

## Public Law 442

## CHAPTER 414

June 29, 1954  
[S. 2844]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of December 23, 1944, authorizing certain transactions by disbursing officers of the United States, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize certain transactions by disbursing officers of the United States, and for other purposes", approved December 23, 1944 (ch. 716, 58 Stat. 921), as amended by the Act of June 16, 1953 (67 Stat. 62), is hereby amended by deleting section 4 thereof.

50 USC app.  
1705 note.

Approved June 29, 1954.

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## CHAPTER 415

June 29, 1954  
[S. 3103]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of January 12, 1951, as amended, to continue in effect the provisions of title II of the First War Powers Act, 1941.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act of January 12, 1951 (64 Stat. 1257), as amended, is further amended by striking out "1954" and inserting in lieu thereof "1955".

War contracts.  
50 USC app. 611  
note.

Approved June 29, 1954.

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## CHAPTER 416

June 29, 1954  
[S. 3364]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of October 31, 1949 (63 Stat. 1049).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1, of subsection (b), of the Act of October 31, 1949 (63 Stat. 1049), is hereby amended by deleting the figure "1954", wherever the same appears in the third and fourth provisos, and by inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1957"; and by deleting the figure "1953" in the fourth proviso, and by inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1956".

Albuquerque,  
N. Mex.  
Hospital.

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## CHAPTER 417

June 29, 1954  
[H. R. 2844]

## AN ACT

Providing that the ratification of the Revenue Bond Act of 1935, enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, shall apply to all amendments of said Act made by said legislature to and including the Acts of the 1953 regular session of said legislature.

Hawaii.  
Revenue bonds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That chapter 118 of the revised laws of Hawaii, 1945, known as the Revenue Bond Act of 1935, as amended by all acts of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to and including the Acts of the 1953 regular session of said legislature, is hereby ratified and confirmed. It is the intent of this Act that, without the approval of the President of the United States and

without the incurring of an indebtedness within the meaning of the Hawaiian Organic Act, revenue bonds may be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of said Revenue Bond Act of 1935 as heretofore ratified and confirmed, which shall constitute full authority for the issuance of said bonds without reference to and independent of the Hawaiian Organic Act: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prohibit the further amendment of said Revenue Bond Act of 1935 in conformity with the authority conferred by the Act of July 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 479, 48 U. S. C., 1946 edition, 562a), and the Act of August 3, 1935 (49 Stat. 516, 48 U. S. C., 1946 edition, 562d).

Approved June 29, 1954.

31 Stat. 141.  
48 USC 491 note.

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CHAPTER 418

AN ACT

To amend section 89 of the Hawaiian Organic Act, as amended.

June 29, 1954  
[H. R. 2848]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 89 of the Hawaiian Organic Act, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 89. WHARVES AND LANDINGS.—The wharves and landings constructed or controlled by the Republic of Hawaii on any seacoast, bay, roadstead, or harbor shall remain under the control of the government of the Territory of Hawaii, which shall receive and enjoy all revenue derived therefrom."

Approved June 29, 1954.

31 Stat. 159.  
48 USC 510.

Public Law 447

CHAPTER 419

AN ACT

To amend the Ship Mortgage Act, 1920, as amended.

June 29, 1954  
[H. R. 6276]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 30, subsection K, of the Act of June 5, 1920, as amended, known as the Ship Mortgage Act, 1920 (41 Stat. 1003), is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection K the following provision:

"Foreign ship mortgages: As used in subsections K, L, M, and N of this section, the term 'preferred mortgage' shall include, in addition to a preferred mortgage made pursuant to the provisions of this section, any mortgage, hypothecation, or similar charge created as security upon any documented foreign vessel (other than a towboat, barge, scow, lighter, car float, canal boat, or tank vessel, of less than two hundred gross tons) if such mortgage, hypothecation, or similar charge has been duly and validly executed in accordance with the laws of the foreign nation under the laws of which the vessel is documented and has been duly registered in accordance with such laws in a public register either at the port of registry of the vessel or at a central office; and the term 'preferred mortgage lien' shall also include the lien of such mortgage, hypothecation, or similar charge: *Provided, however*, That such 'preferred mortgage lien' in the case of a foreign vessel shall also be subordinate to maritime liens for repairs, supplies, towage, use of drydock or marine railway, or other necessities, performed or supplied in the United States."

Approved June 29, 1954.

Foreign ship  
mortgages.

46 USC 951.

46 USC 951-954.