is authorized, through such channels as he may deem proper, to negotiate and enter into an agreement or agreements with the Dominion of Canada for a location survey for a railroad of standard gage to connect the existing railroad system now terminating at Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, with the railroad system serving the Territory of Alaska and terminating at Fairbanks, Alaska, together with all branches and extensions of said new railroad system, and in cooperation with the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to cause a survey or surveys to be made to determine the most practicable route for such railroad, as well as construction plans and specifications and estimates of the probable cost thereof, and plans for financing its construction, operation, and maintenance.

Sec. 2. The President is further authorized to designate such agency or agencies of the United States as he may select to carry on, either directly or under contract, the work of survey of the route for such railroad. Such agency or agencies are authorized and directed to cooperate directly with like agencies or officials to be designated by the Government of the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of coordinating and expediting the work of such location survey.

Sec. 3. The work of all existing agencies which may be engaged in like or affiliated activities in the Territory of Alaska and in western Canada shall hereafter be correlated with the work contemplated under this Act.

Sec. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the President, through such agency or agencies as he may designate, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 735]

AN ACT

To amend and supplement the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 653), and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually not more than $20,000,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 653), as amended: Provided, That the appropriation under this authorization shall not exceed $11,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950; $13,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951; $15,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952; $17,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953; and $19,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 654), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the various States in the procurement, production, and distribution of forest-tree seeds and plants, for the purpose of establishing forests, windbreaks, shelter belts, and farm wood lots upon denuded or nonforested lands within such cooperating States, under such conditions and requirements as he may prescribe to the end that forest-tree seeds or plants so procured, produced, or distributed shall be used effectively for planting denuded or nonforested lands in the cooperating States and growing timber thereon. The amount expended by the Federal Government in cooperation with any State during any fiscal year for such purposes shall not exceed the amount expended by the State for the same purposes
during the same fiscal year, and the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make expenditures on the certificate of the State official having charge of the cooperative work for the State that State expenditures as provided for in this section have been made. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of this section not more than $1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950; $1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951; $2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952; and $2,500,000 for each subsequent fiscal year."

Sec. 3. Section 5 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 654), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed, in cooperation with the land grant colleges and universities of the various States or, in his discretion, with other suitable State agencies, to aid farmers through advice, education, demonstrations, and other similar means in establishing, renewing, protecting, and managing wood lots, shelter belts, windbreaks, and other valuable forest growth, and in harvesting utilizing, and marketing the products thereof. Except for preliminary investigations, the amount expended by the Federal Government under this section in cooperation with any State or other cooperating agency during any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount expended by the State or other cooperating agency for the same purpose during the same fiscal year, and the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make expenditures on the certificate of the appropriate State official that the State expenditures, as provided for in this section, have been made. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than $500,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of this section."

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds heretofore or hereafter authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture or available under any other than the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 653), shall be used for carrying out the programs or activities authorized by sections 1, 2, and 3 of said Act, as amended: Provided, That whenever the programs and activities being carried out under the provisions of sections 1, 2, and 3 of said Act are inadequate to the needs and purposes of programs and activities authorized by other law the use of funds specifically authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture or made available under other law shall not be prohibited to the extent that the programs and activities under said sections of the Act of June 7, 1924, are inadequate to accomplish the purposes of such other programs or activities.

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 736]

AN ACT

To provide for the amendment of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1949".

DECLARATION OF POLICY

Sec. 2. Section 2. (b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) It is hereby declared to be the policy of this Act, through the exercise by Congress of its power to regulate commerce among the