

1 TITLE III—COURTS AND WITNESSES

2 REPRISALS AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL WITNESSES

3 PROHIBITED

4 SEC. 301. (a) Section 1505 of title 18 of the United
5 States Code is amended by inserting “(a)” before “Who-
6 ever” at the beginning thereof and by adding at the end
7 thereof the following new subsection:

8 “(b) Whoever as an officer of the United States or of
9 any department or agency thereof causes or attempts to cause
10 a witness, who is a member of the Armed Forces of the
11 United States or an officer or employee of the United States
12 or of any department or agency thereof, to be demoted,
13 suspended, dismissed, retired, or otherwise disciplined on
14 account of his attending or having attended any inquiry or
15 investigation being had by either House, or any committee
16 of either House, or any joint committee of the Congress, or
17 on account of his testifying or having testified to any matter
18 pending therein, or on account of his expression on the
19 hearing record of his personal opinion with respect to any
20 matter pending therein, or on account of his giving of any
21 testimony which discloses any subversive activity or wrong-
22 doing within any department or agency in the executive
23 branch of the Government other than testimony disclosing
24 misfeasance, malfeasance, dereliction of duty, or past repre-
25 hensible conduct on the part of such witness, shall be fined