

marketing of fish of American fisheries and/or products thereof upon the same terms and conditions, and subject to the same limitations, as are applicable in case of loans made under said section 5, as amended.

Terms and conditions.

SEC. 16. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to make loans at any time prior to January 31, 1935, out of the funds of the Corporation upon full and adequate security, to public-school districts or other similar public-school authorities organized pursuant to State law, for the purpose of payment of teachers' salaries due prior to June 1, 1934: *Provided*, That the aggregate¹ amount of such loans at any time outstanding shall not exceed \$75,000,000.

Teachers' salaries. Loans to public-school authorities for.

Proviso. Aggregate amount available.

Approved, June 19, 1934.

[CHAPTER 654.]

AN ACT

To amend the Air Commerce Act of 1926 and to increase the efficiency of the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce with respect to the development and regulation of civil aeronautics.

June 19, 1934.
[S. 3526.]

[Public, No. 418.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision (d) of section 2 of the Air Commerce Act of 1926 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 172(d)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence thereof a comma and the following: "aircraft, aircraft power plants, and accessories".

Air Commerce Act of 1926, amendment. Vol. 44, p. 568; U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 1021.

Research work to improve aircraft, etc.

SEC. 2. Subdivision (e) of such section 2 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 172(e)) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) To investigate accidents in civil air navigation in the United States, including the attending facts, conditions, and circumstances, and for that purpose the Secretary, or any officer or employee of the Department of Commerce designated by him in writing for the purpose, is authorized to hold public hearings in such places and at such times as he shall deem practical, and for the purpose of such hearings, administer oaths, examine witnesses, require the preservation of evidence, and issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses, or the production of books, papers, documents, exhibits, and other evidence, or the taking of depositions before any designated individual competent to administer oaths for the purposes of this Act. Witnesses summoned or whose depositions are taken shall receive the same fees and mileage as witnesses in the courts of the United States. All evidence taken at the hearing shall be recorded and forwarded to the Secretary. At the conclusion of an investigation of or hearing on any such accident or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, the Secretary of Commerce shall, if he deems it in the public interest, make public a statement of the probable cause or causes of the accident, except that when the accident has resulted in serious or fatal injury, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make public such a statement. Neither any such statement nor any report of such investigation or hearing, nor any part thereof, shall be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any suit or action growing out of any matter referred to in any such statement, investigation, hearing, or report thereof."

Investigations of accidents, civil aircraft.

Hearings.

Compulsion of testimony.

Witness fees.

Recording testimony.

Statement of probable cause.

Admission in evidence.

SEC. 3. Subdivision (a) of section 3 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173(a)) is amended by inserting after the second sentence thereof a semicolon and the following: "but the Secretary may, if he deems it advisable, grant limited registration to aircraft

Vol. 44, p. 568; U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 1020.

Registration of aircraft.

Limited registration, aircraft alien owned.

¹ So in original.

Restriction on use.

owned by aliens under such conditions as he may by regulation prescribe, but aircraft granted such limited registration shall not be permitted to engage in interstate or foreign air commerce."

Rating of parachutes as to airworthiness.

SEC. 4. Subdivision (b) of such section 3 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173(b)) is amended by inserting after the words "United States" in the first sentence thereof the following: "and parachutes used in connection with such aircraft."

Examination and rating of airlines engaged in interstate, etc., commerce.

SEC. 5. Subdivision (d), as amended, of such section 3 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173(d)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "and provide for the examination and rating of all air lines engaged in interstate or foreign air commerce and establish minimum safety standards for the operation thereof."

Minimum safety standards.

Vol 44, p. 570; U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 1020.

Airline certificates, issuance, revocation, etc.

Limitation on power of Secretary to deny, etc.

SEC. 6. Subdivision (f) of such section 3 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173(f)) is amended by inserting after the word "aircraft" in the first sentence thereof the word "airline" and a comma, and by inserting after such sentence the following sentence: "The Secretary of Commerce shall not deny any application for an airline certificate or revoke or suspend any airline certificate, except for failure of the airline to comply with safety standards applicable to the operation thereof prescribed by the Secretary."

Denied application, payment of assessed costs.

SEC. 7. Subdivision (f) of such section 3 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "Where the decision in such hearing is adverse to the applicant for hearing, such applicant shall pay to the Secretary of Commerce, to be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, an amount equal to such portion of the costs of the hearing as the Secretary of Commerce may designate, and in any case the applicant may be required by the Secretary of Commerce to furnish bond, with such surety as he may approve, to cover all such costs before the matter is heard."

SEC. 8. Such Act is amended by adding after section 3 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173) a new section as follows:

Jurisdiction of district courts to compel testimony.

"SEC. 3a. (1) In case of failure to comply with any subpoena issued under authority of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, or his authorized representative, may invoke the aid of any United States district court, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, or the United States court of any Territory or other place to which this Act applies. The court may thereupon order the person to whom the subpoena was issued to comply with the requirements of the subpoena or to give evidence with respect to the matter in question. Any failure to obey the order may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

Production of books, records, etc.

"(2) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, documents, exhibits, and other evidence before the Secretary of Commerce or his designated representative or in obedience to the subpoena of the Secretary of Commerce or his designated representative, or in any cause or proceeding instituted by the Secretary of Commerce or his designated representative, on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him, may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no individual shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that such individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

"(3) Any notary public or other officer authorized by law of the United States, or any State, Territory, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, to take acknowledgment of deeds, any consular officer of the United States, and any officer or employee of the Department of Commerce designated by the Secretary in writing for the purpose, shall be competent to administer oaths for the purposes of this Act. Subpenas for the purposes of this Act may be served personally or sent by registered mail."

Acknowledgement of deeds.

Service of subpenas.

SEC. 9. Section 5 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 175) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subdivision:

Vol. 44, p. 570;
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 1020.

"(g) The persons owning or operating any bridge, causeway, transportation or transmission line, or any structure over navigable waters of the United States shall maintain at their own expense such lights and other signals thereon for the protection of air navigation as the Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe."

Aids to air navigation.
Lights and signals at obstructions.

SEC. 10. Subdivision (k) of section 9 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 179 (k)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: "or of parachutes".

Vol. 44, p. 574;
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 1022.

SEC. 11. Paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 11 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 181 (a)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: "or to operate any airline in interstate or foreign air commerce without an airline certificate or in violation of the terms of any such certificate".

"Airman" to include person in charge of parachute inspection.
Unlawful acts.
Unlicensed operation of airline.

SEC. 12. Paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of such section 11 is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: "or to operate any aircraft registered as an aircraft of the United States otherwise than in conformity with the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce pertaining thereto"

Unauthorized operation of registered aircraft.

Approved, June 19, 1934

[CHAPTER 655.]

AN ACT

Relating to Philippine currency reserves on deposit in the United States.

June 19, 1934.
[S. 3530.]
[Public, No. 419.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, when the funds therefor are made available, to establish on the books of the Treasury a credit in favor of the Treasury of the Philippine Islands for \$23,862,750.78, being an amount equal to the increase in value (resulting from the reduction of the weight of the gold dollar) of the gold equivalent at the opening of business on January 31, 1934, of the balances maintained at that time in banks in the continental United States by the Government of the Philippine Islands for its gold standard fund and its Treasury certificate fund less the interest received by it on such balances.

Philippine currency reserves.
Readjustment of, on deposit in the United States.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of the receipts covered into the Treasury under section 7 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, by virtue of the reduction of the weight of the gold dollar by the proclamation of the President on January 31, 1934, the amount necessary to establish the credit provided for in section 1 of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.
Ante, p. 341.
Post, p. 1790.

Approved, June 19, 1934.