used by the Treasury or Post Office Department shall not exceed one-
third of the market price of a new vehicle of the same make or class
and in any case more than $500.
Approved, May 15, 1930.

CHAP. 290.—An Act Authorizing the erection of a sanitary fireproof hospital
at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Togus, Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board
of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers
be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected at
the Eastern Branch of said home at Togus, Maine, on land now
owned by the United States, a sanitary fireproof hospital of a
capacity for two hundred and fifty beds. Such hospital shall include
all the necessary buildings with appropriate mechanical equipment,
including roads and trackage facilities leading thereto, for the
accommodation of patients, and storage, laundry, and necessary
furniture equipment, and accessories, as may be approved by the
Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer
Soldiers.

Sec. 2. That in carrying the foregoing authorization into effect
the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volun-
tee Soldiers is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the con-
struction of the plant, or to purchase materials in the open market
or otherwise, and to employ laborers and mechanics for the con-
struction of the plant complete at a limit of cost not to exceed
$750,000.

Approved, May 16, 1930.

CHAP. 291.—An Act To regulate, the height, exterior design, and construc-
tion of private and semipublic buildings in certain areas of the National Capital.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That in view of
the provisions of the Constitution respecting the establishment of the
seat of the National Government, the duties it imposed upon Con-
gress in connection therewith, and the solicitude shown and the
efforts exerted by President Washington in the planning and de-
velopment of the Capital City, it is hereby declared that such
development should proceed along the lines of good order, good
taste, and with due regard to the public interests involved, and a
reasonable degree of control should be exercised over the archi-
tecture of private or semipublic buildings adjacent to public build-
ings and grounds of major importance. To this end, hereafter
when application is made for permit for the erection or altera-
tion of any building, any portion of which is to front or abut
upon the grounds of the Capitol, the grounds of the White House,
the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue extending from the Capitol
to the White House, Rock Creek Park, the Zoological Park, the
Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, Potomac Park, The Mall Park
System and public buildings adjacent thereto, or abutting upon any
street bordering any of said grounds or parks, the plans therefor,
so far as they relate to height and appearance, color, and texture
of the materials of exterior construction, shall be submitted by the
Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the Commission of
Fine Arts; and the said commission shall report promptly to said
commissioners its recommendations, including such changes, if any,
as in its judgment are necessary to prevent reasonably avoidable
impairment of the public values belonging to such public building
or park; and said commissioners shall take such action as shall, in
their judgment, effect reasonable compliance with such recommenda-
tion: Provided, That if the said Commission of Fine Arts fails to
report its approval or disapproval of such plans within thirty days,
its approval thereof shall be assumed and a permit may be issued.

Sec. 2. Said Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in con-
sumption with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
as early as practicable after approval of this Act, shall prepare plats
defining the areas within which application for building permits
shall be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for its recom-

mendations.

Approved, May 16, 1930.

CHAP. 292.—An Act To authorize the disposal of public land classified as
temporarily or permanently unproductive on Federal irrigation projects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secre-
tary of the Interior, hereinafter styled the Secretary, is authorized
in connection with Federal irrigation projects to dispose of vacant
public lands designated under the Act of May 25, 1926, as tempo-
rarily unproductive or permanently unproductive to resident farm
owners and resident entrymen on Federal irrigation projects, in
accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary is authorized to sell such lands to
resident farm owners or resident entrymen, on the project upon
which such land is located, at prices not less than that fixed by
independent appraisal approved by the Secretary, and upon such
terms and at private sale or at public auction as he may prescribe:
Provided, That no such resident farm owner or resident entryman
shall be permitted to purchase under this Act more than one hundred
and sixty acres of such land, or an area which, together with land
already owned on such Federal irrigation project, shall exceed three
hundred and twenty acres: And provided further, That the authority
given hereunder shall apply not only to tracts wholly classified
as temporarily or permanently unproductive, but also to all tracts
of public lands, within Federal irrigation projects which by reason
of the inclusion of lands classified as temporarily or permanently
unproductive are found by the Secretary to be insufficient to support
a family and to pay water charges.

Sec. 3. All “permanently unproductive” and “temporarily un-
productive” land now or hereafter designated under the Act of
May 25, 1926, shall, when sold, remain subject to sections 41 and 43
of the said Act. The exchange provisions of section 44 of said
Act of May 25, 1926, shall not be applicable to the land purchased
under this Act.

Sec. 4. After the purchaser has paid to the United States all
amounts due on the purchase price of said land, a patent shall issue
which shall recite that the lands so patented have been classified
in whole or in part as temporarily or permanently unproductive,
as the case may be, under the Adjustment Act of May 25, 1926.
Such patents shall also contain a reservation of a lien for water
charges when deemed appropriate by the Secretary and reservations
of coal or other mineral rights to the same extent as patents issued
under the homestead laws.