CHAP. 656.—Joint Resolution Establishing a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, authorizing an appropriation to be utilized in connection with such observance, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of fifteen commissioners, as follows: Five persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, five Senators by the President of the Senate, and five Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $10,000, to be expended by the commission for actual and necessary traveling expenses and subsistence, while discharging its official duties outside the District of Columbia.

Approved, June 27, 1930.

CHAP. 657.—Joint Resolution Authorizing payment of the claim of the Norwegian Government for interest upon money advanced by it in connection with the protection of American interests in Russia.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the Government of Norway, as an act of grace and without reference to the question of legal liability, an amount equal to 6½ per centum interest upon 58,480 kroner from February 24, 1920, to December 8, 1920, and upon 65,162.97 kroner from December 8, 1920, to July 13, 1925, the sums advanced by the Government of Norway in connection with the care by its representatives of American interests in Moscow, Russia, during the years 1918 and 1919, together with 6½ per centum interest on the unpaid interest from July 13, 1925, to the date of payment pursuant to this joint resolution, not to exceed in all $8,500; and the appropriation for the “Relief, protection, and transportation of American citizens in Europe,” made by the Act approved April 17, 1917, is hereby made available for the payment of the claim aforesaid.

Approved, June 27, 1930.

CHAP. 709.—An Act To authorize the creation of game sanctuaries or refuges within the Ocala National Forest in the State of Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to designate as game refuges such lands of the United States within the Ocala National Forest, in the State of Florida, as in his judgment should be set aside for the protection of game animals and birds, but it is not intended that the lands so designated shall cease to be parts of the national forest within which they are located, and the establishment of such game sanctuaries or refuges shall not prevent the Secretary of Agriculture from permitting other uses of the lands under and in conformity with the laws and regulations applicable thereto.
so far as such uses may be consistent with the purposes for which such game sanctuaries or refuges are established.

SEC. 2. That when such game sanctuaries or refuges have been established as provided in section 1 hereof, the hunting, pursuing, poisoning, killing, or capturing by trapping, netting, or any other means, or attempting to hunt, pursue, kill, or capture any game animals or birds upon the lands of the United States within the limits of such game sanctuaries or refuges, except as herein provided, shall be unlawful, and any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or any of the rules and regulations made thereunder, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in any United States court, be fined in a sum not exceeding $500 or imprisonment not more than six months, or both.

Approved, June 28, 1930.

CHAP. 710.—An Act To amend section 355 of the Revised Statutes to permit the Attorney General to accept certificates of title in the purchase of land by the United States in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 355 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (United States Code, title 33, section 733; title 40, section 255; and title 50, section 175) be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 355. No public money shall be expended upon any site or land purchased by the United States for the purposes of erecting thereon any armory, arsenal, fort, fortification, navy yard, custom-house, lighthouse, or other public building of any kind whatever, until the written opinion of the Attorney General shall be had in favor of the validity of the title, nor until the consent of the legislature of the State in which the land or site may be, to such purchase, has been given. The district attorneys of the United States, upon the application of the Attorney General, shall furnish any assistance or information in their power in relation to the titles of the public property lying within their respective districts. And the secretaries of the departments, upon the application of the Attorney General, shall procure any additional evidence of title which he may deem necessary, and which may not be in the possession of the officers of the Government, and the expense of procuring it shall be paid out of the appropriations made for the contingencies of the departments, respectively: Provided, however, That in all cases of the acquisition of land or any interest therein by the United States for the purposes herein specified or for other purposes, wherein the written opinion of the Attorney General in favor of the validity of the title of such land is or may be required or authorized by law, the Attorney General may, in his discretion, base such opinion upon a certificate of title of a title company."

Approved, June 28, 1930.

CHAP. 711.—An Act To grant relief to those States which brought State-owned property into the Federal service in 1917.

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 to give any State credit for the money value of property listed on approved surveys of military property