

vide for the control of the floods of the Mississippi River and of the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes," approved March 1, 1917, the Secretary of War is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to carry on continuously, by hired labor or otherwise, the plans of the Mississippi River Commission heretofore or hereafter adopted, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law; and a sum not to exceed \$10,000,000 annually is hereby authorized to be appropriated for that purpose, for a period of six years beginning July 1, 1924.

Annual amounts authorized for six years from July 1, 1924.

Expenditures extended to Rock Island, Ill., and to tributaries, etc.

Any funds which may hereafter be appropriated under authority of this Act, and which may be allotted to works of flood control, may be expended upon any part of the Mississippi River between the Head of the Passes and Rock Island, Illinois, and upon the tributaries and outlets of said river in so far as they may be affected by the flood waters of said river.

Approved, March 4, 1923.

March 4, 1923
[H. R. 13998.]
[Public, No. 529.]

CHAP. 278.—An Act Making section 1535c of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia applicable to the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Municipal court.
Equitable defenses admitted in actions at law in.
Vol. 41, p. 569.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter section 1535c of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, permitting equitable defenses to be interposed in actions at law, shall be applicable to proceedings now pending in the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia as well as to actions hereafter brought in said court.

Approved, March 4, 1923.

March 4, 1923
[H. R. 14135.]
[Public, No. 530.]

CHAP. 279.—An Act To amend an Act approved September 8, 1916, providing for holding sessions of the United States district court in the district of Maine, and for other purposes.

United States courts.
Maine judicial district.
Vol. 39, p. 850, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved September 8, 1916, entitled "An Act to provide for holding sessions of the United States district court in the district of Maine and for dividing said district into divisions, and providing for offices of the clerk and marshal of said district to be maintained in each of said divisions, and for the appointment of a field deputy marshal in the division in which the marshal does not reside," be amended in the first section thereof, by striking out the word "February" where it appears first in said section, substituting therefor the word, "November," so that the said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Terms of court.
Bangor.

"That hereafter, and until otherwise provided by law, two sessions of the United States District Court for the District of Maine shall be held in each and every year in the city of Bangor, in said district, beginning, respectively, on the first Tuesday of November and the first Tuesday of June, and three sessions of said court shall be held in each and every year in the city of Portland, in said district, beginning, respectively, on the first Tuesday of April, on the third Tuesday of September, and on the second Tuesday in December: *Provided, however,* That in the year 1923, the session of said court, at Bangor, beginning on the first Tuesday of November, shall be held in addition to the sessions in February and June, now provided for by law."

Portland.

Proviso.
Extra session at Bangor in 1923.

Approved, March 4, 1923.