

Proposed Justice Department Bill

A B I L L

Relating to the internal security of the United States

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That subsections (d) and (e) of section one and section four of Title I of the Act entitled "An Act to punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes", approved June 15, 1917, as amended (50 U.S.C. 31, 34), be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows.

"(d) whoever, lawfully having possession of, access to, control over, or being entrusted with any document, writing, code book, signal book, sketch, photograph, photographic negative, blue print, plan, map, model, instrument, appliance, note, or information relating to the national defense, willfully communicates or transmits or attempts to communicate or transmit the same to any person not entitled to receive it, or willfully retains the same and fails to deliver it on demand to the officer or employee of the United States entitled to receive it; or (e) whoever unlawfully having possession of, access to, control over, or being entrusted with any document, writing, code book, signal book, sketch, photograph,

photographic negative, blue print, plan, map, model, instrument, appliance, note, or information relating to the national defense, willfully communicates or transmits or attempts to communicate or transmit the same to any person not entitled to receive it, or willfully retains the same and fails to deliver it to the officer or employee of the United States entitled to receive it, or (f) whoever being entrusted with or having lawful possession or control of any document, writing, code book, signal book, sketch, photograph, photographic negative, blue print, plan, map, model, note, or information relating to the national defense, (1) through gross negligence permits the same to be removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of his trust, or to be lost, stolen, abstracted, or destroyed, or (2) having knowledge that the same has been removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of his trust, or lost, stolen, abstracted, or destroyed, and fails to make prompt report, thereof to his superior officer, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 10 years and may, in the discretion of the court, be fined not more than \$10,000."

"Sec. 4. If two or more persons conspire to violate the provisions of sections one, two or three of this title, and one or more of such persons does any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the parties to such conspiracy shall be punished as in said sections provided in the case of the doing of the act the accomplishment of which is the object of such conspiracy. Except as above provided conspiracies to commit offenses under this title shall be punished as provided by section thirty-seven of the Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and nine."

Section 2. An indictment for any violation of sections 1, 2, 3, or 4 of Title I of the Act entitled "An Act to punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes", approved June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 217), as amended (50 U.S.C. 31-34), may be found at

any time without regard to any statute of limitations. This section shall not authorize prosecution, trial or punishment for any offense now barred by the provisions of existing law.

Section 3. Section 1044 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (18 U.S.C. 582), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1044. No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense not capital or nor arising under the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, or 4 of Title I of the Act entitled 'An Act To punish acts of interference with the foreign relations the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes' approved June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 217), as amended (50 U.S.C. 31-34), except as provided in section 1046, unless the indictment is found, or the information is instituted, within three years next after such offense shall have been committed. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall apply to any offense for which an indictment has been heretofore found or an information instituted, or to any proceedings under any such indictment or information."

Section 4. The Act of June 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 631; 22 U.S.C. 233 (a) - 233 (g), entitled "An Act To require the registration of certain persons employed by agencies to disseminate propaganda in the United States and for other purposes", as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) Strike out the word "and" at the end of Section 1(c) (3), insert the word "and" at the end of Section 1(c) (4), and add the following subsection immediately after Section 1(c) (4):

"(5) any person who has knowledge of or has received instruction in the espionage counter-espionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party;"

(b) Add the following subsection immediately after Section 8 (d).

"8(e) Failure to file a registration statement or supplements thereto as required by section 2(a) and section 2(b) shall be considered a continuing offense for as long as such failure exists, notwithstanding any statute of limitation or other statute to the contrary."

Section 5(a) The Director Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, the Director of Intelligence, War Department, and the Chief of Naval Intelligence are authorized, in the conduct of investigations to ascertain, prevent, to frustrate any interference or any attempts or plans for interference with the national security and defense by treason, sabotage, espionage, seditious conspiracy, violations of neutrality laws, violations of the Act requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals (Act of June 8, 1938, as amended, (52 Stat. 631), violations of the Act requiring the registration of organizations carrying on certain activities within the United States (Act of October 17 1940 (54 Stat. 1201), or in any other manner, to require that telegrams cablegrams, radiograms, or other wire or radio communications and copies or records thereof, or that any information obtained by means of intercepting, listening in on, or recording telephone, telegraph, cable, radio, or any other similar messages or communications be disclosed and delivered

to any authorized agent of any one of said investigatorial agencies, without regard to the limitations contained in section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 1103). The information thus obtained shall be admissible in evidence.

(b) No person shall fail to comply forthwith with the request of any duly authorized person, pursuant to this section, for the disclosure and surrender of any telegram, cablegram, radiogram, or other wire or radio communication, or copies or records thereof in his possession or under his control.

(c) No person shall divulge, publish, or use the existence, contents, substance, purport, or meaning of any information obtained pursuant to the provisions of this section otherwise than for the purposes hereinbefore enumerated.

(d) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

(e) If any provision of this section or the application of such provision to any circumstance shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this section and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(f) For purposes of this section the term "person" shall include any individual, partnership, association, business trust, corporation, or any organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not.

Section 6. Section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act To provide a penalty for the willful violation of regulations or orders respecting the protection or security of vessels, harbors, ports, or water-front facilities", approved July 9, 1943 (57 Stat. 391, 50 App. U.S.C. 1312), is hereby repealed.

Section 7. The Act entitled "An Act to provide a penalty for violation of restrictions or orders with respect to persons entering, remaining in, leaving, or committing any act in military areas or zones", approved March 21, 1942 (56 Stat. 173, 18 U.S.C. Supp. 97a), is hereby amended to read as follows.

"That whoever shall enter, remain in, leave, or comit any act in any military area or military zone prescribed by the Secretary of War, or by any military commander designated by the Secretary of War, contrary to the restrictions applicable to any such area or zone or contrary to the order of the Secretary of War or any such military commander, shall, if it appears that he knew or should have known of the existence and extent of the restrictions or order and that his act was in violation thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not to exceed \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense."

"Sect. 2. Whoever willfully shall violate any regulation or order promulgated or approved by the Secretary of War, or by any military commander designated by the Secretary of War, pursuant to lawful authority for the protection or security of aircraft, airports, or airport facilities, relating to fire hazards, fire protection, lighting, machinery, guard service, disrepair, disuse of other unsatisfactory conditions thereon, or the ingress thereto or egress or removal of persons therefrom, or otherwise providing for safeguarding the same against destruction, loss or injury by accident or by enemy action, sabotage or other subversive actions, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of not to exceed \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both."

PROPOSED NAVY BILL

A BILL

To amend Section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 in order to increase the Security 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 Section 605 of the Act of June 19, 1934, entitled "An Act to provide for the regulation of interstate and foreign communication by wire or radio, and for other purposes" (48 Stat. 1103, 47 U.S.C. 605), as amended, is hereby further amended by striking therefrom the period at the end of said section and substituting therefor a colon followed by the words. "Provided, further, That this section shall not apply to the interception, receipt, or utilization in the interests of national security, by the War Department, Navy Department, and such other agencies of the United States Government as may, for the purposes of this proviso, be designated by the President as national defense and security agencies, of the contents of any communication by wire or radio under such rules and regulations as may be approved by the President."