

[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assembled, That sections 3711, 3712, and 3713 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 40, sec. 109) are hereby repealed.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Division at free-on-board destination outside of the District of Columbia" (U. S. C., title 40, sec. 109a), are hereby repealed.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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[H. R. 2751]
[Public, No. 748]

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

July 18, 1940
[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.

of its needs until such time as custody is assumed by the Federal Works Agency or other disposition is made thereof.

“SEC. 7. The Commissioner of Public Buildings, with the approval of the Federal Works Administrator, is authorized, upon their determination that such action will be to the best interest of the Government, to demolish any building declared surplus to the needs of the Government in accordance with the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That before proceeding with the demolition of any building, the Commissioner of Public Buildings shall inform the Secretary of the Interior in writing of his intention to demolish it, and shall not proceed with the demolition until he shall have received written notice from the Secretary of the Interior that said building is not an historic building of national significance within the meaning of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes’, approved August 21, 1935 (Public, Numbered 292, Seventy-fourth Congress; 49 Stat. 666) : *Provided, however*, That if the Secretary of the Interior shall fail to notify the Commissioner of Public Buildings of his determination as to whether such building is an historic building of national significance within ninety days of the receipt of the notice of intention to demolish the Commissioner of Public Buildings may proceed to demolish said building.”

Demolition of surplus buildings.

Provisos.
Notice of intention to demolish.

Historic buildings, restriction.

16 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 461-467.
Failure to give notification, effect.

SEC. 3. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of such Act of August 27, 1935, are amended (a) by striking out the words “Secretary of the Treasury” wherever they appear and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Federal Works Administrator”; (b) by striking out the words “Director of Procurement” wherever they appear and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Commissioner of Public Buildings”; (c) by striking out the words “Procurement Division” wherever they appear and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Public Buildings Administration”.

Amendments.
49 Stat. 885, 886.
40 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 304a-304d.

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[CHAPTER 636]

AN ACT

To amend the United States Grain Standards Act, to provide for the grading of soybeans, and for other purposes.

July 18, 1940
[H. R. 7696]
[Public, No. 750]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Grain Standards Act is amended as follows:

United States Grain Standards Act, amendment.
39 Stat. 482.
7 U. S. C. § 74.

By inserting after “flaxseed,” in the first sentence of section 2 thereof, the following: “soybeans.”

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[CHAPTER 637]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Chester, Illinois.

July 18, 1940
[H. R. 8372]
[Public, No. 751]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Chester, Illinois, authorized to be built by the city of Chester, Illinois, by an Act of Congress approved July 18, 1939, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from July 18, 1940.

Mississippi River. Time extended for bridging, at Chester, Ill.

53 Stat. 1058.

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

Right reserved.

Approved, July 18, 1940.