

## [CHAPTER 82.]

## AN ACT

April 25, 1935.

[S. 1208.]

[Public, No. 43.]

Authorizing personnel of the naval service to whom a commemorative or special medal has been awarded to wear in lieu thereof a miniature facsimile of such medal and a ribbon symbolic of the award.

Naval service.  
Personnel may wear  
facsimile in lieu of  
awarded medal.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That authority is hereby granted to personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps to wear in lieu of commemorative or special medals awarded to them a miniature facsimile of such medal and a ribbon symbolic of the award thereof under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe.

Approved, April 25, 1935.

## [CHAPTER 83.]

## AN ACT

April 25, 1935.

[S. 1210.]

[Public, No. 44.]

Authorizing certain officials under the Naval Establishment to administer oaths.

Naval Establishment.  
Certain officials of,  
authorized to admin-  
ister oaths.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That chief clerks and inspectors attached to the office of inspectors of naval material, chief clerks attached to field services under the Naval Establishment and to navy yards, naval stations, and Marine Corps posts and stations, and such other clerks and employees attached to offices of inspectors of naval material, field services, naval stations, navy yards, and Marine Corps posts and stations, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Navy, are authorized to administer any oath required or authorized by any law of the United States, or regulation promulgated thereunder, relating to any claim against or application to the United States of officers and employees under the Naval Establishment; said persons so authorized to administer the aforesaid oaths are also authorized to administer oaths of office to officers and employees under the Naval Establishment, but no compensation or fee shall be demanded or accepted for administering any such oath or oaths.

No fee therefor.

Approved, April 25, 1935.

## [CHAPTER 84.]

## AN ACT

April 25, 1935.

[S. 2197.]

[Public, No. 45.]

To permit construction, maintenance, and use of certain pipe lines for petroleum and petroleum products in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Smoot Sand and  
Gravel Corporation  
may construct, etc.,  
pipe lines at designated  
points.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and empowered to grant permission to the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, the owner of squares 705, 707, and east of 708, and part of square 708, in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, to lay down, construct, maintain, and use pipe lines for the carriage of petroleum and petroleum products from any point or points within any such square or such part of square, in and through Half Street, First Street, P Street, Q Street, R Street, Potomac Avenue, reservation 246 and reservation 247, to any point or points within any such square or such part of square, or to the pierhead line of the Anacostia River.

Supervision of con-  
struction, etc.

SEC. 2. All the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make and establish in connection therewith, and all plans and specifications for such construction shall be subject

to their approval. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have full authority to designate the location and to cause such repairs or relocation of said pipe lines as the public necessity may require, any such repairs or relocation to be at the expense of the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation, its successors, or assigns.

SEC. 3. No permission granted or enjoyed hereunder shall vest any right, title, or interest in or to the land within the streets or reservations referred to in section 1.

No property rights to vest.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, April 25, 1935.

[CHAPTER 85.]

AN ACT

To provide for the protection of land resources against soil erosion, and for other purposes.

April 27, 1935.  
[H. R. 7054.]  
[Public, No. 46.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it is hereby recognized that the wastage of soil and moisture resources on farm, grazing, and forest lands of the Nation, resulting from soil erosion, is a menace to the national welfare and that it is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress to provide permanently for the control and prevention of soil erosion and thereby to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of reservoirs, and maintain the navigability of rivers and harbors, protect public health, public lands and relieve unemployment, and the Secretary of Agriculture, from now on, shall coordinate and direct all activities with relation to soil erosion and in order to effectuate this policy is hereby authorized, from time to time—

Protection of land resources against soil erosion.  
Post, p. 1148.

(1) To conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the character of soil erosion and the preventive measures needed, to publish the results of any such surveys, investigations, or research, to disseminate information concerning such methods, and to conduct demonstrational projects in areas subject to erosion by wind or water;

Surveys and investigations to be conducted.

(2) To carry out preventive measures, including, but not limited to, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, and changes in use of land;

Types of preventive measures to be employed.

(3) To cooperate or enter into agreements with, or to furnish financial or other aid to, any agency, governmental or otherwise, or any person, subject to such conditions as he may deem necessary, for the purposes of this Act; and

Agreements, aid, etc., for control purposes.

(4) To acquire lands, or rights or interests therein, by purchase, gift, condemnation, or otherwise, whenever necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Acquisition of lands, rights, etc., when necessary.

SEC. 2. The acts authorized in section 1 (1) and (2) may be performed—

(a) On lands owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency having jurisdiction thereof; and

Protective measures on Government-owned, etc., lands.

(b) On any other lands, upon obtaining proper consent or the necessary rights or interests in such lands.

Other lands.

SEC. 3. As a condition to the extending of any benefits under this Act to any lands not owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, the Secretary of Agriculture may, insofar as he may deem necessary for the purposes of this Act, require—

Conditions to extending benefits.

(1) The enactment and reasonable safeguards for the enforcement of State and local laws imposing suitable permanent restrictions on

Local restrictions for preventing erosion.