

extent deemed necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture for the successful prosecution of the project; and as to each such project the limitations on expenditures provided in sections 1 and 9 shall be inoperative. Appropriations made pursuant to section 12 shall be available for expenditures for continuation of construction on any project heretofore undertaken under the 1940 water conservation appropriation, and such expenditures and those from the 1940 water conservation appropriation may be excluded from the costs of any such project in determining the amounts required to be reimbursed, to the extent the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture jointly determine is necessary to keep reimbursable costs within the ability of the water users to repay. No project may be initiated for construction or, if heretofore authorized, continued under this subsection unless the Secretary, following consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, finds that the proposed construction under this subsection is justifiable as an aid in the production of needed agricultural products and the President approves said finding. The utilization of services or labor of prisoners of war under section 2 is authorized, subject to the approval of, and regulations by, the War Department or other Federal agency having control of said prisoners. From and after the date six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress, this subsection shall no longer be of any force or effect except as to projects on which construction has been initiated or continued under this subsection prior to said date."

SEC. 6. Section 5 of the Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection:

"(c) Where the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$300, the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5) shall not apply to any purchase or service authorized for the Department of Agriculture under this Act or under the 1940 water conservation appropriation."

• Approved July 16, 1943.

[CHAPTER 243]

AN ACT

September 28, 1943
[S. 1224]
[Public Law 153]

To designate the Public Library of the District of Columbia a public depository for governmental publications.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Public Library of the District of Columbia is hereby constituted a designated depository of governmental publications, and the Superintendent of Documents shall supply to such library one copy of each such publication, in the same form as supplied to other designated depositories.

Approved September 28, 1943.

[CHAPTER 248]

AN ACT

September 29, 1943
[S. 789]
[Public Law 154]

To provide for the mailing of annual notices to owners of tax-exempt properties in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of Public Law 846, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved December 24, 1942, is amended by striking out the period at the end of the section and inserting a colon and the following: "*Provided,* That such rules

54 Stat. 1119, 1124,
1125.
16 U. S. C. Supp.
II, § 590y; 16 U. S. C.
§§ 590z-7, 590z-10.
Ante, p. 566.

Approval of project.

Labor of prisoners
of war.
54 Stat. 1120.
16 U. S. C. § 590z.

Duration.

54 Stat. 1122.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-3.

Minor purchases.

53 Stat. 719.

Public Library,
D. C.

Tax-exempt proper-
ties, D. C.
56 Stat. 1091.
D. C. Code, Supp.
II, § 47-801f.

and regulations shall include provision for mailing annually, on or before February 1 of each year, to each of the institutions, organizations, corporations, or associations required by section 3 of this Act to file annual reports, notice of its contingent tax liability under this Act, together with a copy of any standard form for such reports which shall have been prescribed by the Commissioners under authority of this section."

D. C. Code, Supp. II, § 47-80c.

Approved September 29, 1943.

[CHAPTER 249]

AN ACT

To fix the compensation of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia and the Superintendent of the National Training School for Girls.

September 29, 1943
[S. 1223]
[Public Law 156]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the date of approval of this Act the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, appointed in accordance with section 548 of the Act of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1275), shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$8,000 per annum.

Recorder of Deeds,
D. C.

D. C. Code § 45-701.

SEC. 2. From and after the date of approval of this Act, and notwithstanding any provisions of the Act of July 9, 1888 (25 Stat. ch. 595), or any provisions of the Act of March 16, 1926 (44 Stat. ch. 58), or any provisions of any other Act heretofore approved, the Superintendent of the National Training School for Girls shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$3,600 per annum.

Superintendent, National Training School for Girls.
25 Stat. 245; 44 Stat. 208.

Approved September 29, 1943.

[CHAPTER 253]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making additional appropriations for the fiscal year 1944 for emergency maternity and infant care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces.

October 1, 1943
[H. J. Res. 159]
[Public Law 156]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, under the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, namely:

Children's Bureau,
Department of Labor.
Additional appropriations, 1944.

Grants to States for emergency maternity and infant care (national defense): For an additional amount for grants to States, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, to provide, in addition to similar services otherwise available, medical, nursing, and hospital maternity and infant care for wives and infants of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades in the armed forces of the United States, under allotments by the Secretary of Labor and plans developed and administered by State health agencies and approved by the Chief of the Children's Bureau, \$18,600,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation may be used for payments of commitments made prior to October 1, 1943, in the cases of wives and infants of enlisted men in grades one, two, and three.

Ans., p. 497.

Salaries and expenses, emergency maternity and infant care (national defense): For all necessary expenses of the Children's Bureau in performing the duties imposed upon it in carrying out the program for emergency maternity and infant care, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and other items otherwise chargeable to the appropriations of the Department of Labor for contingent expenses, traveling expenses, and printing and binding, \$20,000.

Approved October 1, 1943.