, in carrying out its functions under this joint resolution, to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the departments and agencies of the Government.

Approved, December 19, 1941.

[CHAPTER 595]

December 19, 1941
[H. R. 4854]
[Public Law 356]

AN ACT

To facilitate and simplify the administration of the Federal reclamation laws and the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended.

Administration of Federal reclamation laws.
43 U. S. C., ch. 12.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of facilitating and simplifying the administration of the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388 and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) and the Act of August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418), as amended, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to delegate, from time to time and to the extent and under such regulations as he deems proper, his powers and duties under said laws to the Commissioner of Reclamation, an Assistant Commissioner, or the officer in charge of any office, division, district, or project of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Delegation of powers and duties.
16 U. S. C. §§ 590y–590z–10.

Approved, December 19, 1941.

[CHAPTER 596]

December 19, 1941
[H. R. 5305]
[Public Law 357]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant easements in certain lands to the town of Bedford, Massachusetts, for road-widening purposes.

Bedford, Mass.
Grant of easements for road-widening purposes.

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 authorized and directed to grant easements, subject to any rights which the Boston and Maine Railroad Company may have in and over tract numbered 2, to the town of Bedford, Massachusetts, for road-widening purposes, in two small strips of land of the Veterans' Administration facility in such town, described as follows:

TRACT NUMBERED 1

Beginning at a point in the northeasterly line of Page or Pine Hill Road at the southerly corner of the property of the United States of America and known as Veterans' Administration Facility, Bedford, Massachusetts, north twenty-six degrees twenty-six minutes and thirty seconds west one hundred and seventeen and ninety-six one-hundredths feet along the northeasterly line of said road to a point in the new northeasterly street line as laid out by the county commissioners of Middlesex County on December 20, 1940; thence south twenty-eight degrees ten minutes and five seconds east one hundred and sixteen and forty-four one-hundredths feet along the said new northeasterly street line to a point in the southeasterly property line of the United States of America; thence south thirty-nine degrees twenty-three minutes and forty seconds west three and eighty-five one-hundredths feet along the southeasterly property line of the United States of America to the point of beginning, containing five one-hundredths acre, more or less.