

[CHAPTER 196]

AN ACT

March 23, 1942

[S. 2134]

[Public Law 504]

To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the State of Michigan, acting through the International Bridge Authority of Michigan, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, across the Saint Marys River, from a point in or near the city of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, to a point in the Province of Ontario, Canada", approved December 16, 1940.

Sault Marys River.
Construction of
bridge authorized.
54 Stat. 1222.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved December 16, 1940, authorizing the State of Michigan, acting through the International Bridge Authority of Michigan, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, across the Saint Marys River, from a point in or near the city of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, to a point in the Province of Ontario, Canada, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.

Proviso.

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

Approved, March 23, 1942.

[CHAPTER 197]

AN ACT

March 27, 1942

[S. 1762]

[Public Law 506]

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to release the claim of the United States to certain land within Coconino County, Arizona.

Coconino County,
Ariz.
Release of land in,
to Lewis E. Hart and
Delia E. Hart.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the United States a quitclaim deed to Lewis E. Hart and Delia E. Hart, husband and wife, releasing to them all right, title, and interest of the United States in a certain tract of land consisting of approximately three hundred and eighty-seven one-thousandths (0.387) acre in Coconino County, Arizona, which on January 24, 1931, was without consideration and as a gift deeded to the United States by said Lewis E. Hart and Delia E. Hart for the use of the Forest Service and which tract is not now needed for any Government purpose, said deed having been recorded in Book 60 of Deeds, pages 63-64, Records of Coconino County, Arizona.

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[CHAPTER 198]

AN ACT

March 27, 1942

[S. 2198]

[Public Law 506]

To provide for the financing of the War Damage Corporation, to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, and for other purposes.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, amendments.
55 Stat. 249.
15 U. S. C. § 606b;
Supp. I, § 606b.
Foot, p. 356.
Acquisition and disposal of real estate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5d of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting immediately before the fifth paragraph thereof the following new subparagraph:

"(5) To acquire real estate and any right or interest therein by purchase, lease, condemnation, or otherwise, determined by the Corporation to be necessary or advantageous to the carrying out of any authority vested in any corporation created or organized pursuant

to this section. The Corporation is also authorized to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any such real estate. Proceedings for such condemnation shall be instituted in the name of the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Act approved August 1, 1888 (25 Stat. 357), as amended, and any real estate already devoted to public use which would be subject to condemnation in proceedings instituted upon application of any officer of the Government shall likewise be subject to condemnation in proceedings instituted upon application of the Corporation as herein provided. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of the Act approved February 26, 1931 (46 Stat. 1421), as amended, shall be applicable in any such proceeding. Any judgment rendered against the United States in any such proceeding shall promptly be paid by the Corporation. Immediately upon the vesting of title in the United States of America in any such proceeding, the Secretary of Commerce, by deed executed by him in the name of the United States of America, shall transfer the entire title or interest so acquired to the Corporation, and the Corporation shall thereupon have the same rights with respect to any real estate so acquired as it has with respect to real estate acquired by purchase. The power to institute proceedings for condemnation in pursuance of this section shall terminate on June 30, 1944, or upon such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution, or the President by proclamation, may designate, but no such proceedings instituted prior to such termination shall abate by reason thereof.⁵⁹

SEC. 2. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5e thereof the following new sections:

"Sec. 5f. (a) Any department, agency, or independent establishment of the Government or any corporation all of the capital stock of which is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Government is hereby authorized, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to sell, transfer, or lease, with or without consideration, to the Corporation or to any corporation created or organized pursuant to section 5d of this Act, any real estate and any right or interest therein.

