

[CHAPTER 634]

AN ACT

To repeal sections 3711, 3712, and 3713 of the Revised Statutes which relate to the purchase in the District of Columbia of coal and wood for public use, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 3711, 3712, and 3713 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 40, sec. 109) are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Those parts of the Acts making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments approved March 15, 1934 (48 Stat. 425), May 14, 1935 (49 Stat. 218), June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1827), May 14, 1937 (50 Stat. 137), and March 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 139), which provide "That the requirements of sections 3711 and 3713 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 40, sec. 109) relative to the weighing of coal and wood and the separate certificate as to the weight, measurement, or quantity of coal and wood purchased shall not apply to purchases by the Procurement Division at free-on-board destination outside of the District of Columbia" (U. S. C., title 40, sec. 109a), are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 18, 1940.

[CHAPTER 635]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the disposition, control, and use of surplus real property acquired by Federal agencies, and for other purposes", approved August 27, 1935 (Public, Numbered 351, Seventy-fourth Congress), and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the disposition, control, and use of surplus real property acquired by Federal agencies, and for other purposes", approved August 27, 1935 (Public, Numbered 351, Seventy-fourth Congress; 49 Stat. 885; U. S. C., Supp. II, title 40, sec. 304 (a) to (e)), be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting, before the period at the end thereof, a colon and the following: "Provided, That if no bids which are satisfactory as to price and responsibility of bidder are received as a result of such public advertisement, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, with the approval of the Federal Works Administrator, is authorized to sell such property by negotiation, upon such terms as may be deemed to be to the best interest of the Government, but at a price not less than that bid by the highest responsible bidder".

SEC. 2. Such Act of August 27, 1935, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sections:

"SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to cover the costs incident to the sale or lease of real property, or demolition of buildings thereon as hereinafter authorized, which have been or may hereafter be declared surplus to the needs of any Federal agency in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the care, maintenance, and protection thereof, including, but not limited to pay of employees, travel of Government employees, brokers' fees not in excess of rates paid for similar services in the community where the property is situated, appraisals, photographs, surveys, evidence of title and perfecting of defective titles, advertising, and telephone and telegraph charges: *Provided, however,* That a Federal agency shall remain responsible for the proper care, maintenance, and protection of the aforesaid property, notwithstanding any declaration that the same is in excess

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District of Colum-
bia.
Repeal of certain
provisions relating to
purchase of coal and
wood.

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[H. R. 7233]
[Public, No. 749]

Surplus Federal real
property.

40 U. S. C., Supp.
V, § 304a.

Proviso.
Sale by negotiation.

49 Stat. 885.
40 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 304a-304c.
Appropriation au-
thorized to cover costs.

Proviso.
Responsibility for
maintenance, etc.