CHAP. 98.—An Act To increase the appropriation for the acquisition of a site for the new House Office Building.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriation “House Office Building,” contained in the First Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1929, is hereby made available for the payment of not to exceed $1,077,745.74 for the acquisition of such site notwithstanding the limit of cost for site named in such appropriation and in section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the acquisition of a site and the construction thereon of a fireproof office building or buildings for the House of Representatives,” approved January 10, 1929.

Approved, March 28, 1930.

CHAP. 99.—An Act To amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of certain public buildings, and for other purposes,” approved May 25, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 630); the Act entitled “An Act to amend section 5 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for the construction of certain public buildings, and for other purposes,’ approved May 25, 1926,” dated February 24, 1928 (Forty-fifth Statutes, page 137); and the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to acquire certain land within the District of Columbia to be used as space for public buildings,” approved January 13, 1928 (Forty-fifth Statutes, page 51).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of certain public buildings, and for other purposes,” approved May 25, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 630); the Act entitled “An Act to amend section 5 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for the construction of certain public buildings, and for other purposes,’ approved May 25, 1926,” dated February 24, 1928 (Forty-fifth Statutes, page 137); and the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to acquire certain land within the District of Columbia to be used as space for public buildings,” approved January 13, 1928 (Forty-fifth Statutes, page 51), are hereby amended to provide that for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said Acts and also for the remodeling, extension, or enlarging of departmental or other Federal buildings in the District of Columbia not under the control of the Treasury Department, the amounts heretofore authorized to be appropriated for public-building projects outside the District of Columbia are extended $115,000,000, and the amounts heretofore authorized to be expended in the District of Columbia are hereby extended $115,000,000, of which amount not to exceed $15,000,000 may be expended within the areas hereinafter specified for land not belonging to the United States or the District of Columbia: Provided, That out of the money appropriated under the authorization contained herein, at least two buildings shall be constructed in each State for post offices with receipts of more than $10,000 during the last preceding year, for which post offices no public buildings have been provided: Provided further, That under this authorization and from appropriations (exclusive of appropriations made for “remodeling and enlarging public buildings”) heretofore made for the acquisition of sites for, or the construction, enlarging, remodeling, or extension of public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, not more than $50,000,000 in the aggregate shall be expended annually, of which sum not to exceed $15,000,000 may be expended on projects in the District of Columbia (except that any part of the balance of such sum of $50,000,000 remaining unex-
pended at the end of any fiscal year may be expended in any subsequent year without reference to this limitation beginning with the fiscal year 1928.

(b) The limitation contained in section 1 of the Act of May 25, 1926, defining the area within which sites or additions to sites for public buildings in the District of Columbia may be purchased, is hereby extended, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, empowered, and directed to acquire, for the use of the United States, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, any land and buildings which he may determine should be acquired within the area bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue and New York Avenue on the north, Virginia Avenue and Maryland Avenue projected in a straight line to Twining Lake on the south, and Delaware Avenue southwest on the east, including properties within said area belonging to the District of Columbia, but excluding those portions of squares 267, 268, and 298 not belonging to the District of Columbia; the square known as south of 463; all of square 493; lots 16, 17, 20, and 21, and 808 in square 536; and lots 16 and 45 in square 635. The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized, empowered, and directed to acquire the necessary land for the extension of the building known as Treasury Annex Numbered 1, northwardly to H Street northwest.

(c) When deemed by him desirable or advantageous, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to employ, by contract or otherwise, outside professional or technical services of persons, firms, or corporations, to such extent as he may require, without reference to the Classification Act of 1923 as amended, or to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

(d) That in submitting estimates for appropriations under the above authorized extension of the public building program, preference shall be given to those projects where sites have been acquired or authorized to be acquired under the Public Building Act of May 25, 1926, and prior Acts, where the postal receipts have reached the sum of $7,500 annually.

(e) That the provisions of the Act of May 25, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 630), and all amendments thereto, shall apply to the Territories in the same manner and to the same extent that they apply to the several States.

Approved, March 31, 1930.

CHAP. 100.—An Act To quiet title and possession with respect to certain lands in Custer County, Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands situated in Custer County, Nebraska, described as follows: Lot 4, section 14, township 18 north, range 17 west, sixth principal meridian, be, and the same are hereby, released and relinquished by the United States to the respective owner or owners of the equitable title and to their heirs and assigns.

Sec. 2. Nothing in this Act shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice any valid right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the lands mentioned in the said first section, the true intent of this Act being to relinquish and abandon, grant, give, and concede any and all right, interest, and estate, in law or equity, which the United States is or is supposed to be entitled to in said lands, in favor of all persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of the same