

Public Law 126

CHAPTER 258

June 30, 1955
[H. R. 5560]

AN ACT

Relating to the free importation of personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders, and for other purposes.

Importation of
personal effects,
etc.

56 Stat. 461.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Act of June 27, 1942, entitled "An Act to exempt from duty personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders", as amended (U. S. C., title 50 App., secs. 801 and 802), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with such agencies as he shall consider to be substantially interested, the personal and household effects (with such limitation on the importation of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products as the Secretary may prescribe) of any person in the service of the United States who returns to the United States upon the termination of assignment to extended duty (as defined in the above-authorized regulations) at a post or station outside the customs territory of the United States, or of returning members of his family who have resided with him at such post or station, or of any person evacuated to the United States under Government orders or instructions, may be brought into customs territory of the United States without the payment of any duty or tax imposed upon, or by reason of, importation."

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to articles entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after July 1, 1955, and before July 1, 1958.

Johnston Island.
Applicability of
customs laws.

SEC. 2. (a) The following provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, are hereby amended by inserting "Johnston Island," immediately after "Kingman Reef," each place it appears therein:

(1) That part of section 1 which precedes schedule 1 (19 U. S. C., sec. 1001).

(2) That part of section 201 which precedes schedule 16 (19 U. S. C., sec. 1201).

(3) Section 401 (k) (19 U. S. C., sec. 1401 (k)).

(4) Section 557 (a) (19 U. S. C., sec. 1557 (a)).

(5) Section 562 (19 U. S. C., sec. 1562).

(b) Section 401 (a) of the Anti-Smuggling Act, as amended (19 U. S. C., sec. 1709 (a)), is hereby amended by inserting "Johnston Island," immediately after "Kingman Reef,".

62 Stat. 715, 716.

(c) Sections 542, 544, and 545 of title 18 of the United States Code are hereby amended by inserting "Johnston Island," immediately after "Kingman Reef," each place it appears therein.

(d) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the day following the day on which this Act is enacted.

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CHAPTER 259

July 1, 1955
[S. 1747]

AN ACT

To increase the public benefits from the National Park System by facilitating the management of museum properties relating thereto, and for other purposes.

National Park
Service,
Museum manage-
ment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the purpose of this Act shall be to increase the public benefits from museums

established within the individual areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service as a means of informing the public concerning the areas and preserving valuable objects and relics relating thereto. The Secretary of the Interior, notwithstanding other provisions or limitations of law, may perform the following functions in such manner as he shall consider to be in the public interest:

(a) Accept donations and bequests of money or other personal property, and hold, use, expend, and administer the same for purposes of this Act;

(b) Purchase from such donations and bequests of money museum objects, museum collections, and other personal properties at prices he considers to be reasonable;

(c) Make exchanges by accepting museum objects, museum collections, and other personal properties, and by granting in exchange therefor museum property under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary which is no longer needed or which may be held in duplicate among the museum properties administered by the Secretary, such exchanges to be consummated on a basis which the Secretary considers to be equitable and in the public interest;

(d) Accept the loan of museum objects, museum collections, and other personal properties and pay transportation costs incidental thereto, such loans to be accepted upon terms and conditions which he shall consider necessary; and

(e) Loan to responsible public or private organizations, institutions, or agencies, without cost to the United States, such museum objects, museum collections, and other personal property as he shall consider advisable, such loans to be made upon terms and conditions which he shall consider necessary to protect the public interest in such properties.

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CHAPTER 260

AN ACT

Creating a Federal commission to formulate plans for the construction in the District of Columbia of a civic auditorium, including an Inaugural Hall of Presidents and a music, fine arts, and mass communications center.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there is hereby established a commission to be known as the "District of Columbia Auditorium Commission" (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") for the purpose of formulating plans for the design, location, financing, and construction in the District of Columbia of a civic auditorium, including an Inaugural Hall of Presidents and a music, fine arts, and mass communications center.

(b) The Commission shall be composed of twenty-one members appointed as follows:

- (1) Seven persons appointed by the President of the United States;
- (2) Seven persons appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- (3) Seven persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) The Commission shall—

- (1) consider a suitable site for the civic auditorium referred to in subsection (a);
- (2) procure such plans and designs and make such surveys and estimates of the cost thereof as it deems advisable;

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D. C. Auditorium
Commission.

Inaugural Hall
of Presidents.