

(except the month of December) when the last day of such month falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday.”

Approved, June 2, 1939.

## [CHAPTER 172]

## AN ACT

To authorize the construction of certain vessels for the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

June 2, 1939  
[S. 1842]  
[Public, No. 108]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$1,425,000 to be expended by the Secretary of Commerce for the construction of one main surveying ship of not over one thousand five hundred tons light displacement tonnage and of one auxiliary surveying vessel of not over one hundred and twenty-five tons light displacement tonnage, including purchase or construction of complete equipment and outfit and including cost of preparation of plans, specifications, and inspection during construction, said ships to be designed and equipped for Coast and Geodetic Survey duties in Alaska.

Coast and Geodetic Survey.  
Appropriation authorized for construction of surveying vessels.

Equipment, etc.

Design, etc., for duties in Alaska.

Approved, June 2, 1939.

## [CHAPTER 173]

## AN ACT

Providing for the transfusion of blood by members and former members of the Military Establishment, and by employees of the United States Government.

June 2, 1939  
[H. R. 2987]  
[Public, No. 109]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of February 9, 1927, entitled “An Act relating to the transfusion of blood by members of the Military Establishment” (U. S. C., title 24, sec. 30) is hereby amended so as to read as follows: “That any person in the Military Establishment, or who has been a member of the Military Establishment, and any employee of the United States Government, who shall furnish blood from his or her veins for transfusion to the veins of a member or former member of the Military Establishment who is a patient in a Government hospital shall be entitled to be paid therefor such reasonable sum, not to exceed \$50, as may be determined by the head of the hospital concerned, from public funds available for the operation of such hospital: *Provided,* That expenditures heretofore made to persons in Government service for blood furnished from his or her veins for transfusion to the veins of an official patient in a Government hospital are hereby authorized and validated.”

Military, etc., personnel and Government employees.

Payment to, for furnishing blood for transfusions.

44 Stat. 1066.

24 U. S. C. § 30.

*Proviso.*  
Prior payments for, validated.

Approved, June 2, 1939.

## [CHAPTER 174]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to convey certain lands owned by the United States for other lands needed in connection with the expansion of West Point Military Reservation, New York, and for other purposes.

June 2, 1939  
[H. R. 3131]  
[Public, No. 110]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, a joint corporate municipal instrumentality of the States of New York and New Jersey, all or any part of a certain tract of land, in the vicinity of Popolopen Creek, Orange

West Point Military Reservation, N. Y.

Exchange of lands, authorized.

County, New York, containing approximately three hundred and two acres and constituting a part of the West Point Military Reservation, New York, in exchange for other lands in said county and State under the control of the said commission, the acquisition of which is authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1931 (46 Stat. 1491): *Provided*, That if in the opinion of the Secretary of War the lands to be conveyed by the United States under the authority of this Act do not represent fair and reasonable compensation for the lands to be conveyed to the United States as aforesaid, the Secretary of War is authorized to pay, from appropriations available for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the aforesaid Act of Congress, such additional sum as shall, in his opinion, with the lands to be conveyed by the United States, constitute fair and reasonable compensation therefore: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War shall reserve to the United States in any conveyance made under authority of this Act such rights as in his opinion shall be necessary for the preservation and protection of the water supply of the West Point Military Reservation, New York.

Approved, June 2, 1939.

[CHAPTER 175]

AN ACT

To amend certain sections of the National Housing Act.

June 3, 1939

[H. R. 5324]

[Public, No. 111]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That subsections (a) and (b) of section 2 of the National Housing Act, as amended, are amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. (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, building and loan associations, installment lending companies, and other such financial institutions, which the Administrator finds to be qualified by experience or facilities and approves 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 on and after July 1, 1939, and prior to July 1, 1941, for the purpose of financing alterations, repairs, and improvements upon or in connection with existing structures, and the building of new structures, upon urban, suburban, or rural real property (including the restoration, rehabilitation, rebuilding, and replacement of such improvements which have been damaged or destroyed by earthquake, conflagration, tornado, hurricane, cyclone, flood, or other catastrophe), by the owners thereof or by lessees of such real property under a lease expiring not less than six months after the maturity of the loan or advance of credit. In no case shall the insurance granted by the Administrator under this section to any such financial institution on loans, advances of credit, and purchases made by such financial institution for such purposes on and after July 1, 1939, exceed 10 per centum of the total amount of such loans, advances of credit, and purchases. The total liability which may be outstanding at any time plus the amount of claims paid in respect of all insurance heretofore and hereafter granted under this section and section 6, as amended, less the amount collected from insurance premiums and deposited in the Treasury of the United States under the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, shall not exceed in the aggregate \$100,000,000.

“(b) No insurance shall be granted under this section to any such financial institution with respect to any obligation representing any

46 Stat. 1491.  
*Provisos.*  
Compensation.

Preservation of wa-  
ter supply.

National Housing  
Act, amendments.  
52 Stat. 9.  
12 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 1703.  
Insurance of finan-  
cial institutions  
against losses.  
Authority extended  
to July 1, 1941.

Financing of real  
property repairs and  
improvements.

Limitation on  
amount of insurance.

Total liability.

49 Stat. 1233.  
12 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 1706a.  
*Post*, p. 805.

Restrictions.