

# Union Calendar No. 297

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2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 606 (c) of the Communications Act of 1934,  
4       as amended, is amended to read as follows:

5       “(c) Upon proclamation by the President that there  
6       exists war or a threat of war, or a state of public peril or  
7       disaster or other national emergency, or in order to preserve  
8       the neutrality of the United States, the President, if he deems  
9       it necessary in the interest of national security or defense,  
10       may suspend or amend, for such time as he may see fit, the  
11       rules and regulations applicable to any or all stations or

1 devices capable of emitting electromagnetic radiations within  
2 the jurisdiction of the United States as prescribed by the  
3 Commission, and may cause the closing of any station for  
4 radio communication, or any device capable of emitting  
5 electromagnetic radiations between 10 kilocycles and  
6 100,000 megacycles, which is suitable for use as a naviga-  
7 tional aid beyond five miles, and the removal therefrom of  
8 its apparatus and equipment, or he may authorize the use or  
9 control of any such station or device and/or its apparatus  
10 and equipment, by any department of the Government under  
11 such regulations as he may prescribe upon just compensation  
12 to the owners. *The authority granted to the President, under*  
13 *this subsection, to cause the closing of any station or device*  
14 *and the removal therefrom of its apparatus and equipment,*  
15 *or to authorize the use or control of any station or device*  
16 *and/or its apparatus and equipment, may be exercised in*  
17 *the Canal Zone."*

18 SEC. 2. Section 606 of such Act is further amended  
19 by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

20 "~~(h) Any person who willfully and knowingly does or~~  
21 ~~causes or suffers to be done any act, matter, or thing pro-~~  
22 ~~hibited or declared to be unlawful pursuant to the exercise~~  
23 ~~of the President's powers and authority under this section,~~  
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2 section, or who willfully and knowingly causes or suffers  
3 such omission or failure shall, upon conviction thereof, be  
4 punished for such offense by a fine of not more than \$1,000  
5 or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one year,  
6 or both, and, if a firm, partnership, association, or corpora-  
7 tion, be fined not more than \$5,000.<sup>22</sup>

8       “(h) Any person who willfully does or causes or suffers  
9 to be done any act prohibited pursuant to the exercise of  
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18 any person who commits such an offense with intent to injure  
19 the United States, or with intent to secure an advantage to  
20 any foreign nation, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished  
21 by a fine of not more than \$20,000 or by imprisonment for  
22 not more than 20 years, or both.”

Passed the Senate July 23 (legislative day, June 27),  
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Attest:

LESLIE L. BIFFLE,

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