

more than three years, the Recorder of Deeds may destroy the instrument which created such lien and the index cards upon which the lien information was entered: *Provided*, That no other unsatisfied lien is shown on any such index card."

Fees.

SEC. 5. Section 552 of subchapter 4 of chapter 16 of the Act, approved March 3, 1901, as amended by the Acts of February 4, 1905 (33 Stat. 689, ch. 299) and June 17, 1935 (49 Stat. 384, ch. 265; title 45, sec. 708, D. C. Code, 1940), is amended by striking therefrom so much as reads: "For filing and indexing a bill of sale of chattels, or a mortgage or deed of trust thereof, or a conditional bill of sale of chattels or any release or satisfaction of any such, \$1.50.", and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "For filing and indexing a bill of sale of chattels, or a mortgage or deed of trust thereof, or a conditional bill of sale of chattels, including a release of any such instrument, \$2: *Provided*, That for the filing of a release of any such instrument filed prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Recorder of Deeds shall collect a fee of 50 cents.

"For filing an affidavit pursuant to section 546-D of this subchapter, \$2."

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.
Approved June 5, 1952.

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CHAPTER 371

AN ACT

June 5, 1952
[H. R. 4511]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the Territory of Hawaii certain real property at Kahului, Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

Hawaii.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to convey, without reimbursement, to the Territory of Hawaii, subject to the reservations set forth in section 2 hereof and to such other terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions as he may deem to be in the public interest, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the former Naval Air Station, Kahului, Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii, comprising one thousand three hundred and forty-one acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon and such personal property relating thereto as the Secretary of the Navy may select.

SEC. 2. The conveyance to the Territory of Hawaii herein authorized shall be made subject to the following terms and conditions: (a) That the Territory shall not alienate its title to the property conveyed nor shall it lease the same or any part thereof except for public-airport purposes: *Provided*, That particular structures or parcels not suitable for airport purposes may be leased for other purposes with the consent of the Secretary of the Navy; (b) that the Territory shall maintain or cause to be maintained in a condition which the Secretary of the Navy may deem to be suitable for public-airport purposes, the improvements now existing on the land as well as those which may hereafter be constructed thereon which the Territory and the Secretary of the Navy may mutually agree are suitable for such purposes, and (c) that in time of war or national emergency the United States shall have the right of free and unlimited use, exclusive or nonexclusive, of the land conveyed, together with any improvements thereon and personal property relating thereto, and may after thirty days' notice in writing to the Territory, enter upon, repossess, and reassert ownership of and title to said property, including within the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy all or any part of the improvements erected

by the Territory, whereupon title to said property shall vest in the United States: *Provided, however,* That the United States shall make just compensation for the acquisition of title to any personal property acquired by the Territory without Federal aid and for any new facilities provided by the Territory without Federal aid which are not in the nature of improvements to or replacements of existing structures.
Approved June 5, 1952.

Public Law 378

CHAPTER 372

AN ACT

To amend section 32 (a) (2) of the Trading With the Enemy Act.

June 6, 1952
[S. 302]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third proviso in subdivision (D) of paragraph (2) of section 32 (a) of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "*And provided further,* That the aggregate book value of returns made pursuant to the foregoing proviso shall not exceed \$9,000,000; and any return under such proviso may be made if the book value of any such return, taken together with the aggregate book value of returns already made under such proviso does not exceed \$9,000,000; and for the purposes of this proviso the term 'book value' means the value, as of the time of vesting, entered on the books of the Alien Property Custodian for the purpose of accounting for the property or interest involved;"

Approved June 6, 1952.

Property valuation.

60 Stat. 51; 64
Stat. 1080.
50 USC app., 32.

Public Law 379

CHAPTER 373

AN ACT

Relating to the manner of appointment of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, the deputy recorders, and the employees of the Office of Recorder, and for other purposes.

June 9, 1952
[S. 2871]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 548 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia (D. C. Code, sec. 45-701) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 548. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES.—There shall be a Recorder of Deeds of the District, appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall record all deeds, contracts, and other instruments in writing affecting the title or ownership of any real estate or personal property in the District which shall have been duly acknowledged and certified, and who shall perform all requisite services connected therewith, and shall have charge and custody of all the records, papers, and property appertaining to his office. No person shall be appointed Recorder of Deeds unless he has been a resident of the District of Columbia for at least five years next preceding his appointment."

SEC. 2. Section 549 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia (D. C. Code, sec. 45-702) is amended by inserting after "deputy recorder" the following: "in accordance with the civil-service laws and regulations and to fix his compensation in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949".

SEC. 3. The Act of March 3, 1925 (D. C. Code, sec. 45-703), is amended to read as follows: "That the Recorder of Deeds is author-

Recorder of Deeds, D.C.

31 Stat. 1275.

Deputy.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Second deputy.