

## Sec. 8—Powers of Congress

## Cl. 4—Naturalization and Bankruptcies

ence between persons born or naturalized in, that is, within, the United States and persons born outside the confines of the United States who are statutorily made citizens.<sup>1212</sup> The principal difference is that the former persons may not be involuntarily expatriated whereas the latter may be, subject only to due process protections.<sup>1213</sup>

**The Naturalization of Aliens**

Although, as has been noted, throughout most of our history there were significant racial and ethnic limitations upon eligibility for naturalization, the present law prohibits any such discrimination.

“The right of a person to become a naturalized citizen of the United States shall not be denied or abridged because of race or sex or because such person is married.”<sup>1214</sup> However, any person “who advocates or teaches, or who is a member of or affiliated with any organization that advocates or teaches . . . opposition to all organized government,” or “who advocates or teaches or who is a member of or affiliated with any organization that advocates or teaches the overthrow by force or violence or other unconstitutional means of the Government of the United States” or who is a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party, or other communist organizations, or other totalitarian organizations is ineligible.<sup>1215</sup> These provisions moreover are “applicable to any applicant for naturalization who at any time within a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of the petition for naturalization or after such filing and before taking the final oath of citizenship is, or has been found to be, within any of the classes enumerated within this section, notwithstanding that at the time the petition is filed he may not be included within such classes.”<sup>1216</sup>

<sup>1212</sup> Compare *Schneider v. Rusk*, 377 U.S. 163 (1964); *Afroyim v. Rusk*, 387 U.S. 253 (1967). It will be noted that in practically all cases persons statutorily made citizens at birth will be dual nationals, having the citizenship of the country where they were born. Congress has never required a citizen having dual nationality to elect at some point one and forsake the other but it has enacted several restrictive statutes limiting the actions of dual nationals which have occasioned much litigation. *E.g.*, *Savorgnan v. United States*, 338 U.S. 491 (1950); *Kawakita v. United States*, 343 U.S. 717 (1952); *Kennedy v. Mendoza-Martinez*, 372 U.S. 144 (1963); *Schneider v. Rusk*, 377 U.S. 163 (1964); *Rogers v. Bellei*, 401 U.S. 815 (1971).

<sup>1213</sup> Cf. *Rogers v. Bellei*, 401 U.S. 815, 836 (1971); *Kennedy v. Mendoza-Martinez*, 372 U.S. 144 (1963); *Perez v. Brownell*, 356 U.S. 44, 58–62 (1958).

<sup>1214</sup> § 311, 66 Stat. 239 (1952), 8 U.S.C. § 1422.

<sup>1215</sup> § 313(a), 66 Stat. 240 (1952), 8 U.S.C. § 1424(a). Whether “mere” membership is sufficient to constitute grounds for ineligibility is unclear. Compare *Galvan v. Press*, 347 U.S. 522 (1954), with *Berenyi v. Immigration Director*, 385 U.S. 630 (1967).

<sup>1216</sup> § 313(c), 66 Stat. 241 (1952), 8 U.S.C. § 1424(c).