

[CHAPTER 782]

AN ACT

August 25, 1950
[H. R. 7209]
[Public Law 730]

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake continuing studies of Atlantic coast fish species for the purpose of developing and protecting fish resources.

Atlantic coast fish.
Study.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to undertake a comprehensive continuing study of species of fish of the Atlantic coast, including bays, sounds, and tributaries, for the purpose of recommending to the States of such coast appropriate measures for the development and protection of such resources and their wisest utilization, whether for sports or commercial fishing or both, including the limitations on season, take per unit of time, per man, or per gear, or such other recommendations as will most effectively provide for the public the maximum production and utilization of such fish consistent with the maintenance of an adequate brood reserve.

Application for
equipment.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is hereby directed to make application through appropriate channels to other Federal departments or agencies for such boats and other equipment in custody of such departments or agencies as may be suitable for studies authorized hereunder, and such Federal departments and agencies are hereby authorized to transfer such boats and other equipment to the Department of the Interior without reimbursement of funds.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated from time to time, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums, not in excess of \$250,000 per annum, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of this Act.

Approved August 25, 1950.

[CHAPTER 783]

AN ACT

August 25, 1950
[H. R. 8112]
[Public Law 731]

To provide for the transfer to the States of the replicas of the State seals removed from the Chamber of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Replicas of State
seals.
Transfer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to transfer to each State the replica of the seal of such State which was removed from the Chamber of the House of Representatives of the United States during the renovation of such Chamber in 1949. Upon application of an agent of a State, the Architect of the Capitol shall prepare the seal of such State for shipment and, at the expense of such State or its agent, shall ship such seal in accordance with such application.

Definitions.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act—

(1) the term "State" includes, in addition to a State of the Union, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands;

(2) the term "seal" includes, in addition to the seal of a State, a seal of a former Territory which has been admitted into the Union as a State and a former seal of a State; and

(3) the term "agent" means (A) the official who, under the law of a State, is charged with the care, custody, and control of the official seal of such State and furnishes the Architect of the Capitol with satisfactory evidence that he is so charged, or (B) in the event that there is no such official, the governor of the State.

SEC. 3. With respect to any other materials of historical interest,

removed or to be removed from the Senate and House Chambers during their renovation and which are not to be reused, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to dispose of the same in such manner as may be directed and approved by the special Senate and House Roof and Chamber Committees, appointed under Public Law 155, Seventy-ninth Congress, acting separately with regard to their respective Chambers.

Approved August 25, 1950.

[CHAPTER 784]

AN ACT

To amend the Hatch Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent pernicious political activities", approved August 2, 1939, is amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsections:

"(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be removed immediately from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person: *Provided, however*, That the United States Civil Service Commission finds by unanimous vote that the violation does not warrant removal, a lesser penalty shall be imposed by direction of the Commission: *Provided further*, That in no case shall the penalty be less than ninety days' suspension without pay: *And provided further*, That in the case of any person who has heretofore been removed from the service under the provisions of this section, the Commission shall upon request of said person reopen and reconsider the record in such case. If it shall find by a unanimous vote that the acts committed were such as to warrant a penalty of less than removal it shall issue an order revoking the restriction against reemployment in the position from which removed, or in any other position for which he may be qualified, but no such revocation shall become effective until at least ninety days have elapsed following the date of the removal of such person from office.

"(c) At the end of each fiscal year the Commission shall report to the President for transmittal to the Congress the names, addresses, and nature of employment of all persons with respect to whom action has been taken by the Commission under the terms of this section, with a statement of the facts upon which action was taken, and the penalty imposed."

SEC. 2. Section 612 of title 18, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 612. Publication or distribution of political statements.

"Whoever willfully publishes or distributes or causes to be published or distributed, or for the purpose of publishing or distributing the same, knowingly deposits for mailing or delivery or causes to be deposited for mailing or delivery, or, except in cases of employees of the Post Office Department in the official discharge of their duties, knowingly transports or causes to be transported in interstate commerce any card, pamphlet, circular, poster, dodger, advertisement, writing, or other statement relating to or concerning any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek the office of President, or Vice President of the United States, or Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress, in a primary, general, or special election, or convention of a political party, or has

59 Stat. 472.

August 25, 1950

[H. R. 9023]

[Public Law 732]

Pernicious political activities.
53 Stat. 1148.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 118i.

Penalty for violation.

Report to President.

62 Stat. 724.
18 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 612.