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(d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the application to motor vehicles of the personal property tax in force at the time of the enactment of this Act, which personal property tax shall continue to be levied, assessed, and collected on motor vehicles.

SEC. 18. That the Commissioners may make such regulations as in their judgment are necessary for the administration of this Act and may affix thereto such fines and penalties as in their judgment are necessary to enforce such regulations (in cases in which a penalty is not otherwise provided by law).

Approved, April 23, 1924.

CHAP. 132.—Joint Resolution For the relief of the drought-stricken farm areas of New Mexico.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, for the spring and fall planting of 1924, to make advances or loans to farmers in the drought-stricken areas of New Mexico, where he shall find that special need exists for such assistance, for the purchase of seed and feed for actual farming purposes, not including the purchase of equipment, as he may find need for the cultivation of farm lands within the said State, subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe, including an agreement by each farmer to use the money obtained by him for the production of such crops as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate and to give a valid lien on the growing crops to be produced from money obtained through such loan or advance in manner and form as required by the laws of New Mexico, which said lien, when recorded, shall have priority in payment over all other liens or encumbrances of whatsoever kind on such crops. Such advances or loans shall be made upon such terms and conditions subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe, including an agreement by each farmer to use the money obtained by him for the production of such crops as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate and to give a valid lien on the growing crops to be produced from money obtained through such loan or advance in manner and form as required by the laws of New Mexico, which said lien, when recorded, shall have priority in payment over all other liens or encumbrances of whatsoever kind on such crops. A first lien on the crop to be produced from money obtained through this loan or advance made under this Act shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be deemed sufficient security therefor. All such loans or advances shall be made through such agencies as the Secretary of Agriculture shall designate, and in no instance shall any portion of funds obtained through the administration of this Act be used for the payment of obligations other than those incurred under the regulations as provided by the Secretary of Agriculture in the administration and in accordance with the provisions herein contained.

SEC. 2. That for the purposes of this Act there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,000,000, to be immediately available, and not more than $10,000 may be used in the District of Columbia by the Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of this Act.

SEC. 3. That any person who shall knowingly make any false representation for the purpose of obtaining a loan or advance under the foregoing section upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding $1,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Approved, April 26, 1924.

CHAP. 133.—Joint Resolution Making an additional appropriation for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal years 1924 and 1925.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of $1,500,000 is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
appropriated, for personal services and other expenditures in the
District of Columbia and elsewhere in connection with the arrest and
eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious pleuro-
pneumonia, or other contagious or infectious disease of animals, in-
cluding the payment of claims growing out of past and future pur-
chases and destruction, in cooperation with the States, of animals
affected by or exposed to, or of materials contaminated by or ex-
posed to, any such disease, wherever found and irrespective of owner-
ship, under like or substantially similar circumstances, when such
owner has complied with all lawful quarantine regulations, and in-
cluding necessary investigations to determine whether such diseases
have been completely eradicated in districts where they previously
existed; such sum to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture
when, in his judgment, an emergency exists which threatens the live-
stock industry of the country, and to remain available until June 30,
1925: Provided, That the payment for animals hereafter purchased
may be made on an appraisement based on the meat, dairy, or breeding
value, but in case of appraisement based on breeding value no
appraisement of any animal shall exceed three times its meat or dairy
value, and, except in case of an extraordinary emergency, to be de-
termined by the Secretary of Agriculture, the payment by the United
States Government for any animal shall not exceed one-half of any
such appraisement.

Approved, April 26, 1924.

CHAP. 134.—An Act For the relief of dispossessed allotted Indians of the
Nisqually Reservation, Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is here-
by authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury
not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $85,000, in full settlement
of the claims against the United States of twenty-five heads of
families of the Nisqually Reservation in Washington, said sum being
compensation for the difference between the appraised value and
the compromise price paid for approximately three thousand three
hundred acres of allotted Indian land taken for military purposes,
and for surrender of treaty rights and removal expenses, as set out
in Senate Document Numbered 243, Sixty-sixth Congress, second
session, containing the report dated February 28, 1920, of the Acting
Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved
June 30, 1919 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, pages 3-28).

Sec. 2. That said sum of $85,000 hereby authorized to be appro-
priated shall be expended, in the discretion of the Secretary of the
Interior, for the benefit of the said dispossessed families or indi-
vidual Indians, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

Approved, April 28, 1924.

CHAP. 135.—An Act To authorize the leasing for mining purposes of unal-
lotted lands in the Kaw Reservation in the State of Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secre-
tary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to lease for
mining purposes lands reserved from allotment to be used as a
cemetery and not needed for that purpose, and lands reserved for
school and agency purposes in the Kaw Reservation in the State of
Oklahoma, and for the use and benefit of the members of the