

## [CHAPTER 114]

## AN ACT

April 20, 1937  
[H. R. 5299]

[Public, No. 43]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands and water rights in Inyo and Mono Counties, California, with the city of Los Angeles, and for other purposes.

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Exchange of certain  
lands and water rights  
with, for benefit of  
Indians.

*Proviso.*  
Reservation of min-  
erals and easements.

Exchange of lands  
covered by trust pat-  
ent, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Indian to receive  
area of equal value.

No tribal lands in-  
volved except with  
consent.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to accept title on behalf of the United States to lands and water rights now owned and held by the city of Los Angeles in the counties of Inyo and Mono, State of California, if, in his judgment, the interests of the Indians in said counties will be benefited thereby; and in consideration therefor the said Secretary may issue a patent or patents to the said city of Los Angeles for lands, water rights, and buildings now held by the United States for the benefit of the Indians, provided that the lands, water rights, and buildings covered by the patent or patents shall not exceed in value the lands and water rights conveyed by the said city of Los Angeles to the United States: *Provided,* That the said Secretary may reserve the minerals of the lands conveyed to the said city and the said Secretary is authorized to accept conveyance by the said city of the lands and water rights, subject to a similar reservation in the city of the minerals of such lands, and in determining the relative value of the lands and water rights to be exchanged, consideration shall be given to any reservation made by either or both parties of any minerals or easements in the lands that may be exchanged.

SEC. 2. No allotted or other lands covered by trust patent or other instrument containing restriction against alienation by the allottee shall be involved in any such exchange except with the consent of the allottees or their heirs. Any such allottees or their heirs are hereby authorized to relinquish to the United States any lands covered by such patents or other instruments and accept in lieu thereof assignments of land within the new Indian reservations which are hereby authorized to be established by the Secretary of the Interior out of any lands accepted by him pursuant to section 1 hereof: *Provided,* That any such Indian may receive an area of equal value to the area of the allotment relinquished by him and receive similar title to that relinquished should any of the lands accepted by the said Secretary be outside of the boundaries of the new reservations.

SEC. 3. No tribal lands shall be involved in any such exchange except with the consent of a majority of the adult Indians entitled to the use thereof. All lands acquired pursuant to this Act, other than land to which title may be held by or in trust for individual Indians, shall be held by the United States in trust for the Indian tribe, band, or group concerned.

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## [CHAPTER 121]

## AN ACT

To amend the National Housing Act.

April 22, 1937  
[S. 1228]

[Public, No. 44]

National Housing  
Act, amendment.  
49 Stat. 1233.  
12 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 1706a.

Insurance of finan-  
cial institutions, eligi-  
ble for credit insurance,  
against loss; provisions  
extended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (a) of section 6 of the National Housing Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Administrator is authorized and empowered, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to insure banks, trust companies, personal finance companies, mortgage companies, build-

ing and loan associations, installment lending companies, and other such financial institutions, heretofore or hereafter approved by the Administrator as eligible for credit insurance, against losses which they may sustain as a result of loans and advances of credit, and purchases of obligations representing loans and advances of credit, made by them subsequent to the date this section takes effect and prior to July 1, 1939, or such earlier date as the President may fix by proclamation upon his determination that the emergency no longer exists, for the purpose of financing, by the owners of real property or by lessees thereof under a lease for a period of not less than one year, the restoration, rehabilitation, rebuilding, and replacement of improvements on such real property and equipment and machinery thereon which were damaged or destroyed by earthquake, conflagration, tornado, cyclone, hurricane, flood, or other catastrophe in the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, or 1939, either on the same site or on a new site in the same locality where the damaged or destroyed property was located. The Administrator is authorized to grant insurance under this section, as amended, to any such financial institution up to 20 per centum of the total amount of loans, advances of credit, and purchases made by such financial institution for such purposes, and any insurance reserve accumulated by any such financial institution under section 2 of this title shall be applicable to the payment of any losses sustained by it as a result of loans, advances of credit, or purchases insured under this section."

Financing rehabilitation of property damaged by catastrophe during years designated.

Maximum amount.

SEC. 2. The third sentence of subsection (a) of section 2 of the National Housing Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "The total liability incurred by the Administrator for all insurance heretofore and hereafter granted under this section and section 6, as amended, shall not exceed in the aggregate \$100,000,000."

Limitation on liability.  
49 Stat. 1234.

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[CHAPTER 122]

AN ACT

For payment of compensation to persons serving as postmaster at third- and fourth-class post offices.

April 22, 1937  
[H. R. 77]  
[Public, No. 45]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proviso, following the appropriation for compensation to postmasters, contained in the Act approved March 1, 1921 (41 Stat., p. 1151; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 39), is hereby amended by adding after the words "unnecessary delay" at the end thereof the following: "A person who, upon the occurrence of a vacancy and pending the appointment of a postmaster or the designation of an acting postmaster, assumes and properly performs the duties of postmaster at any third- or fourth-class post office shall be allowed compensation as postmaster for the period of such service: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General of the United States, in the settlement and adjustment of accounts and claims for compensation for service heretofore rendered, but subsequent to June 30, 1930, is hereby authorized and directed to allow compensation as postmaster for service rendered under the circumstances and conditions hereinbefore prescribed."

Postmasters, third- or fourth-class post offices.

Compensation for ad interim service.  
41 Stat. 1151.  
39 U. S. C. § 39.

*Proviso.*  
Payment for service rendered since June 1930.

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