

Purposes declared.

is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That the entire Central Valley project, California, heretofore authorized and established under the provisions of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 (49 Stat. 115) and the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936 (49 Stat. 1622), is hereby reauthorized and declared to be for the purposes of improving navigation, regulating the flow of the San Joaquin River and the Sacramento River, controlling floods, providing for storage and for the delivery of the stored waters thereof, for construction under the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws of such distribution systems as the Secretary of the Interior deems necessary in connection with lands for which said stored waters are to be delivered, for the reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands and lands of Indian reservations, and other beneficial uses, and for the generation and sale of electric energy as a means of financially aiding and assisting such undertakings, and in order to permit the full utilization of the works constructed to accomplish the aforesaid purposes."

37 Stat. 222.
33 U. S. C. § 603.46 Stat. 946.
33 U. S. C. § 603.

Preliminary examinations and surveys.

Removal of temporary obstructions from tributary waters.

Proviso.
Cost limitation.Red River, Tex. and Okla.
Denison Reservoir project, purpose declared.
52 Stat. 1219.

SEC. 3. That the paragraph in section 1 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 25, 1912, authorizing the removal of temporary obstructions from tributaries of waterways under Federal improvement (37 Stat. L. 722), as amended in section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public work on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes", approved July 3, 1930, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Chief of Engineers, in his discretion, and after approval by the Secretary of War, is hereby authorized to make preliminary examinations and minor surveys preliminary thereto and to remove snags and other temporary or readily removable obstructions from tributaries of waterways already under Federal improvement or in general use by navigation, or to make such minor improvements in any of the navigable waters of the United States as he may deem advisable in the interest of national defense, the cost thereof to be paid from funds appropriated for the maintenance and improvement of rivers and harbors: *Provided*, That the cost of such work in any single year shall not exceed \$3,000 per tributary."

SEC. 4. The project for the Denison Reservoir on Red River in Texas and Oklahoma, authorized by the Flood Control Act approved June 28, 1938, is hereby declared to be for the purpose of improving navigation, regulating the flow of the Red River, controlling floods, and for other beneficial uses.

Approved, October 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 896]

AN ACT

October 17, 1940
[H. R. 9982]
[Public, No. 869]

To amend section 4551 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, and for other purposes.

R. S. § 4551, amendment.
Shipment and discharge of seamen.

Master's report.

Contents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4551 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 46, sec. 643), is amended by the addition of a new subsection lettered (1), reading as follows:

"(1) The master of every vessel subject to the provisions of this section shall submit, over his signature, reports to the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation of the employment, discharge, or termination of services of every seaman not shipped or discharged before a shipping commissioner, which reports shall contain such of the following information as may be required by regulation of the

Secretary of Commerce: (1) name of vessel, official number, voyage number, port, date, description of voyage, name in full of each seaman, number of continuous discharge book or certificate of identification and of license, certificate of registry, or service, and efficiency for rating in which employed, age, citizenship, capacity in which engaged, date and place of engagement, date and place of discharge or separation from service of vessel, the percentage of citizens of the United States in the crew, and name in full of the master and the serial number of his license; (2) a statement showing (a) that the master has entered into an agreement with each seaman on board such vessel as required by law; (b) that at least 65 per centum of the deck crew (exclusive of licensed officers) are of a rating not less than able seamen; (c) that at least 75 per centum of the crew in each department are able to understand orders given by the officers; (d) that the vessel has in her service the number of lifeboatmen required by her certificate of inspection; (e) that each member of the crew possesses a license, certificate of registry, or certificate of service for the rating in which he is engaged, and (f) that each lifeboatman possesses a certificate of efficiency. The Secretary of Commerce shall, by regulation, prescribe the form and content of such reports and time of submitting them. This subsection shall not apply to any ferry or any tug used in connection with a ferry operation, if such ferry or tug is employed exclusively in trade on the Great Lakes, lakes (other than the Great Lakes), bays, sounds, bayous, canals, and harbors, and is not engaged on an international voyage. Any master who shall violate any provision of this subsection or regulations established hereunder shall be subject to a penalty of \$500."

SEC. 2. The President is hereby authorized, whenever in his judgment the national interest requires, to extend the provisions of subsection (1) of section 4551, Revised Statutes, as amended, to such additional class or classes of vessels and to such waters as he may designate.

Approved, October 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 897]

AN ACT

To require the registration of certain organizations carrying on activities within the United States, and for other purposes.

October 17, 1940
[H. R. 10004]
[Public, No. 870]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of this Act—

(a) The term "Attorney General" means the Attorney General of the United States;

Registration of certain organizations.
Definitions.
"Attorney General."

(b) The term "organization" means any group, club, league, society, committee, association, political party, or combination of individuals, whether incorporated or otherwise, but such term shall not include any corporation, association, community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes;

"Organization."

(c) The term "political activity" means any activity the purpose or aim of which, or one of the purposes or aims of which, is the control by force or overthrow of the Government of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or any State or political subdivision thereof;

"Political activity."

(d) An organization shall be deemed to be engaged in "civilian military activity" if (1) it gives instruction to, or prescribes instruction for, its members in the use of firearms or other weapons or

"Civilian military activity."