[CHAPTER 16]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of forty-five days.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for which bids have been received in the third contract section for a period of forty-five days after March 7, 1939.

Approved, March 25, 1939.

[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase of certain lands for the Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to purchase with any available funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated pursuant to authority contained in section 5 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. L. 984), lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, north half northeast quarter southwest quarter northeast quarter, north half southeast quarter northeast quarter, north half southeast quarter southeast quarter northeast quarter, section 24, township 15 south, range 15 east, and lots 4, 5, and 6, section 19, township 15 south, range 16 east, New Mexico principal meridian, New Mexico. Title to the lands shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation.

Approved, March 27, 1939.

[CHAPTER 18]

AN ACT

To repeal section 9 of the Act of March 3, 1875 (18 Stat. L. 450), as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Act of March 3, 1875 (18 Stat. L. 450), as amended (U. S. C., title 25, sec. 95), providing for the submission by bidders of certified checks or bonds in the amount of 5 per centum of each proposal in excess of $5,000 for goods, supplies, transportation, and so forth, for and on account of the Indian Service, is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 27, 1939.

[CHAPTER 19]

AN ACT

To create the office of Military Secretary to the General of the Armies of the United States of America, with the rank of colonel, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the office of Military Secretary to the General of the Armies of the United States of America, with the rank of colonel, is hereby created, and the President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, and by and with the