

SEC. 6. Paragraph 9 of section 21 of the Federal Farm Loan Act as amended be further amended to read as follows:

Consolidated bonds.  
Vol. 42, p. 1476,  
amended.  
Responsibility of  
bank for which issued.

“Each Federal land bank on whose behalf consolidated bonds shall be issued under this provision shall in all respects be bound by the Act of the Farm Loan Commissioner and the Secretary of the Federal Farm Loan Board.”

Intermediate credit  
banks.  
Vol. 42, p. 1455,  
amended.  
United States organ-  
izations included.

SEC. 7. That paragraph 1 of section 202 of the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923, approved March 4, 1923, be amended by inserting after the word “State” in line 5 of said paragraph the words “or of the Government of the United States,” so that the paragraph as amended will read:

Power to discount or  
purchase from banks,  
agricultural organiza-  
tions, etc., paper based  
on advances for agri-  
cultural or livestock  
purposes.

“(1) To discount for, or purchase from, any national bank, and/or any State bank, trust company, agricultural credit corporation, incorporated livestock loan company, savings institution, cooperative bank, cooperative credit or marketing association of agricultural producers, organized under the laws of any State or of the Government of the United States, and/or any other Federal intermediate credit bank, with its indorsement, any note, draft, bill of exchange, debenture, or other such obligation the proceeds of which have been advanced or used in the first instance for any agricultural purpose or for the raising, breeding, fattening, or marketing of livestock.”

Inconsistent laws re-  
pealed.

SEC. 8. All Acts, or parts of Acts, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

March 4, 1925.

[S. 3818.]

[Public, No. 600.]

**CHAP. 525.**—An Act Authorizing the construction of additional facilities at Walter Reed General Hospital, in the District of Columbia.

Walter Reed Army  
Hospital, D. C.  
Amount authorized  
for designated improve-  
ments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to continue the construction of additional facilities at Walter Reed General Hospital, in the District of Columbia, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum of not exceeding \$2,000,000, to be expended by the Secretary of War, for the construction of the following improvements and buildings, including roads leading thereto, necessary furniture, equipment and accessories: (a) Completing two wings to the main hospital building, containing wards; (b) a rear addition to the main hospital building, containing dining rooms, kitchens, wards, and a library; (c) a laboratory and morgue building, and tuberculosis, observation, infectious disease and semi-isolation wards.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

March 4, 1925.

[S. 3913.]

[Public, No. 601.]

**CHAP. 526.**—An Act To extend for an additional period of one year the effective period of the Act entitled “An Act to amend section 51 of chapter 4 of the Judicial Code,” approved September 19, 1922, and an Act entitled “An Act to amend section 876 of the Revised Statutes,” approved September 19, 1922.

Judicial Code.  
Suits by the Govern-  
ment.  
Vol. 42, p. 849, amen-  
ded.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the last proviso of section 51 of the Judicial Code, as amended by the Act entitled “An Act to amend section 51 of chapter 4 of the Judicial Code,” approved September 19, 1922, is amended to read as follows: “Provided further, That this Act shall be effective for a period of four years after September 19, 1922, after which said section 51, chapter 4, as it exists in the present law shall be and remain in full force and effect.”

Extension of service  
effective only for four  
years.

SEC. 2. That the last paragraph of the Act entitled "An Act to amend section 876 of the Revised Statutes," approved September 19, 1922, is amended to read as follows:

"This amendment shall be effective for a period of six years after September 19, 1922, after which section 876 as it exists in the present law shall be and remain in full force and effect."

Approved. March 4, 1925.

Issue of subpoenas.  
Vol. 42, p. 848, amend-  
ed.

Distance limit effective only for six years.  
R. S., sec. 876, p. 176.

**CHAP. 527.**—An Act To permit the merger of street railway corporations operating in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1925.  
[S. 4191.]  
[Public, No. 602.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any or all of the street railway companies operating in the District of Columbia, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to merge or consolidate, either by purchase or lease by one company of the properties, and/or stocks or securities of any of the others, or by the formation of a new corporation to acquire the properties and/or stocks or securities and to succeed to the powers and obligations of each or any of said companies under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by vote of a majority in amount of the stock of the respective corporations and as may be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia: *Provided,* That no merger of said companies shall be finally consummated until the same is approved by a joint resolution of Congress. Such new corporation shall be incorporated under the provisions of Subchapter IV, Chapter XVIII of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia as far as applicable, with issues of stock at a stated par value and/or of no par value, as may be approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

District of Columbia.  
Street railway companies in, permitted to merge.

Agreement of stockholders.

*Proviso.*  
Subject to approval of Congress.  
Incorporation requirements.  
Vol. 31, p. 1284.

Antimerger restrictions removed.  
Vol. 37, p. 1006.

SEC. 2. The inhibitions and restrictions contained in section 11 of the Act of March 4, 1913 (commonly known as the antimerger law, Public, Numbered 435, Thirty-seventh Statutes at Large, page 1006), be, and the same are hereby, removed so far, and only so far, as they affect the acquisition by any corporation of the stocks or bonds of any of the corporations referred to in the foregoing section.

SEC. 3. Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act or any provision thereof.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

Amendment.

**CHAP. 528.**—An Act To authorize the building of a bridge across the Santee River in South Carolina.

March 4, 1925.  
[S. 4200.]  
[Public, No. 603.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State Highway Department of South Carolina be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Santee River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the mouth of Poplar Landing, between the counties of Clarendon and Orangeburg, South Carolina, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled, "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Santee River.  
South Carolina may bridge, near Poplar Landing.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

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

Approved, March 4, 1925.

Amendment.