

priation authorization acts (a) to carry out the provisions of this Act during the fiscal years 1962 to 1972, inclusive; (b) to finance, for not more than two years beyond the end of said period, such grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and studies as may theretofore have been undertaken pursuant to this act; and (c) to finance, for not more than three years beyond the end of said period, such activities as are required to correlate, coordinate, and round out the results of studies and research undertaken pursuant to this Act. Effective July 1, 1968, no new commitments shall be made under authority of this Act for cooperation with public or private agencies in foreign countries which require the expenditure of funds appropriated pursuant to this Act, but funds so appropriated shall be available to carry out commitments made before said date."

Foreign commitments, restrictions.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of the Saline Water Conversion Act (66 Stat. 328), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1951 et seq.), during fiscal year 1969 the sum of \$24,556,000 as follows:

(a) Research and development operating expenses, not more than \$17,274,000;

(b) Design, construction, acquisition, modification, operation, and maintenance of saline water conversion test beds and test facilities, not more than \$4,292,000;

(c) Design, construction, acquisition, modification, operation, and maintenance of saline water conversion modules, not more than \$1,175,000; and

(d) Administration and coordination, not more than \$1,815,000: *Provided*, That expenditures and obligations under any of these items except the last may be increased by not more than ten per centum if such increase is accompanied by an equal decrease in expenditures and obligations under one or more of the other items, including the last.

SEC. 3. In addition to the sums authorized to be appropriated by this Act, the Secretary may utilize any funds previously appropriated for this program which are not obligated on June 30, 1968, subject to the dollar limitations applicable to the fiscal year 1968 program.

Approved April 29, 1968.

## Public Law 90-298

### AN ACT

To amend provisions of the Shipping Act, 1916, to authorize the Federal Maritime Commission to permit a common carrier by water in foreign commerce or conference of such carriers to refund a portion of the freight charges.

April 29, 1968  
[H. R. 9473]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 18(b) of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. 817 (b)), is amended by changing the period at the end of subsection (3) thereof to a colon and adding the following proviso: "*Provided, however*, That the Federal Maritime Commission may in its discretion and for good cause shown permit a common carrier by water in foreign commerce or conference of such carriers to refund a portion of freight charges collected from a shipper or waive the collection of a portion of the charges from a shipper where it appears that there is an error in a tariff of a clerical or administrative nature or an error due to inadvertence in failing to file a new tariff and that such refund or waiver will not result in discrimination among shippers: *Provided further*, That the common carrier by water in foreign commerce or conference of such carriers has, prior to applying for authority to make refund, filed a new tariff with the Federal Maritime Commission which sets forth the rate on which such refund or

Vessels.  
Freight charges.  
75 Stat. 764.

waiver would be based: *Provided further*, That the carrier or conference agrees that if permission is granted by the Federal Maritime Commission, an appropriate notice will be published in the tariff, or such other steps taken as the Federal Maritime Commission may require, which give notice of the rate on which such refund or waiver would be based, and additional refunds or waivers as appropriate shall be made with respect to other shipments in the manner prescribed by the Commission in its order approving the application: *And provided further*, That application for refund or waiver must be filed with the Commission within one hundred and eighty days from the date of shipment."

Approved April 29, 1968.

Public Law 90-299

AN ACT

May 3, 1968  
[S. 375]

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to obscene or harassing telephone calls in interstate or foreign commerce.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That title II of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"OBSCENE OR HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR IN INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS

"SEC. 223. Whoever—

"(1) in the District of Columbia or in interstate or foreign communication by means of telephone—

"(A) makes any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent;

"(B) makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, without disclosing his identity and with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any person at the called number;

"(C) makes or causes the telephone of another repeatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to harass any person at the called number; or

"(D) makes repeated telephone calls, during which conversation ensues, solely to harass any person at the called number;

or

"(2) knowingly permits any telephone under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both."

SEC. 2. Section 3(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153(e)) is amended by inserting "(other than section 223 thereof)" immediately after "title II of this Act".

Approved May 3, 1968.

Obscene or harassing telephone calls, prohibition.

48 Stat. 1070.  
47 USC 201-222.

Penalty.

68 Stat. 64.