permit or permits, under this Act, or which, together with any other interest or interests as a member of an association or associations or as a stockholder of a corporation or corporations holding a lease or leases, permit or permits, under the provisions hereof for any kind of mineral leases hereunder, exceeds in the aggregate an amount equivalent to the maximum number of acres of the respective kinds of minerals allowed to any one lessee or permittee under this Act. Any interests held in violation of this Act shall be forfeited to the United States by appropriate proceedings instituted by the Attorney General for that purpose in the United States district court for the district in which the property, or some part thereof, is located, except that any ownership or interest forbidden in this Act which may be acquired by descent, will, judgment, or decree may be held for two years and not longer after its acquisition: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit sections 18, 18a, 19, and 22 or to prevent any number of lessees under the provisions of this Act from combining their several interests so far as may be necessary for the purposes of constructing and carrying on the business of a refinery, or of establishing and constructing as a common carrier a pipe line or lines of railroads to be operated and used by them jointly in the transportation of oil from their several wells, or from the wells of other lessees under this Act, or the transportation of coal to increase the acreage which may be acquired or held under section 17 of this Act: Provided further, That any combination for such purpose or purposes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior on application to him for permission to form the same. And provided further, That if any of the lands or deposits leased under the provisions of this Act shall be subleased, trusteed, possessed, or controlled by any device permanently, temporarily, directly, indirectly, tacitly, or in any manner whatsoever, so that they form a part of, or are in anywise controlled by any combination in the form of an unlawful trust, with consent of lessee, or form the subject of any contract or conspiracy in restraint of trade, etc., to control the price or prices thereof or of any holding of such lands by any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or control, in excess of the amounts of lands provided in this Act, the lease thereof shall be forfeited by appropriate court proceedings. Approved, April 30, 1926.

April 30, 1926

PUBLIC LAW 118—An Act Amending the Act entitled "An Act providing for a comprehensive development of the park and playground system of the National Capital," approved June 6, 1924.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act approved June 6, 1924, entitled "An Act providing for a comprehensive development of the park and playground system of the National Capital," is hereby amended to read as follows: "Section 1. (a) That to develop a comprehensive, consistent, and coordinated plan for the National Capital and its environs in the States of Maryland and Virginia, to preserve the flow of water in Rock Creek, to prevent pollution of Rock Creek and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, to preserve forests and natural scenery in and about Washington, and to provide for the comprehensive, systematic, and continuous development of park, parkway, and playground sys-
tems of the National Capital and its environs there is hereby con-
stituted a commission to be known as the National Capital Park
and Planning Commission, composed of the Chief of Engineers of
the Army, the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia,
the Director of the National Park Service, the Chief of the Forest
Service, the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the
National Capital, the chairman of the Committees on the District
of Columbia of the Senate and House of Representatives, and four
eminent citizens well qualified and experienced in city planning,
one of whom shall be a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia,
to be appointed for the term of six years by the President of the
United States: Provided, That the first members appointed under
this Act shall continue in office for terms of three, four, five, and six
years, respectively, from the date of the passage of this Act, the
terms of each to be designated by the President; but their successors
shall be appointed for terms of six years, except that any person
chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired
term of the member whom he shall succeed. All members of the said
commission shall serve without compensation therefor, but each
shall be paid actual expenses of subsistence not in excess of $10 per
day and of travel when attending meetings of said commission or
engaged in investigations pertaining to its activities. At the close
of each Congress the presiding officer of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House of Representatives shall appoint, respectively, a Senator
and a Representative elect to the succeeding Congress to serve as
members of this commission until the chairman of the committees of
the succeeding Congress shall be chosen. The Director of Public
Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital shall be execu-
tive and disbursing officer.

"(b) That the said commission is hereby charged with the duty
of preparing, developing, and maintaining a comprehensive, con-
sistent, and coordinated plan for the National Capital and its en-
virons, which plan shall include recommendations to the proper
executive authorities as to traffic and transportation; plats and sub-
divisions; highways, parks, and parkways; school and library sites;
playgrounds; drainage, sewerage, and water supply; housing, build-
ing, and zoning regulations; public and private buildings; bridges
and water fronts; commerce and industry; and other proper elements
of city and regional planning. It is the purpose of this Act to ob-
tain the maximum amount of cooperation and correlation of effort
between the departments, bureaus, and commissions of the Federal
and District Governments. To this end plans and records, or copies
thereof, shall be made available to the National Capital Park and
Planning Commission, when requested. The commission may, as to
the environs of the District of Columbia, act in conjunction and co-
operation with such representatives of the States of Maryland and
Virginia as may be designated by such States for this purpose. The
said commission is hereby authorized to employ the necessary per-
sonal services, including the personal services of a director of plan-
ing and other expert city planners, such as engineers, architects,
and landscape architects. Such technical experts may be employed
at per diem rates not in excess of those paid for similar services else-
where and as may be fixed by the said commission without regard
to the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled 'An Act for the
classification of civilian positions within the District of Columbia
and in the field services,' approved March 4, 1923, and amendments
thereto, or any rule or regulation made in pursuance thereof.
Highway Commission abolished and powers, etc., transferred to this Commission. Vol. 27, p. 366, repealed.


"(c) The commission established by section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a permanent system of highways in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of cities" (Twenty-seventh Statutes at Large, pages 532 and 533), known as the Highway Commission, is hereby abolished, and all the functions, powers, and duties conferred and imposed upon said Highway Commission by law are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the National Capital Park and Planning Commission hereby constituted, and all records of said Highway Commission are hereby transferred to said National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

"(d) All authority, powers, and duties conferred and imposed by law on the National Capital Park Commission shall hereafter be held, exercised, and performed by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission hereby constituted. All appropriations here-tofore made for expenditure by the National Capital Park Commission are hereby made available for the use of the commission hereby constituted."

Approved, April 30, 1926.

CHAP. 199.—An Act To authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Government of the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Government of the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document Numbered 4, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

The indebtedness to be funded has been divided into two classes, that incurred prior to November 11, 1918, called the prearmistice indebtedness, and that incurred subsequent to November 11, 1918, called the postarmistice indebtedness.

The amount of the prearmistice indebtedness to be funded is $171,780,000, which is the principal amount of the obligations of Belgium received by the United States for cash advances made prior to November 11, 1918. The prearmistice indebtedness is payable in annual installments without interest over a period of sixty-two years, the first payment falling due June 15, 1926. Belgium is to pay the following amounts on the dates specified: June 15, 1926, $1,000,000; June 15, 1927, $1,000,000; June 15, 1928, $1,250,000; June 15, 1929, $1,750,000; June 15, 1930, $2,250,000; June 15, 1931, $2,750,000; June 15, 1932, to June 15, 1986, inclusive, $2,900,000 per annum; June 15, 1987, $2,280,000.

The amount of the postarmistice indebtedness to be funded after allowing for certain cash payments is $246,000,000, which has been computed as follows:

Principal of obligations for cash advanced................. $175,430,808.08
Accrued and unpaid interest at 4% per centum per annum to December 15, 1922................. 26,314,491.68
$201,745,300.00

Principal of obligations for war material sold on credit................. 29,918,153.39
Accrued and unpaid interest at 4% per centum per annum to December 15, 1922................. 491,359.24
$30,310,292.63

Total Indebtedness as of December 15, 1922................. 232,055,592.97
Accrued interest thereon at 3% per centum per annum from December 15, 1922, to June 15, 1925................. 17,404,169.47

Total Indebtedness as of June 15, 1925................. 249,459,762.44