"Sec. 5g. (a) The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby directed to continue to supply funds to the War Damage Corporation, a corporation created pursuant to section 5d of this Act; and the amount of notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to issue and to have outstanding at any one time under existing law is hereby increased by an amount sufficient to carry out the provisions of this subsection. Such funds shall be supplied only upon the request of the Secretary of Commerce, with the approval of the President, and the aggregate amount of the funds so supplied shall not exceed \$1,000,000,000. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to and shall empower the War Damage Corporation to use its funds to provide, through insurance, reinsurance, or otherwise, reasonable protection against loss of or damage to property, real and personal, which may result from enemy attack (including any action taken by the military, naval, or air forces of the United States in resisting enemy attack), with such general exceptions as the War Damage Corporation, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, may deem advisable. Such protection shall be made available through the War Damage Corporation on and after a date to be determined and published by the Secretary of Commerce which shall not be later than July 1, 1942, upon the payment of such premium or other charge, and subject to such terms and conditions, as the War Damage Corporation, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, may establish, but, in view of the national interest involved, the War Damage Corporation shall

Condemnation proceedings.

40 U. S. C. §§ 257, 258.

40 U. S. C. §§ 258a, 258b, 258d.

Termination of power.

48 Stat. 971.
15 U. S. C. § 606a.

Transfer of real estate.

48 Stat. 1108.
15 U. S. C. § 606b,
Supp. I, § 606b.
Ante, p. 174; *post*,
p. 356.

War Damage Corporation.
Increase of RFC
lending authority.
Post, p. 176.

Protection against
losses from enemy
attack.

Payment of premium.

Establishment of rates.

Limitation of protection.

Provido.
U. S. Maritime Commission.

Area over which U. S. no longer in control.

Losses sustained subsequent to December 6, 1941.

Increase of RFC lending authority.
Post., pp. 326, 695, 697, 698.

Ante., p. 175.

from time to time establish uniform rates for each type of property with respect to which such protection is made available, and, in order to establish a basis for such rates, such Corporation shall estimate the average risk of loss on all property of such type in the United States. Such protection shall be applicable only (1) to such property situated in the United States (including the several States and the District of Columbia), the Philippine Islands, the Canal Zone, the Territories and possessions of the United States, and in such other places as may be determined by the President to be under the dominion and control of the United States, (2) to such property in transit between any points located in any of the foregoing, and (3) to all bridges between the United States and Canada and between the United States and Mexico: *Provided*, That such protection shall not be applicable after the date determined by the Secretary of Commerce under this subsection to property in transit upon which the United States Maritime Commission is authorized to provide marine war-risk insurance. The War Damage Corporation, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, may suspend, restrict, or otherwise limit such protection in any area to the extent that it may determine to be necessary or advisable in consideration of the loss of control over such area by the United States making it impossible or impracticable to provide such protection in such area.

“(b) Subject to the authorizations and limitations prescribed in subsection (a), any loss or damage to any such property sustained subsequent to December 6, 1941, and prior to the date determined by the Secretary of Commerce under subsection (a), may be compensated by the War Damage Corporation without requiring a contract of insurance or the payment of premium or other charge, and such loss or damage may be adjusted as if a policy covering such property was in fact in force at the time of such loss or damage.”

SEC. 3. The amount of notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time under existing law is hereby increased, in addition to the increase authorized in section 2 of this Act, by \$2,500,000,000.

Approved, March 27, 1942.

[CHAPTER 199]

AN ACT

To further expedite the prosecution of the war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION OVER MOTOR AND WATER CARRIERS

SEC. 101. Section 204 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 ed., title 49, sec. 304), is hereby amended by adding after subsection (d) thereof the following:

“(e) The Commission shall have authority with respect to motor carriers, to be exercised under similar circumstances and procedure, equivalent to the authority it has with respect to other carriers under section 1 (15) of part I, and shall have authority, to the extent necessary to facilitate the prosecution of the war and not in contravention of State laws and regulations with respect to sizes and weights of motor vehicles, to make reasonable directions with respect to equip-

49 Stat. 547; 54 Stat. 922.

Authority with respect to motor carriers.

41 Stat. 476.
49 U. S. C. § 1 (15).

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[Public Law 507]

Second War Powers Act, 1942.