CHAP. 226.—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 purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 23 of the Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for forest roads and trails, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following additional sums, to be available until expended in accordance with the provisions of said section 23: The sum of $12,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932; the sum of $12,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, in addition to the authorization approved in section 2 of the Act of May 26, 1928, the additional sum of $5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, to be expended in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of the Federal Highway Act and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

Sec. 3. In the expenditure of any amount in excess of $7,500,000 from appropriations under the authorization made for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1931, June 30, 1932, and June 30, 1933, for carrying out the provisions of section 23 of the Federal Highway Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall give preference to those projects, which he shall determine are not otherwise satisfactorily financed or provided for, which are located on the Federal-aid highway system as the same is now or hereafter may be designated: Provided, That the projects so preferred on the Federal-aid highway system shall be constructed of the same standard as to width and character of construction as the Federal Government requires of the States under like conditions: And provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare, publish, and distribute a map and other information, at least annually, showing the progress made in the expenditure of the funds authorized under this section.

Sec. 4. All Acts or parts of Acts in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect on its passage.

Approved, May 5, 1930.

CHAP. 227.—An Act To repeal section 4579 and amend section 4578 of the Revised Statutes of the United States respecting compensation of vessels for transporting seamen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (1) That section 4579 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended by the Acts of July 31, 1894, and June 10, 1921, is hereby repealed; and (2) That section 4578 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended by the Acts of June 26, 1884, June 19, 1886, July 31, 1894, June 10, 1921, and January 3, 1923, be further amended to read as follows:

“All masters of vessels of the United States and bound to some port of the same, are required to take such destitute seamen on board their vessels, at the request of consular officers, and to transport them to the port in the United States to which such vessel may be bound, on such terms, not exceeding $10 for each person for voyages of not more than thirty days, and not exceeding $20 for each person...
Certificate for transportation.

Penalty for refusal by master.

Limitation on number, etc.

Additional allowance authorized.

R. S., sec. 1752, p. 381.

For disability or illness.

Transportation from foreign ports with no consul, etc.

for longer voyages, as may be agreed between the master and the consular officer, when transportation is by a sailing vessel; and the amount agreed upon between the consular officer and the master of the vessel in each individual case not in excess of the lowest passenger rate of such vessel and not in excess of 2 cents per mile shall in each case constitute the lawful rate for transportation on steam vessels; and said consular officer shall issue certificates for such transportation, which certificates shall be assignable for collection. Every such master who refuses to receive and transport such seamen on the request or order of such consular officer shall be liable to the United States in a penalty of $100 for each seaman so refused. The certificate of any such consular officer, given under his hand and official seal, shall be presumptive evidence of such refusal in any court of law having jurisdiction for the recovery of the penalty.

No master of any vessel shall, however, be obliged to take a greater number than one man to every one hundred tons burden of the vessel on any one voyage or to take any seaman having a contagious disease.

"Reasonable compensation, in addition to the allowances provided herein, or any allowance now fixed by law, or by regulations now or hereafter established in accordance with section 1752 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, may be paid from general appropriations for the relief and protection of American seaman, when authorized by the Secretary of State, in the following cases:

"First. If any such destitute seaman is so disabled or ill as to be unable to perform duty, the consular officer shall so certify in the certificate of transportation, and such additional compensation shall be paid as the Secretary of State shall deem equitable and proper.

"Second. Whenever distressed or destitute seamen of the United States are transported from foreign ports where there is no consular officer of the United States, or from points on the high seas, to ports of the United States, or from such foreign ports or points on the high seas to a port accessible to a consular officer of the United States who is authorized to assume responsibility on behalf of the Government of the United States for the further relief and repatriation of such seamen, there shall be allowed to the master or owner of each vessel in which they are transported such reasonable compensation as shall be deemed equitable by the Secretary of State."

Approved, May 7, 1930.

CHAP. 228.—An Act To effect the consolidation of the Turkey Thicket Playground, Recreation and Athletic Field.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for and in consideration of the conveyance to the United States of fee-simple title of the following land, to wit:

Part of a tract of land taxed as parcel 134/36, described as follows:

Beginning for the same at the intersection of the south line of Randolph Street (ninety feet wide) with the northeasterly line of parcel 134/36 and running thence with said northeasterly line south twenty-five degrees twenty minutes twenty seconds east ninety-six and forty-eight one-hundredths feet to the most easterly corner of said parcel; thence with the northwesterly line of Bunker Hill Road south forty-one degrees west one hundred and thirty-three and fifty-four one-hundredths feet to the southeast corner of said parcel.