Public Law 61 CHAPTER 175

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 29, 1951
[S. J. Res. 51]

Providing for United States participation in the celebration at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Whereas the one hundred and seventhy-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence will occur on July 4, 1951; and

Whereas it is desirable to accord suitable recognition of the value of the precepts of the Declaration in sustaining the Government of the United States as a strong bulwark against totalitarianism; and

Whereas fitting ceremonies to commemorate this anniversary are in process of preparation, such ceremonies to be held in the city of Philadelphia during the week of July 1 to July 7, 1951: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there is hereby created a commission to be composed of twelve members, as follows: Two officers of the executive branch of the Federal Government to be appointed by the President of the United States; 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; and six persons who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government to be appointed by the President of the United States, three upon recommendation of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and three upon recommendation of the mayor of the city of Philadelphia if those officials desire to recommend any such persons. Any vacancy in the membership of such commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Anniversary celebration of signing of Declaration of Independence.
Creation of commission.

(b) The commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Selection of chairman.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the function of the commission, in cooperation with the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the government of the city of Philadelphia, and the Commission for the Commemoration of the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, (1) to prepare a plan for appropriate ceremonies at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1951, to observe and celebrate the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and (2) to execute such plan.

Functions of commission.

(b) In performing the functions set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the commission may—

(1) prepare, print, and distribute to public libraries, public schools, universities, colleges, patriotic organizations and groups material containing such historical data as the commission may deem desirable to acquaint the public with the nature and significance of the celebration;

Preparation, etc., of historical data.

(2) if the commission deems it advisable, invite the participation of other nations in the celebration, and arrange for such participation with the governments of such nations;

Participation of other nations.

(3) accept contributions of money and material for expenditure for use in the various activities of the commission;

Contributions.

(4) do all other things it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution.

(c) The commission shall submit to the Congress, on or before March 1, 1952, a report of its activities, together with a detailed statement of the manner of expenditures of any funds appropriated pursuant to the authorization contained in section 3 (b).

Report to Congress.

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Expiration of commission.

(d) The commission shall cease to exist thirty days after it submits the report required by subsection (c) of this section. No person employed by the commission under the authority of section 3 of this resolution shall continue to receive any salary, wage, or remuneration of any kind by virtue of this resolution after the date on which the commission ceases to exist.

Appointments; expenditures.

63 Stat. 954.
5 U. S. C. § 1071 note.

SEC. 3. (a) The commission may appoint not more than two employees in one year and may fix the compensation of such employees without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended. The commission may make such expenditures as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution, including expenditures for printing and binding and expenditures for necessary traveling and subsistence expenses of commissioners and of employees of the commission in accordance with the Travel Expense Act of 1949. All expenditures of the commission shall be allowed and paid upon presentation of itemized vouchers therefor, approved by the chairman of the commission.

63 Stat. 166.
5 U. S. C. § 835 note.

Appropriation authorized.

(b) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the commission such sums, not to exceed $100,000 in the aggregate, as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.

Loan of exhibits.

SEC. 4. Upon the request of the commission, the heads of the various Federal agencies (including the Library of Congress) may collect, prepare, and lend documents, articles, and other exhibits which, in their judgment, will serve to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution.

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June 29, 1951
[H. R. 2924]

AN ACT

To amend section 4164 of title 18, United States Code, relating to conditional release of Federal prisoners.

62 Stat. 853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4164 of title 18 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 4164. Released prisoner as parolee

"A prisoner having served his term or terms less good-time deductions shall, upon release, be deemed as if released on parole until the expiration of the maximum term or terms for which he was sentenced less one hundred and eighty days.

"This section shall not prevent delivery of a prisoner to the authorities of any State otherwise entitled to his custody."

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Public Law 63 — CHAPTER 192

June 30, 1951
[S. 1590]

AN ACT

To extend and revise the District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act.

District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act of 1951.
55 Stat. 788.
D. C. Code § 45-1601 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 25.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act is hereby amended to read as follows: