Public Law 90-284  

To prescribe penalties for certain acts of violence or intimidation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

TITLE I—INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES

Sec. 101. (a) That chapter 13, civil rights, title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately at the end thereof the following new section, to read as follows:

"§ 245. Federally protected activities (a) (1) Nothing in this section shall be construed as indicating an intent on the part of Congress to prevent any State, any possession or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia, from exercising jurisdiction over any offense over which it would have jurisdiction in the absence of this section, nor shall anything in this section be construed as depriving State and local law enforcement authorities of responsibility for prosecuting acts that may be violations of this section and that are violations of State and local law. No prosecution of any offense described in this section shall be undertaken by the United States except upon the certification in writing of the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General that in his judgment a prosecution by the United States is in the public interest and necessary to secure substantial justice, which function of certification may not be delegated.

(b) Whoever, whether or not acting under color of law, by force or threat of force willfully injures, intimidates or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate or interfere with—

(1) any person because he is or has been, or in order to intimidate such person or any other person or any class of persons from—

(A) voting or qualifying to vote, qualifying or campaigning as a candidate for elective office, or qualifying or acting as a poll watcher, or any legally authorized election official, in any primary, special, or general election;

(B) participating in or enjoying any benefit, service, privilege, program, facility, or activity provided or administered by the United States;

(C) applying for or enjoying employment, or any perquisite thereof, by any agency of the United States;

(D) serving, or attending upon any court in connection with possible service, as a grand or petit juror in any court of the United States;

(E) participating in or enjoying the benefits of any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance; or

(2) any person because of his race, color, religion or national origin and because he is or has been—
“(A) enrolling in or attending any public school or public
college;
“(B) participating in or enjoying any benefit, service, priv-
ilege, program, facility or activity provided or administered
by any State or subdivision thereof;
“(C) applying for or enjoying employment, or any per-
quisite thereof, by any private employer or any agency of
any State or subdivision thereof, or joining or using the
services or advantages of any labor organization, hiring hall,
or employment agency;
“(D) serving, or attending upon any court of any State
in connection with possible service, as a grand or petit juror;
“(E) traveling in or using any facility of interstate com-
merce, or using any vehicle, terminal, or facility of any com-
mon carrier by motor, rail, water, or air;
“(F) enjoying the goods, services, facilities, privileges,
advantages, or accommodations of any inn, hotel, motel, or
other establishment which provides lodging to transient
guests, or of any restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch
counter, soda fountain, or other facility which serves the pub-
lic and which is principally engaged in selling food or bev-
erages for consumption on the premises, or of any gasoline
station, or of any motion picture house, theater, concert hall,
sports arena, stadium, or any other place of exhibition or
entertainment which serves the public, or of any other estab-
ishment which serves the public and (i) which is located
within the premises of any of the aforesaid establishments
or within the premises of which is physically located any of
the aforesaid establishments, and (ii) which holds itself out
as serving patrons of such establishments; or
“(3) during or incident to a riot or civil disorder, any person
engaged in a business in commerce or affecting commerce, includ-
ing, but not limited to, any person engaged in a business which
sells or offers for sale to interstate travelers a substantial portion
of the articles, commodities, or services which it sells or where a
substantial portion of the articles or commodities which it sells
or offers for sale have moved in commerce; or
“(4) any person because he is or has been, or in order to intimi-
date such person or any other person or any class of persons from—
“(A) participating, without discrimination on account of
race, color, religion or national origin, in any of the benefits
or activities described in subparagraphs (1)(A) through
(1)(E) or subparagraphs (2)(A) through (2)(F); or
“(B) affording another person or class of persons oppor-
tunity or protection to so participate; or
“(5) any citizen because he is or has been, or in order to intimi-
date such citizen or any other citizen from lawfully aiding or
encouraging other persons to participate, without discrimination
on account of race, color, religion or national origin, in any of
the benefits or activities described in subparagraphs (1)(A)
through (1)(E) or subparagraphs (2)(A) through (2)(F), or
participating lawfully in speech or peaceful assembly opposing
any denial of the opportunity to so participate—
shall be fined not more than $1,000, or imprisoned not more than
one year, or both; and if bodily injury results shall be fined not more
than $10,000, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death
results shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years or for life.

As used in this section, the term ‘participating lawfully in speech or
peaceful assembly’ shall not mean the aiding, abetting, or inciting of
other persons to riot or to commit any act of physical violence upon
any individual or against any real or personal property in furtherance
of a riot. Nothing in subparagraph (2)(F) or (4)(A) of this subsec-
tion shall apply to the proprietor of any establishment which provides
lodging to transient guests, or to any employee acting on behalf of
such proprietor, with respect to the enjoyment of the goods, services,
facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of such establish-
ment if such establishment is located within a building which contains
not more than five rooms for rent or hire and which is actually occupied
by the proprietor as his residence.

"(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to deter any
law enforcement officer from lawfully carrying out the duties of his
office; and no law enforcement officer shall be considered to be in viola-
tion of this section for lawfully carrying out the duties of his office or
lawfully enforcing ordinances and laws of the United States, the
District of Columbia, any of the several States, or any political sub-
division of a State. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term
'law enforcement officer' means any officer of the United States, the
District of Columbia, a State, or political subdivision of a State, who is
empowered by law to conduct investigations of, or make arrests because
of, offenses against the United States, the District of Columbia, a State,
or a political subdivision of a State."

(b) Nothing contained in this section shall apply to or affect activi-
ties under title VIII of this Act.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to acts or omissions
on the part of law enforcement officers, members of the National Guard,
as defined in section 101 (9) of title 10, United States Code, members of
the organized militia of any State or the District of Columbia, not
covered by such section 101 (9), or members of the Armed Forces of the
United States, who are engaged in suppressing a riot or civil distur-
bance or restoring law and order during a riot or civil disturbance.

Sec. 102. The analysis of chapter 13 of title 18 of the United States
Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"245. Federally protected activities."

Sec. 103. (a) Section 241 of title 18, United States Code, is amended con-
pelling by striking out the final paragraph thereof and substituting the
following:

"They shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more
than ten years, or both; and if death results, they shall be subject to
imprisonment for any term of years or for life."

(b) Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by strik-
ing out the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "; and
if death results shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years
or for life."

(c) Subsections (a) and (c) of section 12 of the Voting Rights Act
of 1965 (79 Stat. 443, 444) are amended by striking out the words "or
(b)" following the words "11 (a)."

Sec. 104. (a) Title 18 of the United States Code is amended by
inserting, immediately after chapter 101 thereof, the following new
chapter:

"Chapter 102.—RIOTS

"Sec.
"2101. Riots.
"2102. Definitions.

"§ 2101. Riots

"(a) (1) Whoever travels in interstate or foreign commerce or uses
any facility of interstate or foreign commerce, including, but not
limited to, the mail, telegraph, telephone, radio, or television, with intent—"
"(A) to incite a riot; or
"(B) to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot; or
"(C) to commit any act of violence in furtherance of a riot; or
"(D) to aid or abet any person in inciting or participating in or carrying on a riot or committing any act of violence in furtherance of a riot;

and who either during the course of any such travel or use or thereafter performs or attempts to perform any other overt act for any purpose specified in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of this paragraph—

shall be fined not more than $10,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

"(b) In any prosecution under this section, proof that a defendant engaged or attempted to engage in one or more of the overt acts described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and (1) has traveled in interstate or foreign commerce, or (2) has use of or used any facility of interstate or foreign commerce, including but not limited to, mail, telegraph, telephone, radio, or television, to communicate with or broadcast to any person or group of persons prior to such overt acts, such travel or use shall be admissible proof to establish that such defendant traveled in or used such facility of interstate or foreign commerce.

"(c) A judgment of conviction or acquittal on the merits under the laws of any State shall be a bar to any prosecution hereunder for the same act or acts.

"(d) Whenever, in the opinion of the Attorney General or of the appropriate officer of the Department of Justice charged by law or under the instructions of the Attorney General with authority to act, any person shall have violated this chapter, the Department shall proceed as speedily as possible with a prosecution of such person hereunder and with any appeal which may lie from any decision adverse to the Government resulting from such prosecution; or in the alternative shall report in writing, to the respective Houses of the Congress, the Department's reason for not so proceeding.

"(e) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to make it unlawful for any person to travel in, or use any facility of, interstate or foreign commerce for the purpose of pursuing the legitimate objectives of organized labor, through orderly and lawful means.

"(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed as indicating an intent on the part of Congress to prevent any State, any possession or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia, from exercising jurisdiction over any offense over which it would have jurisdiction in the absence of this section; nor shall anything in this section be construed as depriving State and local law enforcement authorities of responsibility for prosecuting acts that may be violations of this section and that are violations of State and local law.

"§ 2102. Definitions

"(a) As used in this chapter, the term ‘riot’ means a public disturbance involving (1) an act or acts of violence by one or more persons part of an assemblage of three or more persons, which act or acts shall constitute a clear and present danger of, or shall result in, damage or injury to the property of any other person or to the person of any other individual or (2) a threat or threats of the commission of an act or acts of violence by any person or persons part of an assemblage of three or more persons having, individually or collectively, the ability of immediate execution of such threat or threats, where the performance of the threatened act or acts of violence would constitute a clear and present danger of, or would result in, damage or injury to the property of any other person or to the person of any other individual.
“(b) As used in this chapter, the term ‘to incite a riot,’ or ‘to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot,’ includes, but is not limited to, urging or instigating other persons to riot, but shall not be deemed to mean the mere oral or written (1) advocacy of ideas or (2) expression of belief, not involving advocacy of any act or acts of violence or assertion of the rightness of, or the right to commit, any such act or acts.”

(b) The table of contents to “Part I—Criminal Law of the United States Code” is amended by inserting after the following chapter reference:

“101. Records and reports—2071” a new chapter reference as follows:

“102. Riots—2071”.

**TITLE II—RIGHTS OF INDIANS**

**DEFINITIONS**

Sec. 201. For purposes of this title, the term—

1. “Indian tribe” means any tribe, band, or other group or network of Indians subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and recognized as possessing powers of self-government;

2. “Powers of self-government” means, and includes, all governmental powers possessed by an Indian tribe, executive, legislative, and judicial, and all offices, bodies, and tribunals by and through which they are executed, including courts of Indian offenses; and

3. “Indian court” means any Indian tribal court or court of Indian offenses.

**INDIAN RIGHTS**

Sec. 202. No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-government shall—

1. make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances;

2. violate the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable search and seizures, nor issue warrants, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or thing to be seized;

3. subject any person for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy;

4. compel any person in any criminal case to be a witness against himself;

5. take any private property for a public use without just compensation;

6. deny to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and at his own expense to have the assistance of counsel for his defense;

7. require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, inflict cruel and unusual punishments, and in no event impose for conviction of any one offense any penalty or punishment greater than imprisonment for a term of six months or a fine of $500, or both;

8. deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law;

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(9) pass any bill of attainder or ex post facto law; or
(10) deny to any person accused of an offense punishable by imprisonment the right, upon request, to a trial by jury of not less than six persons.

HABEAS CORPUS

SEC. 203. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall be available to any person, in a court of the United States, to test the legality of his detention by order of an Indian tribe.

TITLE III—MODEL CODE GOVERNING COURTS OF INDIAN OFFENSES

Recommendations to Congress.

SEC. 301. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to recommend to the Congress, on or before July 1, 1968, a model code to govern the administration of justice by courts of Indian offenses on Indian reservations. Such code shall include provisions which will (1) assure that any individual being tried for an offense by a court of Indian offenses shall have the same rights, privileges, and immunities under the United States Constitution as would be guaranteed any citizen of the United States being tried in a Federal court for any similar offense, (2) assure that any individual being tried for an offense by a court of Indian offenses will be advised and made aware of his rights under the United States Constitution, and under any tribal constitution applicable to such individual, (3) establish proper qualifications for the office of judge of the court of Indian offenses, and (4) provide for the establishing of educational classes for the training of judges of courts of Indian offenses. In carrying out the provisions of this title, the Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Indians, Indian tribes, and interested agencies of the United States.

SEC. 302. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

TITLE IV—JURISDICTION OVER CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTIONS

ASSUMPTION BY STATE

SEC. 401. (a) The consent of the United States is hereby given to any State not having jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed by or against Indians in the areas of Indian country situated within such State to assume, with the consent of the Indian tribe occupying the particular Indian country or part thereof which could be affected by such assumption, such measure of jurisdiction over any or all of such offenses committed within such Indian country or any part thereof as may be determined by such State to the same extent that such State has jurisdiction over any such offense committed elsewhere within the State, and the criminal laws of such State shall have the same force and effect within such Indian country or part thereof as they have elsewhere within that State.

(b) Nothing in this section shall authorize the alienation, encumbrance, or taxation of any real or personal property, including water rights, belonging to any Indian or any Indian tribe, band, or community that is held in trust by the United States or is subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States; or shall authorize regulation of the use of such property in a manner inconsistent with any Federal treaty, agreement, or statute or with any regulation made pursuant thereto; or shall deprive any Indian or any Indian tribe, band, or community of any right, privilege, or immunity
afforded under Federal treaty, agreement, or statute with respect to
hunting, trapping, or fishing or the control, licensing, or regulation
thereof.

ASSUMPTION BY STATE OF CIVIL JURISDICTION

Sec. 402. (a) The consent of the United States is hereby given to
any State not having jurisdiction over civil causes of action between
Indians or to which Indians are parties which arise in the areas of
Indian country situated within such State to assume, with the consent
of the tribe occupying the particular Indian country or part thereof
which would be affected by such assumption, such measure of juris­
diction over any or all such civil causes of action arising within such
Indian country or any part thereof as may be determined by such
State to the same extent that such State has jurisdiction over other
civil causes of action, and those civil laws of such State that are of
general application to private persons or private property shall have
the same force and effect within such Indian country or part thereof
as they have elsewhere within that State.

(b) Nothing in this section shall authorize the alienation, encum­
brance, or taxation of any real or personal property, including water
rights, belonging to any Indian or any Indian tribe, band, or com­
munity that is held in trust by the United States or is subject to a
restriction against alienation imposed by the United States; or shall
authorize regulation of the use of such property in a manner incon­
sistent with any Federal treaty, agreement, or statute, or with any
regulation made pursuant thereto; or shall confer jurisdiction upon
the State to adjudicate, in probate proceedings or otherwise, the
ownership or right to possession of such property or any interest
therein.

(c) Any tribal ordinance or custom heretofore or hereafter adopted
by an Indian tribe, band, or community in the exercise of any authority
which it may possess shall, if not inconsistent with any applicable civil
law of the State, be given full force and effect in the determination of
civil causes of action pursuant to this section.

RETROCESSION OF JURISDICTION BY STATE

Sec. 403. (a) The United States is authorized to accept a retroces­
sion by any State of all or any measure of the criminal or civil jurisdic­
tion, or both, acquired by such State pursuant to the provisions of
section 1162 of title 18 of the United States Code, section 1360 of title 28
of the United States Code, or section 7 of the Act of August 15, 1953
(67 Stat. 588), as it was in effect prior to its repeal by subsection (b) of
this section.

(b) Section 7 of the Act of August 15, 1953 (67 Stat. 588), is hereby
repealed, but such repeal shall not affect any cession of jurisdiction
made pursuant to such section prior to its repeal.

CONSENT TO AMEND STATE LAWS

Sec. 404. Notwithstanding the provisions of any enabling Act for
the admission of a State, the consent of the United States is hereby
given to the people of any State to amend, where necessary, their State
constitution or existing statutes, as the case may be, to remove any legal
impediment to the assumption of civil or criminal jurisdiction in
accordance with the provisions of this title. The provisions of this title
shall not become effective with respect to such assumption of jurisdic­
tion by any such State until the people thereof have appropriately
amended their State constitution or statutes, as the case may be.
Sec. 405. (a) No action or proceeding pending before any court or agency of the United States immediately prior to any cession of jurisdiction by the United States pursuant to this title shall abate by reason of that cession. For the purposes of any such action or proceeding, such cession shall take effect on the day following the date of final determination of such action or proceeding.

(b) No cession made by the United States under this title shall deprive any court of the United States of jurisdiction to hear, determine, render judgment, or impose sentence in any criminal action instituted against any person for any offense committed before the effective date of such cession, if the offense charged in such action was cognizable under any law of the United States at the time of the commission of such offense. For the purposes of any such criminal action, such cession shall take effect on the day following the date of final determination of such action.

Title V—Offenses Within Indian Country

Sec. 501. Section 1153 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by inserting immediately after "weapon," the following: "assault resulting in serious bodily injury."

Title VI—Employment of Legal Counsel

Sec. 601. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any application made by an Indian, Indian tribe, Indian council, or any band or group of Indians under any law requiring the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of contracts or agreements relating to the employment of legal counsel (including the choice of counsel and the fixing of fees) by any such Indians, tribe, council, band, or group is neither granted nor denied within ninety days following the making of such application, such approval shall be deemed to have been granted.

Title VII—Materials Relating to Constitutional Rights of Indians

Sec. 701. (a) In order that the constitutional rights of Indians might be fully protected, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to:
(1) have the document entitled "Indian Affairs, Laws and Treaties" (Senate Document Numbered 319, volumes 1 and 2, Fifty-eighth Congress), revised and extended to include all treaties, laws, Executive orders, and regulations relating to Indian affairs in force on September 1, 1967, and to have such revised document printed at the Government Printing Office;
(2) have revised and republished the treatise entitled "Federal Indian Law"; and
(3) have prepared, to the extent determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be feasible, an accurate compilation of the official opinions, published and unpublished, of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior relating to Indian affairs rendered by the Solicitor prior to September 1, 1967, and to have such compilation printed as a Government publication at the Government Printing Office.

(b) With respect to the document entitled "Indian Affairs, Laws and Treaties" as revised and extended in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (a), and the compilation prepared in accordance with paragraph (3) of such subsection, the Secretary of the Interior shall take such action as may be necessary to keep such document and compilation current on an annual basis.

(c) There is authorized to be appropriated for carrying out the provisions of this title, with respect to the preparation but not including printing, such sum as may be necessary.

TITLE VIII—FAIR HOUSING

POLICY

Sec. 801. It is the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States.

DEFINITIONS

Sec. 802. As used in this title—
(a) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
(b) " Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families, and any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such building, structure, or portion thereof,
(c) "Family" includes a single individual,
(d) "Person" includes one or more individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, labor organizations, legal representatives, mutual companies, joint-stock companies, trusts, unincorporated organizations, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and fiduciaries.
(e) "To rent" includes to lease, to sublease, to let and otherwise to grant for a consideration the right to occupy premises not owned by the occupant,
(f) "Discriminatory housing practice" means any act that is unlawful under section 804, 805, or 806.
(g) "State" means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any of the territories and possessions of the United States.
EFFECTIVE DATES OF CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS

Sec. 803. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) and section 807, the prohibitions against discrimination in the sale or rental of housing set forth in section 804 shall apply:

(1) Upon enactment of this title, to—
   (A) dwellings owned or operated by the Federal Government;
   (B) dwellings provided in whole or in part with the aid of loans, advances, grants, or contributions made by the Federal Government, under agreements entered into after November 20, 1962, unless payment due thereon has been made in full prior to the date of enactment of this title;
   (C) dwellings provided in whole or in part by loans insured, guaranteed, or otherwise secured by the credit of the Federal Government, under agreements entered into after November 20, 1962, unless payment thereon has been made in full prior to the date of enactment of this title: Provided, That nothing contained in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this subsection shall be applicable to dwellings solely by virtue of the fact that they are subject to mortgages held by an FDIC or FSLIC institution; and
   (D) dwellings provided by the development or the redevelopment of real property purchased, rented, or otherwise obtained from a State or local public agency receiving Federal financial assistance for slum clearance or urban renewal with respect to such real property under loan or grant contracts entered into after November 20, 1962.

(2) After December 31, 1968, to all dwellings covered by paragraph (1) and to all other dwellings except as exempted by subsection (b).

(b) Nothing in section 804 (other than subsection (c)) shall apply to—

(1) any single-family house sold or rented by an owner: Provided, That such private individual owner does not own more than three such single-family houses at any one time: Provided further, That in the case of the sale of any such single-family house by a private individual owner not residing in such house at the time of such sale or who was not the most recent resident of such house prior to such sale, the exemption granted by this subsection shall apply only with respect to one such sale within any twenty-four month period: Provided further, That such bona fide private individual owner does not own any interest in, nor is there owned or reserved on his behalf, under any express or voluntary agreement, title to or any right to all or a portion of the proceeds from the sale or rental of, more than three such single-family houses at any one time: Provided further, That after December 31, 1969, the sale or rental of any such single-family house shall be excepted from the application of this title only if such house is sold or rented (A) without the use in any manner of the sales or rental facilities or the sales or rental services of any real estate broker, agent, or salesman, or of such facilities or services of any person in the business of selling or renting dwellings, or of any employee or agent of any such broker, agent, salesman, or person and (B) without the publication, posting or mailing, after notice, of any advertisement or written notice in violation of section 804(c) of this title; but nothing in this proviso shall prohibit the use of attorneys, escrow agents, abstractors, title companies, and other such professional assistance as necessary to perfect or transfer the title, or
(2) rooms or units in dwellings containing living quarters occupied or intended to be occupied by no more than four families living independently of each other, if the owner actually maintains and occupies one of such living quarters as his residence.

(c) For the purposes of subsection (b), a person shall be deemed to be in the business of selling or renting dwellings if—

(1) he has, within the preceding twelve months, participated as principal in three or more transactions involving the sale or rental of any dwelling or any interest therein, or

(2) he has, within the preceding twelve months, participated as agent, other than in the sale of his own personal residence in providing sales or rental facilities or sales or rental services in two or more transactions involving the sale or rental of any dwelling or any interest therein, or

(3) he is the owner of any dwelling designed or intended for occupancy by, or occupied by, five or more families.

**DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE OR RENTAL OF HOUSING**

Sec. 804. As made applicable by section 803 and except as exempted by sections 803 (b) and 807, it shall be unlawful—

(a) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

(b) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

(c) To make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.

(d) To represent to any person because of race, color, religion, or national origin that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact so available.

(e) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, or national origin.

**DISCRIMINATION IN THE FINANCING OF HOUSING**

Sec. 805. After December 31, 1968, it shall be unlawful for any bank, building and loan association, insurance company or other corporation, association, firm or enterprise whose business consists in whole or in part in the making of commercial real estate loans, to deny a loan or other financial assistance to a person applying therefor for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing, or maintaining a dwelling, or to discriminate against him in the fixing of the amount, interest rate, duration, or other terms or conditions of such loan or other financial assistance, because of the race, color, religion, or national origin of such person or of any person associated with him in connection with such loan or other financial assistance or the purposes of such loan or other financial assistance, or of the present or prospective owners, lessees, tenants, or occupants of the dwelling or dwellings in relation to which such loan or other financial assistance is to be made or given: Provided, That nothing contained in this sec-
tion shall impair the scope or effectiveness of the exception contained in section 803(b).

**DISCRIMINATION IN THE PROVISION OF BROKERAGE SERVICES**

Sec. 806. After December 31, 1968, it shall be unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers’ organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation, on account of race, color, religion, or national origin.

**EXEMPTION**

Sec. 807. Nothing in this title shall prohibit a religious organization, association, or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association, or society, from limiting the sale, rental or occupancy of dwellings which it owns or operates for other than a commercial purpose to persons of the same religion, or from giving preference to such persons, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, or national origin. Nor shall anything in this title prohibit a private club not in fact open to the public, which as an incident to its primary purpose or purposes provides lodgings which it owns or operates for other than a commercial purpose, from limiting the rental or occupancy of such lodgings to its members or from giving preference to its members.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Sec. 808. (a) The authority and responsibility for administering this Act shall be in the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(b) The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be provided an additional Assistant Secretary. The Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (Public Law 89–174, 79 Stat. 667) is hereby amended by—

(1) striking the word “four,” in section 4(a) of said Act (79 Stat. 668; 5 U.S.C. 624b(a)) and substituting therefor “five,”; and

(2) striking the word “six,” in section 7 of said Act (79 Stat. 669; 5 U.S.C. 624(c)) and substituting therefor “seven.”

(c) The Secretary may delegate any of his functions, duties, and powers to employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development or to boards of such employees, including functions, duties, and powers with respect to investigating, conciliating, hearing, determining, ordering, certifying, reporting, or otherwise acting as to any work, business, or matter under this title. The persons to whom such delegations are made with respect to hearing functions, duties, and powers shall be appointed and shall serve in the Department of Housing and Urban Development in compliance with sections 3105, 3344, 5362, and 7521 of title 5 of the United States Code. Insofar as possible, conciliation meetings shall be held in the cities or other localities where the discriminatory housing practices allegedly occurred. The Secretary shall by rule prescribe such rights of appeal from the decisions of his hearing examiners to other hearing examiners or to other officers in the Department, to boards of officers or to himself, as shall be appropriate and in accordance with law.

(d) All executive departments and agencies shall administer their programs and activities relating to housing and urban development.
in a manner affirmatively to further the purposes of this title and shall cooperate with the Secretary to further such purposes.

(e) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall—

1. make studies with respect to the nature and extent of discriminatory housing practices in representative communities, urban, suburban, and rural, throughout the United States;

2. publish and disseminate reports, recommendations, and information derived from such studies;

3. cooperate with and render technical assistance to Federal, State, local, and other public or private agencies, organizations, and institutions which are formulating or carrying on programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices;

4. cooperate with and render such technical and other assistance to the Community Relations Service as may be appropriate to further its activities in preventing or eliminating discriminatory housing practices; and

5. administer the programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner affirmatively to further the policies of this title.

EDUCATION AND CONCILIATION

Sec. 809. Immediately after the enactment of this title the Secretary shall commence such educational and conciliatory activities as in his judgment will further the purposes of this title. He shall call conferences of persons in the housing industry and other interested parties to acquaint them with the provisions of this title and his suggested means of implementing it; and shall endeavor with their advice to work out programs of voluntary compliance and of enforcement. He may pay per diem, travel, and transportation expenses for persons attending such conferences as provided in section 5708 of title 5 of the United States Code. He shall consult with State and local officials and other interested parties to learn the extent, if any, to which housing discrimination exists in their State or locality, and whether and how State or local enforcement programs might be utilized to combat such discrimination in connection with or in place of the Secretary's enforcement of this title. The Secretary shall issue reports on such conferences and consultations as he deems appropriate.

ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 810. (a) Any person who claims to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice or who believes that he will be irrevocably injured by a discriminatory housing practice that is about to occur (hereafter “person aggrieved”) may file a complaint with the Secretary. Complaints shall be in writing and shall contain such information as is presented.

(b) Within thirty days after receiving a complaint or within thirty days after the expiration of any period of reference under subsection (c), the Secretary shall investigate the complaint and give notice in writing to the person aggrieved whether he intends to resolve it. If the Secretary decides to resolve the complaint, he shall proceed to try to eliminate or correct the alleged discriminatory housing practice by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion. Nothing said or done in the course of such informal endeavors may be made public or used as evidence in a sub-
Penalty. Any employee of the Secretary who shall make public any information in violation of this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year.

(b) A complaint under subsection (a) shall be filed within one hundred and eighty days after the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurred. Complaints shall be in writing and shall state the facts upon which the allegations of a discriminatory housing practice are based. Complaints may be reasonably and fairly amended at any time. A respondent may file an answer to the complaint against him and with the leave of the Secretary, which shall be granted whenever it would be reasonable and fair to do so, may amend his answer at any time. Both complaints and answers shall be verified.

(c) Wherever a State or local fair housing law provides rights and remedies for alleged discriminatory housing practices which are substantially equivalent to the rights and remedies provided in this title, the Secretary shall notify the appropriate State or local agency of any complaint filed under this title which appears to constitute a violation of such State or local fair housing law, and the Secretary shall take no further action with respect to such complaint if the appropriate State or local law enforcement official has, within thirty days from the date the alleged offense has been brought to his attention, commenced proceedings in the matter, or, having done so, carries forward such proceedings with reasonable promptness. In no event shall the Secretary take further action unless he certifies that in his judgment, under the circumstances of the particular case, the protection of the rights of the parties or the interests of justice require such action.

(d) If within thirty days after a complaint is filed with the Secretary or within thirty days after expiration of any period of reference under subsection (c), the Secretary has been unable to obtain voluntary compliance with this title, the person aggrieved may, within thirty days thereafter, commence a civil action in any appropriate United States district court, against the respondent named in the complaint, to enforce the rights granted or protected by this title, insofar as such rights relate to the subject of the complaint: Provided, That no such civil action may be brought in any United States district court if the person aggrieved has a judicial remedy under a State or local fair housing law which provides rights and remedies for alleged discriminatory housing practices which are substantially equivalent to the rights and remedies provided in this title. Such actions may be brought without regard to the amount in controversy in any United States district court for the district in which the discriminatory housing practice is alleged to have occurred or be about to occur or in which the respondent resides or transacts business. If the court finds that a discriminatory housing practice has occurred or is about to occur, the court may, subject to the provisions of section 812, enjoin the respondent from engaging in such practice or order such affirmative action as may be appropriate.

(e) In any proceeding brought pursuant to this section, the burden of proof shall be on the complainant.

(f) Whenever an action filed by an individual, in either Federal or State court, pursuant to this section or section 812, shall come to trial the Secretary shall immediately terminate all efforts to obtain voluntary compliance.
INVESTIGATIONS; SUBPENAS; GIVING OF EVIDENCE

SEC. 811. (a) In conducting an investigation the Secretary shall have access at all reasonable times to premises, records, documents, individuals, and other evidence or possible sources of evidence and may examine, record, and copy such materials and take and record the testimony or statements of such persons as are reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation: Provided, however, That the Secretary first complies with the provisions of the Fourth Amendment relating to unreasonable searches and seizures. The Secretary may issue subpenas to compel his access to or the production of such materials, or the appearance of such persons, and may issue interrogatories to a respondent, to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as would apply if the subpenas or interrogatories were issued or served in aid of a civil action in the United States district court for the district in which the investigation is taking place. The Secretary may administer oaths.

(b) Upon written application to the Secretary, a respondent shall be entitled to the issuance of a reasonable number of subpenas by and in the name of the Secretary to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as subpenas issued by the Secretary himself. Subpenas issued at the request of a respondent shall show on their face the name and address of such respondent and shall state that they were issued at his request.

(c) Witnesses summoned by subpena of the Secretary shall be entitled to the same witness and mileage fees as are witnesses in proceedings in United States district courts. Fees payable to a witness summoned by a subpena issued at the request of a respondent shall be paid by him.

(d) Within five days after service of a subpena upon any person, such person may petition the Secretary to revoke or modify the subpena. The Secretary shall grant the petition if he finds that the subpena requires appearance or attendance at an unreasonable time or place, that it requires production of evidence which does not relate to any matter under investigation, that it does not describe with sufficient particularity the evidence to be produced, that compliance would be unduly onerous, or for other good reason.

(e) In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpena, the Secretary or other person at whose request it was issued may petition for its enforcement in the United States district court for the district in which the person to whom the subpena was addressed resides, was served, or transacts business.

(f) Any person who willfully fails or neglects to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce records, documents, or other evidence, if in his power to do so, in obedience to the subpena or lawful order of the Secretary, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Any person who, with intent thereby to mislead the Secretary, shall make or cause to be made any false entry or statement of fact in any report, account, record, or other document submitted to the Secretary pursuant to his subpena or other order, or shall willfully neglect or fail to make or cause to be made full, true, and correct entries in such reports, accounts, records, or other documents, or shall willfully mutilate, alter, or by any other means falsify any documentary evidence, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(g) The Attorney General shall conduct all litigation in which the Secretary participates as a party or as amicus pursuant to this Act.
ENFORCEMENT BY PRIVATE PERSONS

Sec. 812. (a) The rights granted by sections 803, 804, 805, and 806 may be enforced by civil actions in appropriate United States district courts without regard to the amount in controversy and in appropriate State or local courts of general jurisdiction. A civil action shall be commenced within one hundred and eighty days after the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurred: Provided, however, That the court shall continue such civil case brought pursuant to this section or section 810(d) from time to time before bringing it to trial if the court believes that the conciliation efforts of the Secretary or a State or local agency are likely to result in satisfactory settlement of the discriminatory housing practice complained of in the complaint made to the Secretary or to the local or State agency and which practice forms the basis for the action in court: And provided, however, That any sale, encumbrance, or rental consummated prior to the issuance of any court order issued under the authority of this Act, and involving a bona fide purchaser, encumbrancer, or tenant without actual notice of the existence of the filing of a complaint or civil action under the provisions of this Act shall not be affected.

(b) Upon application by the plaintiff and in such circumstances as the court may deem just, a court of the United States in which a civil action under this section has been brought may appoint an attorney for the plaintiff and may authorize the commencement of a civil action upon proper showing without the payment of fees, costs, or security. A court of a State or subdivision thereof may do likewise to the extent not inconsistent with the law or procedures of the State or subdivision.

(c) The court may grant as relief, as it deems appropriate, any permanent or temporary injunction, temporary restraining order, or other order, and may award to the plaintiff actual damages and not more than $1,000 punitive damages, together with court costs and reasonable attorney fees in the case of a prevailing plaintiff: Provided, That the said plaintiff in the opinion of the court is not financially able to assume said attorney’s fees.

ENFORCEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sec. 813. (a) Whenever the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person or group of persons is engaged in a pattern or practice of resistance to the full enjoyment of any of the rights granted by this title, or that any group of persons has been denied any of the rights granted by this title and such denial raises an issue of general public importance, he may bring a civil action in any appropriate United States district court by filing with it a complaint setting forth the facts and requesting such preventive relief, including an application for a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the person or persons responsible for such pattern or practice or denial of rights, as he deems necessary to insure the full enjoyment of the rights granted by this title.

EXPEDITION OF PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 814. Any court in which a proceeding is instituted under section 812 or 813 of this title shall assign the case for hearing at the earliest practicable date and cause the case to be in every way expedited.
EFFECT ON STATE LAWS

SEC. 815. Nothing in this title shall be construed to invalidate or limit any law of a State or political subdivision of a State, or of any other jurisdiction in which this title shall be effective, that grants, guarantees, or protects the same rights as are granted by this title; but any law of a State, a political subdivision, or other such jurisdiction that purports to require or permit any action that would be a discriminatory housing practice under this title shall to that extent be invalid.

COOPERATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ADMINISTERING FAIR HOUSING LAWS

SEC. 816. The Secretary may cooperate with State and local agencies charged with the administration of State and local fair housing laws and, with the consent of such agencies, utilize the services of such agencies and their employees and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may reimburse such agencies and their employees for services rendered to assist him in carrying out this title. In furtherance of such cooperative efforts, the Secretary may enter into written agreements with such State or local agencies. All agreements and terminations thereof shall be published in the Federal Register.

INTERFERENCE, COERCION, OR INTIMIDATION

SEC. 817. It shall be unlawful to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his having exercised or enjoyed, or on account of his having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected by section 803, 804, 805, or 806. This section may be enforced by appropriate civil action.

APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 818. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this title.

SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS

SEC. 819. If any provision of this title or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the title and the application of the provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

TITLE IX

PREVENTION OF INTIMIDATION IN FAIR HOUSING CASES

SEC. 901. Whoever, whether or not acting under color of law, by force or threat of force willfully injures, intimidates or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate or interfere with—

(a) any person because of his race, color, religion or national origin and because he is or has been selling, purchasing, renting, financing, occupying, or contracting or negotiating for the sale, purchase, rental, financing or occupation of any dwelling, or applying for or participating in any service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings; or
(b) any person because he is or has been, or in order to intimidate such person or any other person or any class of persons from—

(1) participating, without discrimination on account of race, color, religion or national origin, in any of the activities, services, organizations or facilities described in subsection 901(a); or

(2) affording another person or class of persons opportunity or protection so to participate; or

(c) any citizen because he is or has been, or in order to discourage such citizen or any other citizen from lawfully aiding or encouraging other persons to participate, without discrimination on account of race, color, religion or national origin, in any of the activities, services, organizations or facilities described in subsection 901(a), or participating lawfully in speech or peaceful assembly opposing any denial of the opportunity to so participate—

shall be fined not more than $1,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results shall be fined not more than $10,000, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years or for life.

TITLE X—CIVIL OBEEDIENCE

SHORT TITLE

Sec. 1001. This title may be cited as the "Civil Obedience Act of 1968."

CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ACTS COMMITTED IN CIVIL DISORDERS

Sec. 1002. (a) Title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 11 thereof the following new chapter:

"Chapter 12.—CIVIL DISORDERS

§ 231. Civil disorders

(a) (1) Whoever teaches or demonstrates to any other person the use, application, or making of any firearm or explosive or incendiary device, or technique capable of causing injury or death to persons, knowing or having reason to know or intending that the same will be unlawfully employed for use in, or in furtherance of, a civil disorder which may in any way or degree obstruct, delay, or adversely affect commerce or the movement of any article or commodity in commerce or the conduct or performance of any federally protected function; or

(2) Whoever transports or manufactures for transportation in commerce any firearm, or explosive or incendiary device, knowing or having reason to know or intending that the same will be used unlawfully in furtherance of a civil disorder; or

(3) Whoever commits or attempts to commit any act to obstruct, impede, or interfere with any fireman or law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way or degree obstructs, delays, or adversely affects commerce or the move-
ment of any article or commodity in commerce or the conduct or per­
formance of any federally protected function—
"Shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than
five years, or both.
"(b) Nothing contained in this section shall make unlawful any act
of any law enforcement officer which is performed in the lawful per­
formance of his official duties.

§ 232. Definitions

"For purposes of this chapter:

"(1) The term 'civil disorder' means any public disturbance involv­
ing acts of violence by assemblages of three or more persons, which
causes an immediate danger of or results in damage or injury to the
property or person of any other individual.

"(2) The term 'commerce' means commerce (A) between any State
or the District of Columbia and any place outside thereof; (B)
between points within any State or the District of Columbia, but
through any place outside thereof; or (C) wholly within the District
of Columbia.

"(3) The term 'federally protected function' means any function,
operation, or action carried out, under the laws of the United States,
by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States
or by an officer or employee thereof; and such term shall specifically
include, but not be limited to, the collection and distribution of the
United States mails.

"(4) The term 'firearm' means any weapon which is designed to or
may readily be converted to expel any projectile by the action of an
explosive; or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

"(5) The term 'explosive or incendiary device' means (A) dynamite
and all other forms of high explosives, (B) any explosive bomb,
grenade, missile, or similar device, and (C) any incendiary bomb or
grenade, fire bomb, or similar device, including any device which
(i) consists of or includes a breakable container including a flammable
liquid or compound, and a wick composed of any material which,
when ignited, is capable of igniting such flammable liquid or com­
-pound, and (ii) can be carried or thrown by one individual acting
alone.

"(6) The term 'fireman' means any member of a fire department
(including a volunteer fire department) of any State, any political
subdivision of a State, or the District of Columbia.

"(7) The term 'law enforcement officer' means any officer or
employee of the United States, any State, any political subdivision of
a State, or the District of Columbia, while engaged in the enforcement
or prosecution of any of the criminal laws of the United States, a State,
any political subdivision of a State, or the District of Columbia; and
such term shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to, mem­
bers of the National Guard, as defined in section 101(9) of title 10,
United States Code, members of the organized militia of any State, or
territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or
the District of Columbia, not included within the definition of National
Guard as defined by such section 101(9), and members of the Armed
Forces of the United States, while engaged in suppressing acts of
violence or restoring law and order during a civil disorder.

§ 233. Preemption

"Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed as indicating
an intent on the part of Congress to occupy the field in which any pro­
visions of the chapter operate to the exclusion of State or local laws on
the same subject matter, nor shall any provision of this chapter be construed to invalidate any provision of State law unless such provision is inconsistent with any of the purposes of this chapter or any provision thereof."


Approved April 11, 1968.

Public Law 90-285

Joint Resolution

To continue for a temporary period the 7 percent excise tax rate on automobiles and the 10 percent excise tax rate on communication services.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the following provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 are each amended by striking out "March 31, 1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 30, 1968"; and by striking out "April 1, 1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "May 1, 1968":

1. Section 4061(a)(2) (relating to tax on passenger automobiles);
2. Section 6412(a)(1) (relating to floor stocks refunds on passenger automobiles); and
3. Subsections (a) (2) and (c) of section 4251 (relating to tax on certain communications services).

Subsection (c) of such section 4251 is amended by striking out "February 1, 1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1, 1968", and by striking out "January 31, 1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "February 29, 1968".

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as of March 31, 1968.

Approved April 12, 1968.

Public Law 90-286

Joint Resolution

Making a supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the following sum is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply a supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and for other purposes, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

For an additional amount for "unemployment compensation for Federal employees and ex-servicemen", $28,000,000.

Approved April 12, 1968.