

[CHAPTER 701]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the sale of surplus agricultural commodities, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commodity Credit Corporation, with the approval of the President, is authorized to sell surplus agricultural commodities, acquired by such Corporation through its loan operations, to foreign governments on the condition that, except for rotation to prevent deterioration, such commodities shall be held in reserve by such governments for a period of not less than five years from the date of acquisition, and shall not be disposed of unless a war or war emergency results in a serious interruption of normal supplies of such commodities: *Provided,* That under this joint resolution no concession below the prevailing world market price for the unrestricted use of such commodities, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, shall be granted, in consideration of the obligation assumed by such governments to hold such commodities in reserve as required hereinbefore, in excess of a maximum amount equal to the average carrying charges, as estimated by the Secretary of Agriculture, that would be incurred if such commodities should be held for an additional eighteen months' period by the Commodity Credit Corporation. In determining specific cotton to be sold under this Act, the determination shall be made by sampling and selection at the place where the cotton is stored on the date of signing any sales agreement or contract under this Act, and no cotton shall be sold under any such sales agreement or contract which, after such date, is transported to any other place and there sampled and selected: *Provided further,* That in case of a sale, settlement must be made within sixty days after delivery and not more than five hundred thousand bales of cotton shall be sold upon the terms and conditions provided in this joint resolution.

Approved, August 11, 1939.

[CHAPTER 716]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of August 26, 1937.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That clause (d) of the Act of August 26, 1937, entitled "To provide for the extension of certain prospecting permits, and for other purposes", is amended to read as follows:

"(d) Under which at least one well shall have been drilled to a depth of not less than two thousand feet subsequent to August 21, 1935, and prior to January 1, 1939."

Approved, August 11, 1939.

[CHAPTER 717]

AN ACT

Authorizing construction of water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States.

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 is hereby authorized to undertake the construction, including acquisition of water rights, rights-of-way, and other interests in land, of water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States.

August 11, 1939
[H. J. Res. 375]
[Pub. Res., No. 52]

Surplus agricultural commodities.
Sale of, to foreign governments; conditions.

Provisos.
Price restriction.

Determination of specific cotton to be sold.

Settlement.
Limitation on number of bales.

August 11, 1939
[S. 878]
[Public, No. 397]

General Leasing Act, amendment.
50 Stat. 842.
30 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 2221.

Extension of certain oil and gas prospecting permits.

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[S. 1802]
[Public, No. 398]

Great Plains, etc., water conservation.
Construction of projects, acquisition of water rights, etc., authorized.

SEC. 2. Any moneys expended on such construction from appropriations made under the authority of this Act shall be repaid to the United States by the water users in not to exceed forty annual installments. Any labor or materials supplied for such construction by the Work Projects Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps, or any other Federal agency shall be utilized in such manner as the President may determine, and for such labor and materials the water users shall reimburse the United States in such amounts and on such terms as the President may fix for each project.

SEC. 3. No moneys may be expended on a project pursuant to the authority of this Act unless and until (1) the Secretary of the Interior has found, and has certified to the President, that the project has engineering feasibility and that the moneys to be expended on the project from appropriations made under the authority of this Act probably can be repaid by the water users within forty years; and (2) the President has approved said findings and has determined that labor and materials for the construction of the project should be made available to the Department of the Interior by the Work Projects Administration or a similar Federal agency, in the amount found by the Secretary of the Interior to make up the difference, if any, between the estimated cost of construction and the amount which can be expended from appropriations made under this Act and probably can be repaid by the water users: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior may accept for the construction of the project such labor or materials as may be offered by any State or political subdivision thereof, State agency, or municipal corporation, and may reduce by the amount thereof the estimated cost of construction to be met by the expenditure of Federal moneys.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums of money as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including investigations and surveys of projects proposed under the authority of this Act; and, from such sums appropriated or transferred, expenditures may be made for personal services in the District of Columbia and may be made for the same purposes and under the same conditions as included in the appropriation Acts for the departments, establishments, and other agencies to which sums may be made available by appropriation or transfer.

Approved, August 11, 1939.

[CHAPTER 718]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia", known as the "Healing Arts Practice Act, District of Columbia, 1928", approved February 27, 1929.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia", known as the "Healing Arts Practice Act, District of Columbia, 1928", approved February 27, 1929, be amended by striking from the first sentence of section 18 thereof the words "beginning on the second Monday in January and July of each year and at such other" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "at such".

Approved, August 11, 1939.

Reimbursement of expenditures by water users.

Labor and materials.

Provisions requisite. Engineering feasibility.

Repayment of expenditures.

Executive approval.

Proviso. Local cooperation.

Appropriation authorized.

Personal services.

August 11, 1939
[S. 2779]
[Public, No. 399]

Healing Arts Practice Act, D. C., 1928, amendment.

45 Stat. 1331.

Dates for holding professional examinations.