

(S. 486 and the reports follow:)

[S. 486, 88th Cong., 1st sess.]

A BILL To amend certain criminal laws applicable to the District of Columbia, 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 848 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 22-403), is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 848. Whoever maliciously injures or breaks or destroys, or attempts to injure or break or destroy, by fire or otherwise, any public or private property, whether real or personal, not his own, of the value of \$200 or more, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both, and if the value of the property be less than \$200 shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both."

SEC. 2. The first section of the Act entitled "An Act for the preservation of the public peace and the protection of property in the District of Columbia", approved July 29, 1892, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 22-3112), is further amended by striking out "destroy, injure, disfigure, cut, chip, break," and inserting in lieu thereof "disfigure, cut, chip,".

SEC. 3. Section 812 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 22-2101), is further amended by striking out "for ransom or reward", and inserting in lieu thereof "for ransom or reward or otherwise, except, in the case of a minor, by a parent thereof,".

SEC. 4. Section 9 of the Act entitled "An Act to enjoin and abate houses of lewdness, assignation, and prostitution; to declare the same to be nuisances; to enjoin the person or persons who conduct or maintain the same and the owner or agent of any building used for such purpose; and to assess a tax against the person maintaining such nuisance and against the building and owner thereof", approved February 7, 1914, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 22-2721), is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. In any prosecution for violation of this Act or so much of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act to confer concurrent jurisdiction on the police court of the District of Columbia in certain cases', approved July 16, 1912 (37 Stat. 192; D.C. Code, sec. 22-2722), as relates to the keeping of a bawdy or disorderly house, the court, upon application of the United States attorney made after such attorney has given notice thereof to the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, may order any witness to testify or to produce evidence, or both. Upon such order of the court, such witness shall not be excused from testifying or from producing evidence on the ground that the testimony or evidence required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture. But no such witness shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any act, transaction, matter or thing concerning which he has been ordered to testify or to produce evidence after having claimed the privilege against self-incrimination, nor shall testimony or other evidence ordered to be given or produced under the provisions of this section be used as evidence in any criminal proceeding against him in any court. No witness shall be exempt under this section from prosecution for perjury or contempt committed in connection with giving testimony or producing evidence under order of the court as provided in this section."

SEC. 5. The last sentence of section 46 of the Healing Arts Practices Act, District of Columbia, 1928 (D.C. Code, sec. 2-137), is amended by striking out "by said United States District Attorney when instituted on behalf of the Commission, and" and by striking out "when instituted on behalf of the Commissioners of said District or by the major and superintendent of police of said District".

SEC. 6. The fourth sentence of section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to define the term 'registered nurse' and to provide, for the registration of nurses in the District of Columbia", approved February 9, 1907, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 2-407), is amended by striking out "United States Attorney for the District of Columbia" and inserting in lieu thereof "Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia".

SEC. 7. Section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia", approved May 28, 1924 (D.C. Code, sec. 2-502), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: