any such association, corporation, or other institution maintaining such hospital may, within such period, enforce its lien by a suit at law against such person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations making any such payment.

Sec. 4. Any person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations legally liable for such lien or against whom a claim shall be asserted for compensation for such injuries, shall be permitted to examine the ledger entries and similar records of any such association, corporation, or other institution or body maintaining such hospital for the purpose of ascertaining the basis for such lien.

Sec. 5. The clerk of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia shall provide a suitable bound book to be called the hospital lien docket, in which, upon the filing of any lien claim under the provisions of this Act, he shall enter the name of the injured person, the name of the person, firm, or corporation alleged to be liable for the injuries, the date of the accident, and the name of the hospital or other institution making the claim. Said clerk shall make a proper index of the same in the name of the injured person and the clerk shall charge such reasonable fees, not to exceed the sum of $1, as the court may by rule fix for the recording, indexing, and the releasing of the lien so filed.

Approved, June 30, 1939.

[CHAPTER 256]

AN ACT

To extend the period during which direct obligations of the United States may be used as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words “until June 30, 1939” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “until June 30, 1941”.

Approved, June 30, 1939.

[CHAPTER 257]

AN ACT

To extend the time within which annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States may be commenced, for the year commencing at 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1938.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to comply with the provisions of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which requires on each mining claim located, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than $100 worth of labor to be performed or improvements aggregating such amount to be made each year, it shall be sufficient, for the year beginning at 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1938, if such work or improvements are in good faith commenced on or before 12 o'clock meridian September 1, 1939, and prosecuted with reasonable diligence to completion.

Approved, June 30, 1939.