CHAP. 395.—An Act To repeal section 144, Title II, of the Act of March 3, 1899, chapter 429 (section 2253 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 144, Title II, of the Act approved March 3, 1899, chapter 429, 30 Statutes, 30, (section 2253 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska), be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, June 3, 1930.

CHAP. 396.—An Act To authorize the destruction of duplicate accounts and other papers filed in the offices of clerks of the United States district courts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the recommendation of the clerk of a district court of the United States, and with the approval of the senior district judge of the proper district, the Attorney General may, in his discretion, authorize the destruction of duplicate accounts of United States marshals, attorneys, clerks, and commissioners, and other miscellaneous papers or records, not in cases, which have been on file for ten years or more, and the further retention of which will serve no useful purpose.

Sec. 2. That proofs of claims filed in bankruptcy proceedings in the United States district courts, pursuant to the Act entitled “An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States,” approved July 1, 1898, as amended, and which have remained on file in the offices of clerks of United States district courts, for a period of ten years after final disposition of such proceedings, may be destroyed, pursuant to an order of the presiding judge of the court in which such proofs of claims have been filed, said order to be filed and entered of record in said court.

Approved, June 3, 1930.

CHAP. 398.—An Act To amend the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, by extending the time within which applications for benefits thereunder may be filed, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivisions (b) and (c) of section 302, section 311, and subdivision (b) of section 604 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended (United States Code, Supplement III, title 38, sections 612, 621, and 664), are amended, to take effect as of December 31, 1929, by striking out “January 2, 1930” wherever it appears in such subdivisions and section, and inserting in lieu thereof “January 2, 1935”.

Sec. 2. Section 602 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended (United States Code, Supplement III, title 38, section 662), is amended, to take effect as of December 31, 1929, by striking out “before January 3, 1930” wherever it appears in such section, and inserting in lieu thereof “on or before January 2, 1935”.

Sec. 3. Subdivision (b) of section 312 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended (United States Code, Supplement III, title 38, section 622), is amended, to take effect as of May 29, 1928, to read as follows:

“(b) If in the case of any such individual who is a veteran it appears that his application was not made and filed prior to the
beginning of such seven-year period, or that although entitled to receive adjusted service pay he did not receive it prior to the beginning of such seven-year period, then (if such seven-year period began on or before January 2, 1935) his dependents who have made and filed application before the expiration of one year after the date of the expiration of such seven-year period or on or before January 2, 1935, whichever is the later date, shall be entitled to receive the amount of his adjusted service credit in accordance with the provisions of Title VI.”

Sec. 4. This Act shall not invalidate any payments made or application received, before the enactment of this Act, under the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended. Payments under awards heretofore or hereafter made shall be made to the dependent entitled thereto regardless of change in status, unless another dependent establishes to the satisfaction of the Director a priority of preference under such Act, as amended. Upon the establishment of such preference the remaining installments shall be paid to such dependent, but in no case shall the total payments under Title VI of such Act, as amended (except section 608), exceed the adjusted service credit of the veteran.

Sec. 5. If, prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, have made certification under section 303 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended [U. S. C., Supp. III, title 38, § 613], on an application bearing the identified fingerprints but lacking the proved signature of a veteran now deceased, such application and certification shall be held and considered to have been legally made, and any adjusted service certificate issued to the veteran upon such certification shall be held to have been validly issued and shall be valid.

Approved, June 5, 1930.

CHAP. 399.—An Act To promote the agriculture of the United States by expanding in the foreign field the service now rendered by the United States Department of Agriculture in acquiring and diffusing useful information regarding agriculture, 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 encouraging and promoting the agriculture of the United States and assisting American farmers to adjust their operations and practices to meet world conditions, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

(a) Acquire information regarding world competition and demand for agricultural products and the production, marketing, and distributing of said products in foreign countries and disseminate the same through agricultural extension agencies and by such other means as may be deemed advisable.

(b) Investigate abroad farm management and any other economic phases of the agricultural industry and, in so far as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, conduct abroad any activities, including the demonstration of standards for cotton, wheat, and other American agricultural products, in which the Department of Agriculture is now authorized or in the future may be authorized to engage. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from conducting abroad any activity for which authority for thus conducting it may exist.

Approved, June 5, 1930.