POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

(Out of the postal revenues)

"General Administration", $16,750;
"Postal operations", $2,414,790;

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

"Salaries and expenses", $250,000;
"International information and educational activities", $175,000;
"Government in occupied areas", $70,000;

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of the Public Debt: "Administering the public debt", (transfer) ($75,000);

Bureau of Narcotics: "Salaries and expenses", (transfer) ($13,000);

Secret Service Division: "Salaries and expenses, White House Police", (transfer) ($5,000).

Publicity or propaganda.

SEC. 1304. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes not heretofore authorized by the Congress.

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1952".

Approved June 5, 1952.

Public Law 376 CHAPTER 370

June 5, 1952
[S. 2736]

AN ACT

To amend the Code of Law of the District of Columbia in respect to the recording, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, of bills of sale, mortgages, deeds of trust, and conditional sales of personal property, and for other purposes.

Recordation of instruments, D.C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first paragraph of section 546, subchapter 3 of chapter 16 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, revised, and reenacted by the Act approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1103, ch. 417; title 42, sec. 101, D. C. Code, 1940), is hereby renumbered as section 546–A; and (b) section 547 of such subchapter (title 42, sec. 103, D. C. Code, 1940) is hereby amended by striking therefrom the last two sentences and by renumbering such section as section 546–B.

SEC. 2. The second paragraph of section 546 of such subchapter (title 42, sec. 102, D. C. Code, 1940) is hereby renumbered and amended to read as follows:

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"SEC. 546–C. It shall not be necessary for the Recorder of Deeds to spread upon the records of his office the instruments filed pursuant to section 546–A or section 546–B of this subchapter, but the same shall be indexed and, except as hereinafter provided, shall be kept on file and shall be open to inspection by the public, and shall have the same force and legal effect as if they were actually recorded in the books of said office."

SEC. 3. Subchapter 3 of chapter 16 of such Act is further amended by adding thereto the following new sections:

Void instruments.

"SEC. 546–D. Every instrument filed with the Recorder of Deeds pursuant to section 546–A or section 546–B of this subchapter, and instruments filed with said Recorder or presented for recording pur-

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suant to the Act entitled 'An Act for the recording and releasing of liens by entries on certificates of title for motor vehicles and trailers, and for other purposes', approved July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 736; title 40, ch. 7, D. C. Code, 1940), shall be void as against the creditors of the party indebted thereon and subsequent purchasers or mortgagees in good faith after the expiration of seven years from the filing thereof, unless, within ninety days next preceding the expiration of the term of seven years from such filing and each seven-year period thereafter, the vendor, mortgagee, trustee, conditional vendor, or donor shall make and file an affidavit setting forth the amount then due and unpaid: *Provided*, That no such instrument filed prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act shall be void as against such creditors, subsequent purchasers or mortgagees, if such affidavit be made and filed within ninety days before the expiration of seven years from the filing of such instrument or one year from the effective date of this amendatory Act, whichever is later, and each seven-year period thereafter. The Recorder of Deeds shall attach such affidavit after the filing thereof to the instrument to which it relates. The Recorder of Deeds may destroy any such instrument which has become void under the provisions of this subchapter, together with any affidavit, release and assignment relating thereto: *Provided*, That such destruction shall not be effected until the expiration of one year from the effective date of this amendatory Act.

Disposal.

"SEC. 546–E. When the debt secured by any instrument filed pursuant to section 546–A or section 546–B of this subchapter has been paid in full, the vendor, mortgagee, trustee or conditional vendor or his assignee shall, within twenty days thereafter, (a) execute or cause to be executed a release thereof, acknowledged before a notary public, and (b) deliver or cause to be delivered such release to the Recorder of Deeds. The Recorder (a) shall file the instrument of release by attaching the same to the instrument to which it relates; and (b) shall enter on the released instrument and on the index record thereof the word 'released', the date of filing of the instrument of release and a facsimile of his signature.

Instrument of release.

"SEC. 546–F. When any instrument filed pursuant to section 546–A or section 546–B of this subchapter has not become void but has, subsequent to the effective date of this amendatory Act, been released as provided in section 546–E of this subchapter, the Recorder may, after the expiration of three years from the date of the filing of such release, destroy such instrument, the release, and assignments relating thereto.

"SEC. 546–G. Any person intentionally making a false statement with respect to an instrument filed with the Recorder of Deeds pursuant to section 546–A or section 546–B of this subchapter, or who, after receipt of payment in full of the debt secured by any such instrument, shall, for a period of more than twenty days after written demand by the person indebted, neglect or refuse to execute and file with the Recorder of Deeds a release as provided in section 546–E of this subchapter, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than $500 or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Prosecutions for violations of this subchapter shall be by the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia or any of his assistants, in the name of the District of Columbia."

Violations.

SEC. 4. Section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the recording and releasing of liens by entries on certificates of title for motor vehicles and trailers, and for other purposes", approved July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 736; title 40, ch. 7, D. C. Code, 1940), is amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows: "Whenever any lien has been released as provided in this section for a period of

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more than three years, the Recorder of Deeds may destroy the instrument which created such lien and the index cards upon which the lien information was entered: *Provided*, That no other unsatisfied lien is shown on any such index card."

Fees.

SEC. 5. Section 552 of subchapter 4 of chapter 16 of the Act, approved March 3, 1901, as amended by the Acts of February 4, 1905 (33 Stat. 689, ch. 299) and June 17, 1935 (49 Stat. 384, ch. 265; title 45, sec. 708, D. C. Code, 1940), is amended by striking therefrom so much as reads: "For filing and indexing a bill of sale of chattels, or a mortgage or deed of trust thereof, or a conditional bill of sale of chattels or any release or satisfaction of any such, $1.50.", and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "For filing and indexing a bill of sale of chattels, or a mortgage or deed of trust thereof, or a conditional bill of sale of chattels, including a release of any such instrument, $2: *Provided*, That for the filing of a release of any such instrument filed prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Recorder of Deeds shall collect a fee of 50 cents.

"For filing an affidavit pursuant to section 546–D of this subchapter, $2."

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

Approved June 5, 1952.

Public Law 377 CHAPTER 371

AN ACT

June 5, 1952
[H. R. 4511]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the Territory of Hawaii certain real property at Kahului, Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

Hawaii.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to convey, without reimbursement, to the Territory of Hawaii, subject to the reservations set forth in section 2 hereof and to such other terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions as he may deem to be in the public interest, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the former Naval Air Station, Kahului, Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii, comprising one thousand three hundred and forty-one acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon and such personal property relating thereto as the Secretary of the Navy may select.

SEC. 2. The conveyance to the Territory of Hawaii herein authorized shall be made subject to the following terms and conditions: (a) That the Territory shall not alienate its title to the property conveyed nor shall it lease the same or any part thereof except for public-airport purposes: *Provided*, That particular structures or parcels not suitable for airport purposes may be leased for other purposes with the consent of the Secretary of the Navy; (b) that the Territory shall maintain or cause to be maintained in a condition which the Secretary of the Navy may deem to be suitable for public-airport purposes, the improvements now existing on the land as well as those which may hereafter be constructed thereon which the Territory and the Secretary of the Navy may mutually agree are suitable for such purposes, and (c) that in time of war or national emergency the United States shall have the right of free and unlimited use, exclusive or nonexclusive, of the land conveyed, together with any improvements thereon and personal property relating thereto, and may after thirty days' notice in writing to the Territory, enter upon, repossess, and reassert ownership of and title to said property, including within the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy all or any part of the improvements erected