

## Public Law 92-337

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Making a supplemental appropriation for disaster relief.

July 1, 1972  
[H. J. Res. 1238]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sum is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for disaster relief, namely:*

Disaster relief.  
Supplemental  
appropriation.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## DISASTER RELIEF

For an additional amount for "Disaster Relief," \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed 3 per centum of the foregoing amount shall be available for administrative expenses.

Approved July 1, 1972.

## Public Law 92-338

## AN ACT

To amend section 220(b) of the Interstate Commerce Act to permit motor carriers to file annual reports on the basis of a thirteen-period accounting year.

July 7, 1972  
[H. R. 1074]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 220(b) of the Interstate Commerce Act (49 U.S.C. 320(b)) is amended by inserting "either (1)" after "information", and by striking out "different date, and" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "different date; or (2) for a thirteen-period accounting year ending at the close of one of the last seven days of each calendar year, if the person making the report keeps his books on the basis of such an accounting year, and elects to make such report on the basis of such accounting year, subject to such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe. Any annual report".*

Motor carrier  
reports to ICC.  
54 Stat. 926.

Approved July 7, 1972.

## Public Law 92-339

## AN ACT

To provide for the licensing of personnel on certain vessels.

July 7, 1972  
[H. R. 6479]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4427 of the Revised Statutes (46 U.S.C. 405) is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately before the first word thereof and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:*

Towing vessels.  
Personnel,  
licensing.

"(b) (1) As used in this subsection—

Definitions.

"(A) the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating;

"(B) the term 'towing' means pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside or any combination thereof;

“(C) the term ‘towing vessel’ means a commercial vessel engaged in or intended to engage in the service of towing which is twenty-six feet or more in length, measured from end to end over the deck, excluding sheer;

“(D) the term ‘uninspected’ means not required by law to have a valid certificate of inspection issued by the Secretary.

“(2) An uninspected towing vessel in order to assure safe navigation shall, while underway, be under the actual direction and control of a person licensed by the Secretary to operate in the particular geographic area and by type of vessel under regulations prescribed by him. A person so licensed may not work a vessel while underway or perform other duties in excess of a total of twelve hours in any consecutive twenty-four-hour period except in case of emergency.

“(3) Paragraph 2 of this subsection shall not apply to towing vessels of less than two hundred gross tons engaged in a service or preparing or intending to immediately engage in a service to the offshore oil and mineral exploitation industry, including construction for such industry, where the vessels involved would have as their ultimate destination or last point of departure offshore oil and mineral exploitation sites or equipment.”

Study, report  
to Congress.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study concerning the need for engineers on uninspected towing vessels and shall submit to the Congress a report on this study, together with any legislative recommendations not later than ten months after the enactment of this legislation.

Effective  
dates.

SEC. 3. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 1972, or on the first day of the sixth month which begins after the month in which regulations are first issued under section 4427 (b) (2) of the Revised Statutes (as added by the first section of this Act), whichever date is later.

Approved July 7, 1972.

## Public Law 92-340

### AN ACT

July 10, 1972  
[H. R. 8140]

To promote the safety of ports, harbors, waterfront areas, and navigable waters of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the “Ports and Waterways Safety Act of 1972”.

Ports and Water-  
ways Safety Act  
of 1972.

## TITLE I—PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

SEC. 101. In order to prevent damage to, or the destruction or loss of any vessel, bridge, or other structure on or in the navigable waters of the United States, or any land structure or shore area immediately adjacent to those waters; and to protect the navigable waters and the resources therein from environmental harm resulting from vessel or structure damage, destruction, or loss, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may—