

Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Funds for training defense workers.

SEC. 803. No part of any appropriation for training of defense workers contained in this Act shall be available for obligation for a period longer than sixty days after cessation of hostilities in the present war.

Availability of appropriations and authority.

SEC. 804. The appropriations and authority with respect to appropriations contained herein shall be available from and including July 1, 1943, for the purposes respectively provided in such appropriations and authority. All obligations incurred during the period between June 30, 1943, and the date of the enactment of this Act in anticipation of such appropriations and authority are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the terms thereof.

Ratification of incurred obligations.

Short title.

SEC. 805. This Act may be cited as the "Labor-Federal Security Appropriation Act, 1944".

Approved July 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 222]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the provision of butter for the patients of Saint Elizabeths Hospital.

July 12, 1943  
[H. J. Res. 37]  
[Public Law 136]

Whereas it is no longer possible for officials of Saint Elizabeths Hospital in the District of Columbia to obtain butter in amounts required to provide for its six thousand nine hundred mentally ill patients, no response having been received from advertisements for bids for the butter required for the month of December 1942, and the weekly purchase of butter in sufficient amounts from other sources being subject to great uncertainty due to the greatly limited supply of available butter stocks: Therefore be it

Saint Elizabeths Hospital.  
Butter substitutes.  
56 Stat. 585.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That notwithstanding the provisions of the Labor-Federal Security Appropriation Act, 1943, the superintendent of Saint Elizabeths Hospital is hereby authorized, whenever he finds the procurement of an adequate butter supply is not feasible, to purchase from the funds therein appropriated for the hospital, such butter substitutes as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the hospital.

SEC. 2. This Act shall remain in effect only during the present national emergency.

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[CHAPTER 223]

AN ACT

To authorize the use for war purposes of silver held or owned by the United States.

July 12, 1943  
[S. 35]  
[Public Law 137]

Sale or lease of Government silver.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President is authorized, through the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the War Production Board, to sell, or lease for domestic purposes for a period not longer than six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war, as proclaimed by the President, upon such terms as the Secretary of the Treasury

shall deem advisable, to any person, partnership, association, or corporation, or any department of the Government, for purposes, including but not limited to the making of munitions of war and the supplying of civilian needs, and the converting of existing plants to those purposes, any silver held or owned by the United States: *Provided*, That no silver shall be sold under this Act at less than 71.11 cents per fine troy ounce: *Provided further*, That at all times the ownership and the possession or control within the United States of an amount of silver of a monetary value equal to the face amount of all outstanding silver certificates heretofore or hereafter issued by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be maintained by the Treasury.

Minimum price.  
Maintenance of designated amount of silver.

SEC. 2. This Act shall expire on December 31, 1944.

Approved July 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 224]

AN ACT

To provide for emergency flood-control work made necessary by recent floods, and for other purposes.

July 12, 1943  
[S. 1134]  
[Public Law 138]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated as an emergency fund to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for the repair, restoration, and strengthening of levees and other flood-control works which have been threatened or destroyed by the recent floods: *Provided*, That pending the appropriation of said sum the Secretary of War may allot from existing flood-control appropriations such sums as may be necessary for the immediate prosecution of the work herein authorized, such appropriations to be reimbursed from the appropriation herein authorized when made: *Provided further*, That funds allotted under this authority shall not be diverted from the unobligated funds from the appropriation "Flood control, general", made available in the War Department Civil Appropriation Act, 1944, for specific purposes therein enumerated.

Emergency flood-control works. Appropriation authorized. Post, p. 544.

Allotments; reimbursement.

Funds not to be diverted.

Act, p. 95.

SEC. 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall be deemed to be additional and supplemental to, and not in lieu of, existing general legislation authorizing allocation of flood-control funds for restoration of flood-control works threatened or destroyed by flood.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to suspend all quota provisions and other limitations with respect to the production of agricultural commodities on any lands affected by floods in 1943 whenever he finds that crops have been destroyed or plantings interfered with or washed out on said lands by reason of such floods, and he is further authorized to permit the maximum planting on such lands of any crops which are essential to the war effort, without the imposition of any penalty or the withholding of any benefit, soil conservation, or other agricultural payments.

Suspension of quota provisions; maximum planting.

SEC. 4. The War Production Board, and every other governmental agency which has jurisdiction over allocations and priorities relating to farm machinery and equipment, are authorized and directed immediately to take such steps as may be necessary to provide for the necessary allocations and priorities to enable farmers in the areas affected by floods in 1943 to replace and repair their farm machinery and equipment which was destroyed or damaged by such floods, and to continue farming operations.

Farm machinery and equipment. Allocations and priorities.

Approved July 12, 1943.