northwest quarter, northeast quarter, south half section 28; all section 30; north half, north half southwest quarter, southeast quarter southwest quarter, northwest quarter southeast quarter section 34, township 7 north, range 4 east, Salt Lake meridian.

Sec. 2. The conveyance hereby authorized shall not include any lands which, at the date of the issuance of patent, shall be covered by a valid existing bona fide right or claim initiated under the laws of the United States: Provided, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, and other mineral deposits that may be found on the lands so granted and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: Provided further, That said city shall have the right to exchange any of said lands for other lands in the water-shed, but shall not have the right to sell or convey the land herein granted, or any part thereof, or to devote the same to any other purposes than as hereinbefore described; and if the said land shall not be used for such municipal purpose the same, or such parts thereof not so used, shall revert to the United States. The conditions and reservations herein provided for shall be expressed in the patent.

Approved, June 21, 1926.

CHAP. 645.—An Act To change the time of holding court at Elizabeth City, and at Wilson, North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter terms of the District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina shall be held at Elizabeth City on the first Monday in April and the second Monday in October and at Wilson on the second Monday in April and the first Monday in October in lieu of the dates now fixed for the holding of such terms.

Approved, June 22, 1926.

CHAP. 646.—An Act To change the time of holding court at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 98 of “An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary,” approved March 3, 1911, as amended June 7, 1924, is hereby amended as follows:

That the words “and in addition for the trial of civil cases on the first Mondays in March and September” be stricken out and the following inserted in lieu thereof: “and in addition for the trial of civil cases a two weeks’ term beginning on the first Monday in September.”

Approved, June 22, 1926.

CHAP. 647.—An Act To provide home care for dependent children in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the parent of a child under the age of sixteen years is unable to provide for the proper care of such child in his own home, the mother or guardian of such child may make application to the board of
Application by 

mother, etc., to public 

welfare board, for care 

of, if parent unable so 

to do. 

Provided, That such applicant has 

been a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia for one year 

preceding such application and that she is a citizen of the United 

States or has made application to become a citizen.

Sect. 2. The board shall thereupon make an investigation for the 

purpose of securing the following information:

a. Whether the mother or guardian is a proper person to have the 

custody and care of the child.

b. Whether the home is a satisfactory place for the training and 

rearing of the child.

c. What resources may be available for the complete or partial 

maintenance of the child, including the full amount, if any, of real 

and personal property owned by the parent or held in trust for the 

child; whether there are any persons or organizations legally obli-

gated to assist in the support of the child.

d. Whether legal steps have been taken to compel the father of the 

child, if he be living, to provide support when he willfully refuses 

to do so and with what result.

e. What amount of aid is needed to keep the child in its own 

home and to provide proper care.

Sect. 3. The board shall make written findings based upon its 

investigations. If it shall find affirmatively on subsections a, b, and 

c, d of section 2, and further that the income from, or the amount 
of, real and personal property owned by the parent or held in trust 

for the child, if any, is not of an amount or character which makes 

the giving of public aid inappropriate or unnecessary, the board 

may then make an order for a monthly allowance sufficient to 

insure the proper maintenance of the child in the home with the 

mother and, if it deems necessary, may impose such conditions upon 

the granting of the allowance as will promote the welfare of the 

child. The allowance shall be discontinued whenever the mother 

ceases to be a resident of the District of Columbia.

Sect. 4. The board may award an allowance from month to month 
or for a continuous period. It shall review all allowances at regu-

lar intervals and in no case shall an allowance be continued for 

more than six months without such review. Any allowance may 

be increased or decreased in amount, or discontinued, and the board 

may alter or amend the conditions upon which the allowance was 

previously granted upon a showing that the welfare of the child 

and the protection of the public interest demands such change, 

discontinuance, or amendment after reasonable notice has been given 
to the mother of the child.

Sect. 5. The board shall cause every home for which an allowance 
is made to be visited by its representative as often as may be 

necessary to observe the conditions which obtain in the home, the 
care which the child is receiving, and to offer such friendly counsel 
and advice as may be helpful to the mother and the child.

Sect. 6. The board shall keep on file a full record of each applicant 
for, or recipient of, assistance under this Act, including the reports 
of investigations, correspondence and other pertinent information, 
together with the orders of the board in each case.

Sect. 7. The board shall make such reasonable rules and regulations 
as may be necessary to the proper administration of this Act.

Sect. 8. Any person who attempts to obtain, or obtains, by false 
representations, fraud, or deceit, any allowance under this Act, or 
who receives any allowance knowing it to have been fraudulently 
obtained, or who aids or assists any person in obtaining or attempt-
ing to obtain an allowance by fraud, shall be punished by a fine
of not more than $200 or imprisonment for not more than twelve months, or both.

SEC. 9. The words "child" and "parent," where used in this Act shall be interpreted to include the plural.

SEC. 10. That in order to carry out the provisions of this Act there is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, the sum of $100,000, payable from the revenues of the District of Columbia, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and annually thereafter, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall include in the estimates of appropriations for said District such amount as may be necessary for this purpose. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia, upon nomination by the board, shall have power to appoint a supervisor, and such investigators, stenographers, and clerical assistants as are necessary to administer this Act, at such salaries as may be fixed for similar services by the provisions of the Classification Act of 1923. Such employees may be removed by the Commissioners upon recommendation of the board.

Approved, June 22, 1926.

CHAP. 648.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes," approved July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes," approved July 11, 1916, and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following additional sums, to be expended according to the provisions of such Act as amended:

For 1928.
The sum of $2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928.

For 1929.
The sum of $2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929.

Federal Highway Act.

Additional authorizations for roads and trails in national forests.

For 1928.
The sum of $75,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928.

For 1929.
The sum of $75,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929.

Appropriation by January 1, of appropriations for the following fiscal year.

Continued approval of projects when State laws do not allow use of its funds.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, June 22, 1926.