[CHAPTER 747]

AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of certain lands of the United States situated in Iosco County, Michigan, for lands within the national forests of Michigan, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to approval by the National Forest Reservation Commission as established by section 4 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961), the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to exchange the following-described lands for lands of at least equal value situated within the exterior boundaries of national forests within the State of Michigan: Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of block 13, all of block 14, lots 1 to 10, inclusive, of block 15, lots 1 to 12, inclusive, of block 16, of Neumans Addition, East Tawas, Iosco County, Michigan: Provided, That any lands conveyed to the United States under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to all of the laws and rules and regulations applicable to lands acquired under the afore-mentioned Act of March 1, 1911, as amended: Provided, That if the mayor or other appropriate official of said town of East Tawas certifies in writing to the Secretary of Agriculture that any such lands authorized to be exchanged will be used for public purposes, the value of the lands to be accepted in exchange therefor by the Secretary of Agriculture shall be of a value at least equal to the sum of (1) the value of such lands used for non-public purposes, and (2) 50 per centum of the value of such lands used for public purposes: Provided further, That if, at any time during the five-year period after such exchange, such lands originally used for public purposes cease to be so used, title thereto shall revert to the United States unless said town of East Tawas pays or transfers to the United States money, lands, or other valuable consideration equal to 50 per centum of the value (computed as of the date of such exchange) of such lands.

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 751]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Airport Act so as to authorize appropriations for projects in the Virgin Islands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 (c) of the Federal Airport Act is amended to read as follows:

"(c) For the purpose of carrying out this Act with respect to projects in the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, annual appropriations amounting in the aggregate to $20,000,000 are hereby authorized to be made to the Administrator over a period of seven fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947. The appropriation for any such fiscal year shall remain available until June 30, 1953, unless sooner expended. Not to exceed 5 per centum of any such annual appropriation, as specified in the Act making such appropriation, shall be available to the Administrator for necessary planning and research and for administrative expenses incident to the administration of this Act with respect to projects in the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and the amount so available shall be deducted from such appropriation for purposes of determining the amount thereof available for grants for projects therein. Of the total amount available for such grants, 45 per centum
shall be available for projects in the Territory of Alaska, 25 per centum shall be available for projects in the Territory of Hawaii, 25 per centum shall be available for projects in Puerto Rico, and 5 per centum shall be available for projects in the Virgin Islands.”

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 752] AN ACT

To amend section 16 of the Hawaiian Organic Act relative to disqualification of legislators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Hawaiian Organic Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 16. DISQUALIFICATION OF LEGISLATORS.—That no member of the legislature shall, during the term for which he is elected, be appointed or elected to any office of the Territory of Hawaii: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall prevent a member of the legislature from serving as a delegate to a constitutional convention.”

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 753] AN ACT

To extend the benefits of section 23 of the Bankhead-Jones Act to Puerto Rico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of section 23 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for research into basic laws and principles relating to agriculture and to provide for the further development of cooperative agricultural extension work and the more complete endowment and support of land-grant colleges”, approved June 29, 1935 (49 Stat. 436; 7 U. S. C. 343C) and known as the Bankhead-Jones Act, as added by the Act of June 6, 1945 (59 Stat. L. 231), be, and the same are hereby, extended to Puerto Rico in such amounts as are hereinafter authorized without diminution of the amounts authorized for payments to the States and the Territory of Hawaii as provided in section 23 of that Act.

Sec. 2. To carry into effect the above provisions for extending to Puerto Rico, to the extent herein provided, the benefits of the said Bankhead-Jones Act, the following sums are hereby authorized to be appropriated: For the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, $101,090; for the fiscal year following the first fiscal year for which an appropriation is made in pursuance of the foregoing authorization, the additional sum of $100,000; and for each succeeding fiscal year thereafter, an additional sum of $100,000 until the total appropriations authorized by this section shall amount to $401,090 annually, the authorization to continue in that amount for each succeeding fiscal year.

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 754] AN ACT

To authorize the issuance of certain public-improvement bonds by the Territory of Hawaii.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, during the years 1949 to 1955, inclusive, the Territory of Hawaii is authorized