

53 Stat. 357.
26 U. S. C. §§ 3100-
3124.

53 Stat. 320, 331.
26 U. S. C. §§ 2836,
2870.

55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp. I,
app., prec. § 1 note.

all the tax-free purposes authorized by part II of subchapter C of this chapter, and when so withdrawn shall be subject to all applicable provisions of such part. Under such regulations as the Commissioner may prescribe, the manufacture, warehousing, withdrawal, and shipment of distilled spirits of one hundred and sixty degrees of proof or greater may be exempted from the provisions of section 2836 and section 2870. This subsection shall cease to be in effect upon the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941."

Approved, January 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 18]

AN ACT

January 26, 1942

[H. R. 6263]

[Public Law 413]

To amend section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934 for the purpose of granting to the President, in time of war or threatened war, certain powers with respect to communications by wire.

Communications
Act of 1934, amend-
ments.

48 Stat. 1104.
47 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 606 note.
Post, p. 1096.

War powers of Presi-
dent with respect to
wire communication.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 47, sec. 606), is hereby amended by striking out "(d)" in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "(e)", and by inserting after subsection (c) a new subsection as follows:

"(d) Upon proclamation by the President that there exists a state or threat of war involving the United States, the President, if he deems it necessary in the interest of the national security and defense, may, during a period ending not later than six months after the termination of such state or threat of war and not later than such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may designate, (1) suspend or amend the rules and regulations applicable to any or all facilities or stations for wire communication within the jurisdiction of the United States as prescribed by the Commission, (2) cause the closing of any facility or station for wire communication and the removal therefrom of its apparatus and equipment, or (3) authorize the use or control of any such facility or station and its apparatus and equipment by any department of the Government under such regulations as he may prescribe, upon just compensation to the owners."

SEC. 2. Such section 606 is further amended by inserting at the end thereof two new subsections as follows:

"(f) Nothing in subsection (c) or (d) shall be construed to amend, repeal, impair, or affect existing laws or powers of the States in relation to taxation or the lawful police regulations of the several States, except wherein such laws, powers, or regulations may affect the transmission of Government communications, or the issue of stocks and bonds by any communication system or systems.

"(g) Nothing in subsection (c) or (d) shall be construed to authorize the President to make any amendment to the rules and regulations of the Commission which the Commission would not be authorized by law to make; and nothing in subsection (d) shall be construed to authorize the President to take any action the force and effect of which shall continue beyond the date after which taking of such action would not have been authorized."

Approved, January 26, 1942.

Laws or powers of
the States.

Authority to amend
rules.

Limitation.