

hundred and eight, are hereby reenacted to read as such sections read prior to May thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, subject to such amendments or modifications as are prescribed in this Act: *Provided, however,* That section nine of the Act first referred to in this section is hereby amended so as to change the tax rates fixed in said Act by making the portion applicable thereto read as follows:

"National banking associations having circulating notes secured otherwise than by bonds of the United States, shall pay for the first three months a tax at the rate of three per centum per annum upon the average amount of such of their notes in circulation as are based upon the deposit of such securities, and afterwards an additional tax rate of one-half of one per centum per annum for each month until a tax of six per centum per annum is reached, and thereafter such tax of six per centum per annum upon the average amount of such notes: *Provided further,* That whenever in his judgment he may deem it desirable, the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to suspend the limitations imposed by section one and section three of the Act referred to in this section, which prescribe that such additional circulation secured otherwise than by bonds of the United States shall be issued only to National banks having circulating notes outstanding secured by the deposit of bonds of the United States to an amount not less than forty per centum of the capital stock of such banks, and to suspend also the conditions and limitations of section five of said Act except that no bank shall be permitted to issue circulating notes in excess of one hundred and twenty-five per centum of its unimpaired capital and surplus. He shall require each bank and currency association to maintain on deposit in the Treasury of the United States a sum in gold sufficient in his judgment for the redemption of such notes, but in no event less than five per centum. He may permit National banks, during the period for which such provisions are suspended, to issue additional circulation under the terms and conditions of the Act referred to as herein amended: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, is further authorized to extend the benefits of this Act to all qualified State banks and trust companies, which have joined the Federal reserve system, or which may contract to join within fifteen days after the passage of this Act."

Approved, August 4, 1914.

CHAP. 227.—An Act To increase the limit of cost of the public building at Bangor, Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limit of cost of the public building at Bangor, Maine, be, and the same is hereby, increased \$40,000, and the building shall be so constructed that all of its exterior facades shall be faced with stone.

Approved, August 5, 1914.

CHAP. 229.—An Act Restoring to the public domain certain lands heretofore reserved for reservoir purposes at the headwaters of the Mississippi River and tributaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby restored to the public domain for entry under the homestead laws, pursuant to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, subject to the easement provided for in section two hereof,

Proviso.
Tax on circulation.
Vol. 35, p. 550,
amended.

Tax on notes secured
other than by United
States bonds, reduced.
R. S., sec. 5214, p.
1008, amended.

Provisos.
Suspension of limita-
tions of issue.
Vol. 35, p. 548.

Vol. 35, p. 549.

Gold reserve to be
maintained.

Additional issue of
national-bank notes.

Extension to State
banks and trust com-
panies.

August 5, 1914.
[S. 3176.]

[Public, No. 164.]

Bangor, Me.
Limit of cost in-
creased, public build-
ing at.

August 6, 1914.
[S. 1784.]

[Public, No. 165.]

Public lands.
Reservoir lands in
Minnesota opened to
homestead entry.

any and all lands in the counties of Aitkin, St. Louis, Crow Wing, Cass, Itasca, and Beltrami, approximately six thousand acres, and outside of the boundaries of the Minnesota National Forest Reserve hitherto reserved by Executive order in connection with the construction, maintenance, and operation of reservoirs at the headwaters of the Mississippi River and its tributaries the restoration of which the Secretary of War has recommended or may hereafter recommend to the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided, however,* That this Act shall not apply to lot two, in section four in township fifty-four north, range twenty-six west, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-three in township fifty-five north, range twenty-six west, said tracts described in this proviso being hereby reserved and excluded from the lands subject to homestead entry.

Proviso.
Lands excluded.

Right to overflow reserved.

SEC. 2. That the lands hereby restored shall forever be and remain subject to the right of the United States to overflow the same or any part thereof by such reservoirs as now exist or may hereafter be constructed upon the headwaters of the Mississippi River, and all patents issued for the lands hereby restored shall expressly reserve to the United States such right of overflow.

Preference to actual settlers.

SEC. 3. That the time when such restoration shall take effect as to any of such lands shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; and in all cases where actual settlement has been made on any of said lands prior to January first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and improvements made the said settlers shall have a preferred and prior right to enter and file on said lands under the homestead law for the period of ninety days following the time fixed hereunder for the restoration of the lands.

Restriction on entries before opening.

SEC. 4. That no rights of any kind, except as specified in the foregoing section, shall attach by reason of settlement or squatting upon any of the lands hereby restored to entry before the hour on which such lands shall be subject to homestead entry at the several lands offices, and until said lands are opened for settlement no person shall enter upon and occupy the same except in the cases mentioned in the foregoing section, and any person violating this provision shall never be permitted to enter any of said lands or acquire any title thereto.

Approved, August 6, 1914.

August 6, 1914.
[S. 6101.]

[Public, No. 166.]

CHAP. 230.—An Act To grant the consent of Congress for the city of Lawrence, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, to construct a bridge across the Merrimac River.

Merrimac River.
Lawrence, Mass.,
may bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted for the city of Lawrence, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Merrimac River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the foot of Amesbury Street, in the city of Lawrence, in the county of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 6, 1914.