

publication of technical and administrative reports, purchase, maintenance, and hire of passenger-carrying motor vehicles, as he may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 11. The Secretary of the Interior shall make an annual report to the Congress giving detailed information as to the projects established under the provisions of this Act and expenditures therefor.

Cooperation with Territories.

SEC. 12. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cooperate with the Alaska Game Commission, the Division of Game and Fish of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry of Hawaii, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce of Puerto Rico, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands, in the conduct of fish restoration and management projects, as defined in section 2 of this Act, upon such terms and conditions as he shall deem fair, just, and equitable, and is authorized to apportion to said Territories, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, out of money available for apportionment under this Act, such sums as he shall determine, not exceeding \$75,000 for Alaska, not exceeding \$25,000 for Hawaii, and not exceeding \$10,000 each for Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, in any one year, which apportionments, when made, shall be deducted before making the apportionments to the States provided for by this Act; but the Secretary shall in no event require any of said cooperating agencies to pay an amount which will exceed 25 per centum of the cost of any project. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of any apportionment made pursuant to this section shall be available for expenditure in the Territories, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, as the case may be, in the succeeding year, on any approved project, and if unexpended or unobligated at the end of such year is authorized to be made available for expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior in carrying on the research program of the Fish and Wildlife Service in respect to fish of material value for sport recreation.

Effective date.

SEC. 13. The effective date of this Act shall be July 1, 1950.

Approved August 9, 1950.

[CHAPTER 672]

AN ACT

To provide for the expansion and disposition of certain national cemeteries.

August 10, 1950
[S. 2863]

[Public Law 682]

Expansion of certain National cemeteries.

Rock Island National Cemetery.

Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed—

a. to expand existing facilities at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois, by utilizing not to exceed thirty acres of federally owned lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army adjoining the present national cemetery facility, which are surplus to military needs, and to provide for the care and maintenance thereof under the same regulations as prescribed for other national cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army; and

b. to expand existing facilities at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by utilizing not to exceed eight acres of federally owned land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, adjoining the present national cemetery facility, which are surplus to military needs, and to provide for the care and maintenance thereof under the same regulations as prescribed for other national cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer, without compensation therefor, to the Secretary of the Army for cemetery purposes such Government-owned land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy, located adjacent to the Barrancas National Cemetery near the city of Pensacola, Florida, as may be determined by the Secretary of the Navy to be available for the expansion of said cemetery. The lands transferred pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be constituted a part of the Barrancas National Cemetery.

Barrancas National Cemetery.

Approved August 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 673]

AN ACT

To strengthen the common defense by providing for continuation and expansion of Western Hemisphere production of abacá by the United States.

August 10, 1950
[S. 3520]

[Public Law 683]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Abacá Production Act of 1950".

Abacá Production Act of 1950.

DECLARATION OF POLICY

SEC. 2. Whereas abacá, a hard fiber used in the making of marine and other cordage, is a highly strategic and critical material which cannot be produced in commercial quantities in the continental United States, and of which an adequate supply is vital to the industrial and military requirements for the common defense of the United States; therefore, it has been the policy of the United States to continue the program for production and sale of abacá in which it was engaged at the termination of hostilities of World War II, and it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to encourage abacá production throughout the world, and in that connection to further the development and maintenance of abacá production in the Western Hemisphere through aid and supplementation of operations under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (60 Stat. 596) and the national security and common defense.

50 U. S. C. § 98 note; Sup. III, § 98 note. Post, p. 468.

PROGRAM

SEC. 3. (a) Production of abacá in the Western Hemisphere shall be continued by the United States Government: *Provided*, That the total acreage under cultivation shall not exceed the aggregate under cultivation as of the close of the month next preceding the date upon which this Act shall become effective, except that additional acreage may be added in the Western Hemisphere at the direction of the President and reduction of acreage under cultivation to abacá under this Act shall be effected whenever the President shall so direct: *And provided further*, That in no event shall the total number of acres under cultivation to abacá under this Act at any one time exceed fifty thousand.

Production in Western Hemisphere.

(b) Such surveys and research may be undertaken as are necessary or desirable to obtain the best available land in the Western Hemisphere for the production of abacá, the best development of abacá and development and maintenance of the plantations for the production of abacá established on such land, and the most economical and practical processing and disposition of such fiber and byproducts as result from the production of abacá on such land.