

# S. 694

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 2, 1953

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

To prohibit the display of flags of international organizations or other nations in equal or superior prominence or honor to the flag of the United States except under specified circumstances, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That (a) the analysis to chapter 1 of title 4, United States  
4 Code, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the  
5 following:

"4. Display of other flags equal, above, or in place of the flag of the United States."

6 (b) Such chapter is further amended by adding at the  
7 end thereof the following new section:

8 "§ 4. Display of other flags equal, above, or in place of  
9 the flag of the United States.

1       “(a) No person shall display the flag of the United  
2 Nations or any other national or international flag equal,  
3 above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to,  
4 or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place  
5 within the United States or any Territory or possession  
6 thereof: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall make  
7 unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed  
8 of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position  
9 of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags  
10 in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the  
11 flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United  
12 Nations or at any place at which any official meeting or  
13 proceeding of the United Nations is in progress.

14       “(b) Whoever knowingly violates the provisions of  
15 this section shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned  
16 not more than six months, or both.”

Passed the Senate June 1 (legislative day, May 28),  
1953.

Attest:

J. MARK TRICE,  
*Secretary.*

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