CHAP. 416.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to enlarge tree-planting operations on national forests, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish forest tree nurseries and do all other things needful in preparation for planting on national forests on the scale possible under the appropriations authorized by this Act: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be deemed to restrict the authority of the said Secretary under other authority of law.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, not to exceed $250,000; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, not to exceed $300,000; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, not to exceed $400,000; and for each fiscal year thereafter, not to exceed $400,000, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and operate nurseries, to collect or to purchase tree seed or young trees, to plant trees, and to do all other things necessary for reforestation by planting or seeding national forests and for the additional protection, care, and improvement of the resulting plantations or young growth.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture may, when in his judgment such action will be in the public interest, require any purchaser of national-forest timber to make deposits of money, in addition to the payments for the timber, to cover the cost to the United States of (1) planting (including the production or purchase of young trees), (2) sowing with tree seeds (including the collection or purchase of such seeds), or (3) cutting, destroying, or otherwise removing undesirable trees or other growth, on the national-forest land cut over by the purchaser, in order to improve the future stand of timber: Provided, That the total amount so required to be deposited by any purchaser shall not exceed, on an acreage basis, the average cost of planting (including the production or purchase of young trees) other comparable national-forest lands during the previous three years. Such deposits shall be covered into the Treasury and shall constitute a special fund, which is hereby appropriated and made available until expended, to cover the cost to the United States of such tree planting, seed sowing, and forest improvement work, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct: Provided, That any portion of any deposit found to be in excess of the cost of doing said work shall, upon the determination that it is so in excess, be transferred to miscellaneous receipts, forest reserve fund, as a national-forest receipt of the fiscal year in which such transfer is made: Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, upon application of the Secretary of the Interior, to furnish seedlings and/or young trees for replanting of burned-over areas in any national park.

Approved, June 9, 1930.

CHAP. 417.—An Act To provide for the purchase of a bronze bust of the late Lieutenant James Melville Gilliss, United States Navy, to be presented to the Chilean National Observatory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Joint Committee on the Library, acting on the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is hereby authorized to procure for presentation to the Chilean National Observatory, through the Secretary of the Navy, in the name of the United States Naval Observatory, a bronze bust of the late Lieutenant James Melville Gilliss, United States Navy.
SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not more than $1,200 for the purposes of this Act.

Approved, June 9, 1930.

CHAP. 418.—An Act To amend the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, and for other purposes,” approved May 16, 1928.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the item “Flood relief, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Kentucky” in the Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, approved May 16, 1928 (Forty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 570), be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“...and provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture may cooperate with the State of Kentucky in acquiring the bridge built and now operated by the Citizens Bridge Company, of the city of Hazard, Kentucky, over the North Fork of Kentucky River from Main Street in said city to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad right of way and depot, and out of the funds herein appropriated for the relief of said State he may pay one-half of the cost of acquiring said bridge, such payment in no event to exceed $31,000, and the other one-half of such cost shall be paid by the State of Kentucky. After acquiring said bridge no tolls shall thereafter be charged.”

Approved, June 9, 1930.

CHAP. 419.—An Act To provide for the erection of a marker or tablet to the memory of Joseph Hewes, signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress, and patriot of the Revolution, at Edenton, North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to erect a marker or tablet at Edenton, North Carolina, to the memory of Joseph Hewes, signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress, and patriot of the Revolution.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,500 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. That the plan and design of such marker or tablet shall be subject to the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to accomplish said purpose, by contract or otherwise, with or without advertising, under such conditions as he may prescribe, including the engagement, by contract, of services of such architects, sculptors, artists, or firms or partnerships thereof, and other technical and professional personnel as he may deem necessary without regard to civil-service requirements or restrictions of law governing the employment and compensation of employees of the United States and to spend in accordance with the provisions of this Act such sum of money as may be placed in his hands as a contribution additional to the funds appropriated by Congress.

Approved, June 9, 1930.