

"SEC. 4233C. Every vessel that shall be navigated without complying with the provisions of section 4233, or the regulations established in pursuance of section 4233A, shall be liable to a penalty of \$500, one-half to go to the informer, for which sum the vessel so navigated shall be liable and may be seized and proceeded against by action in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the offense."

Penalty for vessel.
Ante, pp. 250, 256.

SEC. 5. Where any Navy or Coast Guard vessel of special construction, as certified to by the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of Coast Guard vessels operating under the Treasury Department, or such official or officials as either may designate, is now or may hereafter by virtue of statute, convention, or treaty, be exempt from compliance with any requirements of the International Rules of the Road, such type of vessel shall similarly be exempt from compliance with any corresponding requirement under the rules specified in this Act.

Exemption of certain vessels.
Ante, p. 69.

SEC. 6. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1949.

Effective date.

Approved May 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 329]

AN ACT

Authorizing an appropriation for investigating the oyster beds damaged or destroyed by the intrusion of fresh water and the blockage of natural passages west of the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Lake Mechant and Bayou Severin, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and by the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway, and for other purposes.

May 21, 1948
[H. R. 3505]
[Public Law 545]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of not to exceed \$50,000 to enable the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, to investigate and study the means and methods best adaptable to the rehabilitation, replanting and maintenance of the oyster beds in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi that have been or may be destroyed through the operation of the Bonnet Carre Spillway and through the intrusion of fresh water and the blockage of natural passages west of the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Lake Mechant and Bayou Severin, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Oyster beds, La. and Miss.
Appropriation authorized.

Approved May 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 330]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to Carolina Power and Light Company to construct, maintain, and operate a dam in the Lumber River.

May 21, 1948
[H. R. 5543]
[Public Law 546]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to Carolina Power and Light Company, its successors or assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a dam in, and modify the channel of, the Lumber River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, approximately three and one-half miles south of Lumberton, North Carolina, and approximately one and one-half miles below the United States Highway Numbered 74 bridge in Robeson County, North Carolina: *Provided*, That the work shall not be commenced until the plans therefor have been submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and by the Secretary of the Army, and a permit for the construction be issued by them: *Provided further*, That this Act shall not be construed to authorize the use of such dam to develop water power or generate hydroelectric energy.

Lumber River.
Construction, etc., of dam.

Approval of plans.

Restriction.

Time limitation.

Removal of interference.

Nonliability of U. S.
for damage claims.

Rights reserved.

SEC. 2. That the authority granted by this Act shall cease and be null and void, unless actual construction of the dam hereby authorized is commenced within two years and completed within five years from the date of approval of this Act: *Provided*, That from and after thirty days' notice from the Federal Power Commission, or other authorized agency of the United States, to said Carolina Power and Light Company, its successors or assigns, that desirable water-power developments will be interfered with by the existence of said dam, the said company, or its successors or assigns, shall alter the dam, without expense to the United States, so as to remove said interference and, upon failure to do so within a reasonable time, the authority hereby granted to construct, maintain, and operate said dam shall terminate and be at an end; and any grantee or licensee of the United States, proposing to develop a power project at or near said dam, shall have authority to remove, submerge, or utilize said dam, under such conditions as said Commission or other agency may determine, but such conditions shall not include compensation for the removal, submergence, or utilization of said dam: *And provided further*, That the Carolina Power and Light Company, its successors or assigns, shall hold and save the United States free from all claims for damage which may be sustained by the dam herein authorized, or damage sustained by the appurtenances of the said dam by reason of operations by the United States for flood control, the preservation or improvement of navigation, or for other purposes.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved May 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 333]

AN ACT

May 21, 1948

[H. R. 6226]

[Public Law 547]

Making supplemental appropriations for the national defense for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes.

Supplemental Na-
tional Defense Approp-
riation Act, 1948.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT AND RELATED PROCUREMENT

61 Stat. 560.

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For construction, procurement, and modification of aircraft and equipment, spare parts and accessories therefor; electronic and communication equipment, detection and warning systems, and specialized equipment; expansion of public plants, and government-owned equipment and installation thereof in public or private plants for the foregoing purposes; and personal services necessary for purposes of this appropriation at the seat of the Government and elsewhere; \$608,100,000, of which \$250,000,000 is for liquidation of obligations incurred under authority granted in the Military Appropriation Act, 1948, to enter into contracts for the foregoing purposes; and, in addition, the Secretary of the Air Force is authorized, until June 30, 1950, to enter into contracts for the foregoing purposes in an amount not to exceed \$1,687,000,000: *Provided*, That the unexpended balance of funds appropriated for the foregoing purposes under the head "Air Corps, Army", in the Military Appropriation Act, 1948, shall be consolidated with this appropriation, to be disbursed and accounted for as one fund which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*