SIXTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. Sess. I. Ch. 270. 1924.

CHAP. 270.—An Act Providing for a comprehensive development of the park and playground system of the National Capital.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to preserve the flow of water in Rock Creek, to prevent pollution of Rock Creek and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, to preserve forests and natural scenery in and about Washington, and to provide for the comprehensive systematic, and continuous development of the park, parkway, and playground system of the National Capital, there is hereby constituted a commission, to be known as the National Capital Park Commission, composed of the Chief of Engineers of the Army, the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, the Director of the National Park Service, the Chief of the Forest Service, the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds and the chairman of the Committees on the District of Columbia of the Senate and House of Representatives. At the close of each Congress the Presiding Officer of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint, respectively, a Senator elect and a Representative elect to the succeeding Congress to serve as members of this commission until the chairmen of committees of the succeeding Congress shall be chosen. The officer in charge of public buildings and grounds shall be the executive and disbursing officer of said commission.

Sec. 2. Said commission or a majority thereof is hereby authorized and directed to acquire such lands as in its judgment shall be necessary and desirable in the District of Columbia and adjacent areas in Maryland and Virginia, within the limits of the appropriations made for such purposes, for suitable development of the National Capital park, parkway, and playground system. That said commission is hereby authorized to acquire such lands by purchase when they can be acquired at prices reasonable in the judgment of said commission, otherwise by condemnation proceedings, such proceedings to acquire lands within the District of Columbia to be in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved August 30, 1890, providing a site for the Government Printing Office (United States Statutes at Large, volume 26, chapter 837), the Chief of Engineers of the Army being, for the purposes of this Act, hereby clothed with all the power vested by the said Act of August 30, 1890, in the board created by that Act. Said commission is hereby authorized to acquire such lands, located in Maryland or Virginia, either by purchase or condemnation proceedings, by such arrangements as to acquisition and payment for the lands as it shall determine upon by agreement with the proper officials of the States of Maryland and Virginia. In the selection of lands to be acquired the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts shall be requested. The designation of all lands to be acquired by condemnation, all contracts for purchase of lands, and all agreements between said commission and the officials of the States of Maryland and Virginia shall be subject to the approval of the President of the United States.

Sec. 3. That there is authorized to be appropriated, each year hereafter, in the annual District of Columbia Appropriation Act, a sum not exceeding one cent for each inhabitant of the continental United States as determined by the last preceding decennial census, said sum to be used by said commission for the payment of its expenses and for the acquisition of the lands herein authorized to be acquired by said commission for the purposes named, the compensation for the land, the expense of surveys, ascertainment of title, condemnation proceedings, if any, and necessary conveyancing to be paid from said appropriations. The funds so appropriated shall be paid from the revenues of the District of Columbia and the general funds.
of the Treasury in the same proportion as other expenses of the District
of Columbia. The land so acquired within the District of Columbia
shall be a part of the park system of the District of Columbia and
be under control of the Chief of Engineers of the United States
Army; that areas suitable for playground purposes may, in the dis-
cretion of said Commission, be assigned to the control of the Com-
missioners of the District of Columbia for playground purposes.
That the land so acquired outside the District of Columbia shall be
controlled as determined by agreement between said commission and
the proper officers of the States of Maryland and Virginia, such
agreements to be subject to the approval of the President.
Sec. 4. Said commission shall report to Congress annually on the
first Monday of December the lands acquired during the preceding
fiscal year, the method of acquisition, and the cost of each tract. It
shall also submit to the Bureau of the Budget on or before September
15 of each year its estimate of the total sum to be appropriated for
expenditure under the provisions of this Act during the succeeding
fiscal year.
Approved, June 6, 1924.

CHAP. 271.—An Act To authorize the Commissioners of the District
of Columbia to accept certain land in the District of Columbia dedicated by
Charles C. Glover for park purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Com-
missioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby,
authorized and directed to accept the land lying along Foundry
Branch between Massachusetts Avenue and Reservoir Street, dedi-
cated by Charles C. Glover for park purposes, and containing
approximately seventy-seven and one-half acres, as more accurately
shown on map Number 1003, filed in the office of the surveyor of the
District of Columbia, which tract of land shall be known as "The
Glover Parkway and Children's Playground"; and the said com-
missioners are further authorized to accept any dedications of addi-
tional land contiguous to this tract for park purposes.
Sec. 2. That the Glover Parkway and Children's Playground and
additions thereto, when acquired, shall become a part of the park
system of the District of Columbia.
Approved, June 6, 1924.

CHAP. 272.—An Act For the protection of the fisheries of Alaska, and for
other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the
purpose of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the United
States in all waters of Alaska the Secretary of Commerce from time
to time may set apart and reserve fishing areas in any of the waters
of Alaska over which the United States has jurisdiction, and within
such areas may establish closed seasons during which fishing may be
limited or prohibited as he may prescribe. Under this authority to
limit fishing in any area so set apart and reserved the Secretary may
(a) fix the size and character of nets, boats, traps, or other gear
and appliances to be used therein; (b) limit the catch of fish to be
taken from any area; (c) make such regulations as to time, means,
methods, and extent of fishing as he may deem advisable. From and
after the creation of any such fishing area and during the time