

or the Secretary of the Interior by any Act relating to management of federally owned or administered forest lands, and nothing contained in any such Acts shall be construed to limit or restrict any authority conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior by this Act.

SEC. 10. Funds available for the protection or management of Federally owned or administered forest land within the unit concerned may also be expended in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums for the purposes of this Act as the Congress may from time to time deem necessary, but such additional sums shall not exceed \$150,000 for the Department of Agriculture and \$50,000 for the Department of the Interior, for any fiscal year.

Approved March 29, 1944.

Funds available.

Additional appropriations authorized.
Post, p. 606.

[CHAPTER 147]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to accept gifts and bequests for the United States Naval Academy, and for other purposes.

March 31, 1944

[S. 1640]

[Public Law 274]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized in his discretion to accept, receive, hold, administer, and expend gifts and bequests of personal property, from individuals or others, for the benefit of, or for use in connection with, the United States Naval Academy.

Naval Academy.
Gifts and bequests.

SEC. 2. Gifts or bequests of money or the proceeds from sales of other property received as gifts shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States under the title "United States Naval Academy general gift fund", and any funds so deposited shall be subject to disbursement by the Secretary of the Navy for the benefit or use of the United States Naval Academy subject to the terms and conditions of the acceptance of any particular gift or bequest.

Deposit and disbursement of funds.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of Federal income, estate and gift taxes, gifts and bequests accepted by the Secretary of the Navy under authority of this Act shall be deemed to be a gift or bequest to or for the use of the United States.

Federal taxes.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, upon request of the Secretary of the Navy, to invest, reinvest, or retain investments of the money or securities composing the United States Naval Academy general gift fund, or any part thereof, deposited in the Treasury pursuant to section 2 of this Act, in securities of the United States Government or in securities guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States Government. The interest and profits accruing from such securities may be deposited to the credit of the United States Naval Academy general gift fund, and will be available for disbursement as provided in section 2 of this Act.

Investments.

Approved March 31, 1944.

[CHAPTER 148]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved March 2, 1895, as amended.

March 31, 1944

[S. 1647]

[Public Law 275]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1895 (28 Stat. 807), as amended by an Act approved March 8, 1928 (45 Stat. 247), is further amended by inserting in the third line of the proviso as it appears

Corporate surety bonds.

6 U. S. C. § 3.

on page 247 of volume 45 of the United States Statutes at Large, after the word "employees" the following: "officers and employees of other civilian agencies of the United States and bonded officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard."

Approved March 31, 1944.

[CHAPTER 149]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 31, 1944
[H. J. Res. 234]
[Public Law 276]

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, for the purpose of further regulating interstate and foreign commerce in tobacco, and for other purposes.

Whereas the increased demand for cigarettes and other tobacco products has resulted in record usages during recent years of burley tobacco; and

Whereas, due to a shortage of labor and equipment and the need for the production of essential food and fiber crops, the production of burley tobacco has not kept pace with this increased usage; and

Whereas small growers of burley tobacco could, if their acreage allotments were increased, produce additional burley tobacco without adversely affecting their production of essential food and fiber crops: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 313 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the burley tobacco acreage allotment which would otherwise be established for any farm having a burley acreage allotment in 1943 shall not be less than one acre, or 25 per centum of the cropland, whichever is the smaller, and the acreage required for apportionment under this joint resolution shall be in addition to the National and State acreage allotments.

Resolved, That Public Law 118, Seventy-eighth Congress, approved July 7, 1943, is amended by striking out the words "marketing year 1944-45" and inserting in lieu thereof "marketing years 1944-45, 1945-46, and 1946-47".

Approved March 31, 1944.

[CHAPTER 150]

AN ACT

April 1, 1944
[S. 1285]
[Public Law 277]

To facilitate voting, in time of war, by members of the land and naval forces, members of the merchant marine, and others, absent from the place of their residence, and to amend the Act of September 16, 1942, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 712, Seventy-seventh Congress, be amended by inserting after the enacting clause the words "TITLE I" and by striking out sections 3 to 15, inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to restrict the right of any member of the armed forces of the United States or of any other person to vote in accordance with the law of the State of his residence.

"TITLE II

"USE OF STATE BALLOTS

"SEC. 201. The Congress hereby expresses itself as favoring, and recommends to the several States the immediate enactment of,

Burley tobacco acreage allotment.
52 Stat. 47.
7 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 1313 (a).

Marketing quotas.
57 Stat. 387.
7 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 1313 note.

Absentee voting in time of war.
56 Stat. 753.
50 U. S. C., Supp. III, §§ 301-315.

Right to vote.

Recommendations to States.
Enactment of appropriate legislation.