

[CHAPTER 922]

AN ACT

To make the excess land provisions of the Federal reclamation laws inapplicable to the lands of the Washoe County Water Conservation District, Truckee storage project, Nevada, and the Pershing County Water Conservation District, Nevada.

November 29, 1940
[H. R. 10543]
[Public, No. 883]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the excess land provisions of the Federal reclamation laws shall not be applicable to land in the Washoe County Water Conservation District, Nevada, irrigated from the Boca Reservoir, Truckee River storage project, Nevada, nor to the Pershing County Water Conservation District, Nevada, irrigated from the Humboldt River Reservoir, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into a contract with said districts, amending, in accordance with this Act, the contract of December 18, 1936, between the United States and the Washoe County Water Conservation District, and the contract of October 1, 1934, between the United States and the Pershing County Water Conservation District.

Federal reclamation laws.
Inapplicability of excess land provisions to designated districts.

Contracts authorized.

Approved, November 29, 1940.

[CHAPTER 923]

AN ACT

To authorize the discontinuance of professional examinations for promotion in the Regular Army of officers of the Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Corps.

November 29, 1940
[S. 4224]
[Public, No. 884]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until May 15, 1945, the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, dispense with any part of the examination for promotion in the Regular Army of officers of the Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Corps, except those relating to physical examination.

Officers of designated Corps, Regular Army.
Examinations for promotion.

Approved, November 29, 1940.

[CHAPTER 924]

AN ACT

To transfer the jurisdiction of the Arlington Farm, Virginia, to the jurisdiction of the War Department, and for other purposes.

November 29, 1940
[S. 4107]
[Public, No. 885]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the control and jurisdiction of the lands, buildings, and improvements constituting the Arlington Farm, as created by the Act of Congress, approved April 18, 1900 (31 Stat. 135), are hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of War, to take effect progressively as each area of said farm is turned over by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That the authority to remove such buildings, improvements, trees, and plants as shall be deemed necessary in order to promote the work of the Department of Agriculture shall remain in the Secretary of Agriculture until the transfer of the area involved is effected.

Arlington Farm, Va.
Transfer of jurisdiction.
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Proviso.
Removal of buildings, trees, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$3,200,000 to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture for the acquisition by purchase, condemnation, or donation, of lands to provide a suitable site for the development and reestablishment thereon of the functions and activities of the Arlington Farm, and the construction and installation of such buildings, equipment, and utilities and appurtenances thereto, including the employment of persons and

Appropriation authorized for acquisition of certain lands.
Ante, p. 1046.

Construction of buildings, etc.

means in the city of Washington and elsewhere, as in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture may be necessary.

Acquisition of adjacent lands for military purposes; improvements.

SEC. 3. There is also further authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the acquisition of adjacent lands and the construction and installation of such buildings and utilities and appurtenances as in the judgment of the Secretary of War may be necessary for military purposes on the above-mentioned lands, including alterations, additions, and betterments to such existing improvements thereon as may be transferred by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of War. If the purchase of additional lands authorized by this section meets the requirements of the War Department, the Secretary of War may allow the Secretary of Agriculture to continue the operation of Arlington Experiment Station at its present site.

Continuance of Arlington Experiment Station at present site.

Arlington Memorial Bridge.

Approach road, construction authorized.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior a right-of-way two hundred feet wide extending from a point near the southeast corner of the Arlington Cemetery in a northeasterly direction to the Boundary Channel, in order to provide an adequate approach road to the Arlington Memorial Bridge, the construction of which road is hereby authorized, and, with the approval of the President, to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior until needed such other lands transferred to or acquired by the Secretary of War under this Act as may not be immediately necessary for military purposes.

Approved, November 29, 1940.

[CHAPTER 926]

AN ACT

November 30, 1940
[H. R. 10465]
[Public, No. 886]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish the willful injury or destruction of war material, or of war premises or utilities used in connection with war material, and for other purposes", approved April 20, 1918.

Destruction of war material.
Definition of terms.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 1 of the Act approved April 20, 1918, entitled "An Act to punish the willful injury or destruction of war material, or of war premises or utilities used in connection with war material, and for other purposes" (40 Stat. 533; U. S. C., title 50, secs. 101-103), is amended by striking out the word "the" immediately preceding the word "war".

The fourth paragraph of section 1 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"United States."

"The words 'United States' used in this Act in a geographical sense shall include the Philippine Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, and all other territory and waters, continental and insular, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States as thus defined."

Such Act of April 20, 1918, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sections:

"National-defense material."

"SEC. 4. That the words 'national-defense material', as used herein, shall include arms, armament, ammunition, livestock, stores of clothing, food, foodstuffs, fuel, supplies, munitions, and all other articles of whatever description and any part or ingredient thereof, intended for the use of the United States in connection with the national defense.

"National-defense premises."

"The words 'national-defense premises', as used herein, shall include all buildings, grounds, mines, or other places wherein such national-defense material is being produced, manufactured, repaired, stored, mined, extracted, distributed, loaded, unloaded, or transported, together with all machinery and appliances therein contained; and all forts, arsenals, navy yards, camps, prisons, or other military or naval stations of the United States.