No part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of any site for a new hospital, or for the construction of any new hospital, or for the purchase of any hospital; and not more than $5,781,000 of this appropriation may be expended to alter, improve, or provide facilities in the several hospitals under the jurisdiction of the United States Veterans’ Bureau so as to furnish adequate accommodations for its beneficiaries, of which $1,673,000 shall be immediately available.

The allotments made to the Public Health Service, War, Navy, Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and Interior Department and other governmental agencies shall be available for expenditure for care and treatment of beneficiaries of the United States Veterans’ Bureau, and for necessary minor repairs and improvements of existing facilities, under the various headings of appropriations made to said departments as may be necessary.

Vocational rehabilitation: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the vocational rehabilitation and return to civil employment of disabled persons discharged from the military or naval forces of the United States, and for other purposes,” approved June 27, 1918, as amended, $120,743,000: Provided, That no part of the foregoing sum shall be used for the establishment, maintenance, or operation of training schools at any Army camp or cantonment acquired for use as a training center, except Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio: Provided further, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be expended for construction work except necessary extensions, additions, and repairs: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the purchase and distribution of embossed literature in Revised Braille for the use of blinded ex-service men and for procurement of equipment and supplies for the production of such literature.

For military and naval insurance, $90,000,000.

All moneys hereafter refunded or received in connection with the proper conduct of the work of the United States Veterans’ Bureau shall be covered into the appropriation for the work from or on account of which the collection is made and be available for the purpose of such appropriation: Provided, That on the first day of each regular session of Congress the Director of the Veterans’ Bureau shall transmit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a statement giving in detail the amount of moneys so refunded or received and the appropriations into which the same are covered.

Hereafter section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service rendered in the United States Veterans’ Bureau when the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the sum of $50.

Approved, February 13, 1923.


CHAP. 73.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of title to certain land within the Shasta National Forest, California.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, and without expense to the United States, except for recording deed and for taxes for the current year, from Mary Burt Brittan, of San Francisco, California, a gift of certain land described as lots one, two, three, and four, section eighteen, township thirty-nine north, range four west, Mount Diablo meridian,
and the northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township thirty-nine north, range five west, Mount Diablo meridian, conveyed by deed dated July 4, 1922: Provided, That said lands shall thereupon become a part of the Shasta National Forest and subject to all laws relating thereto except the mineral land laws.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay the expense of recording of the deed and taxes for the current year from the appropriation made for general expenses of the Forest Service.

Approved, February 13, 1923.

CHAP. 74.—An Act To permit the State of Montana to exchange cut-over timberlands granted for educational purposes for other lands of like character and approximate value.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That tracts of timbered lands heretofore granted to the State of Montana for educational purposes, from which the timber has been cut or removed pursuant to State laws, may, under such rules and regulations as the legislature of said State shall prescribe, be exchanged for other lands of like character and approximately of equal value, in private ownership, which exchanged land shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations to the end that the State may acquire holdings in reasonably compact form and reforesting be undertaken in an economic manner, anything in the enabling act of said State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 14, 1923.

CHAP. 75.—An Act Providing for the acquirement by the United States of privately owned lands situated within certain townships in the Lincoln National Forest, in the State of New Mexico, by exchanging therefor lands on the public domain also within such State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the owner or owners of any privately owned lands, situated within township eighteen south, range eleven east, or townships fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, and nineteen south, range twelve east, New Mexico principal meridian, within the county of Otero and State of New Mexico, and within the present boundaries of the Lincoln National Forest, shall submit to the Secretary of Agriculture a proposal for the exchange of said lands for lands upon the public domain situated in the county of Otero and State of New Mexico, and such Secretary shall be of opinion that the acquirement of the same by the United States for national forest purposes would be beneficial thereto, he is hereby authorized and empowered to transmit to the Secretary of the Interior such offer so made to him, together with such recommendations as he may see proper to make in connection therewith, together with a description of the property included in such offer and an estimate of the commercial or other value thereof, intrinsically or otherwise: and if he shall recommend the acquirement of the same by the United States under the provisions hereof, then, and in such event, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered in his discretion to enter into and conclude negotiations with such owner or owners thereof and in exchange for such designated privately owned lands, and upon conveyance by the owner or owners thereof to the United States by a