marketing of fish of American fisheries and/or products thereof upon the same terms and conditions, and subject to the same limitations, as are applicable in case of loans made under said section 5, as amended.

Sec. 16. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to make loans at any time prior to January 31, 1935, out of the funds of the Corporation upon full and adequate security, to public-school districts or other similar public-school authorities organized pursuant to State law, for the purpose of payment of teachers’ salaries due prior to June 1, 1934: Provided, That the aggregate amount of such loans at any time outstanding shall not exceed $75,000,000.

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[CHAPTER 654.]

AN ACT

To amend the Air Commerce Act of 1926 and to increase the efficiency of the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce with respect to the development and regulation of civil aeronautics.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision (d) of section 2 of the Air Commerce Act of 1926 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 172(d)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence thereof a comma and the following: "aircraft, aircraft power plants, and accessories."

Sec. 2. Subdivision (e) of such section 2 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 172(e)) is amended to read as follows:

“(e) To investigate accidents in civil air navigation in the United States, including the attending facts, conditions, and circumstances, and for that purpose the Secretary, or any officer or employee of the Department of Commerce designated by him in writing for the purpose, is authorized to hold public hearings in such places and at such times as he shall deem practical, and for the purpose of such hearings, administer oaths, examine witnesses, require the preservation of evidence, and issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses, or the production of books, papers, documents, exhibits, and other evidence, or the taking of depositions before any designated individual competent to administer oaths for the purposes of this Act. Witnesses summoned or whose depositions are taken shall receive the same fees and mileage as witnesses in the courts of the United States. All evidence taken at the hearing shall be recorded and forwarded to the Secretary. At the conclusion of an investigation of or hearing on any such accident or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, the Secretary of Commerce shall, if he deems it in the public interest, make public a statement of the probable cause of the accident, except that when the accident has resulted in serious or fatal injury, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make public such a statement. Neither any such statement nor any report of such investigation or hearing, nor any part thereof, shall be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any suit or action growing out of any matter referred to in any such statement, investigation, hearing, or report thereof."

Sec. 3. Subdivision (a) of section 3 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173(a)) is amended by inserting after the second sentence thereof a semicolon and the following: "but the Secretary may, if he deems it advisable, grant limited registration to aircraft."

1 So in original.
owned by aliens under such conditions as he may by regulation pre-
scribe, but aircraft granted such limited registration shall not be
permitted to engage in interstate or foreign air commerce.”

Sec. 4. Subdivision (b) of such section 3 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title
49, sec. 173(b)) is amended by inserting after the words “United
States” in the first sentence thereof the following: “and parachutes
used in connection with such aircraft.”

Sec. 5. Subdivision (d), as amended, of such section 3 (U.S.C.,
Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173(d)) is amended by inserting before the
period at the end thereof a comma and the following: “and provide
for the examination and rating of all air lines engaged in interstate
or foreign air commerce and establish minimum safety standards for
the operation thereof”.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (f) of such section 3 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title
49, sec. 173(f)) is amended by inserting after the word “aircraft” in
the first sentence thereof the word “airline” and a comma, and by
inserting after such sentence the following sentence: “The Secretary
of Commerce shall not deny any application for an airline certificate
or revoke or suspend any airline certificate, except for failure of the
airline to comply with safety standards applicable to the operation
thereof prescribed by the Secretary.”

Sec. 7. Subdivision (f) of such section 3 is further amended by
adding at the end thereof the following sentence: “Where the deci-
sion in such hearing is adverse to the applicant for hearing, such
applicant shall pay to the Secretary of Commerce, to be covered into
the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, an amount equal to such por-
tion of the costs of the hearing as the Secretary of Commerce may
designate, and in any case the applicant may be required by the
Secretary of Commerce to furnish bond, with such surety as he may
approve, to cover all such costs before the matter is heard.”

Sec. 8. Such Act is amended by adding after section 3 (U.S.C.,
Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 173) a new section as follows:

“Sec. 3a. (1) In case of failure to comply with any subpoena
issued under authority of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, or
his authorized representative, may invoke the aid of any United
States district court, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia,
or the United States court of any Territory or other place to which
this Act applies. The court may thereupon order the person to
whom the subpoena was issued to comply with the requirements of
the subpoena or to give evidence with respect to the matter in ques-
tion. Any failure to obey the order may be punished by the court
as a contempt thereof.

“(2) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying
or from producing books, papers, documents, exhibits, and other
evidence before the Secretary of Commerce or his designated repre-
sentative or in obedience to the subpoena of the Secretary of Com-
merce or his designated representative, or in any cause or proceeding
instituted by the Secretary of Commerce or his designated representa-
tive, on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or
otherwise, required of him, may tend to incriminate him or subject
him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no individual shall be prosecuted
or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any
transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after
having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or
produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that such indi-
vidual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punish-
ment for perjury committed in so testifying.
“(3) Any notary public or other officer authorized by law of the United States, or any State, Territory, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, to take acknowledgment of deeds, any consular officer of the United States, and any officer or employee of the Department of Commerce designated by the Secretary in writing for the purpose, shall be competent to administer oaths for the purposes of this Act. Subpoenas for the purposes of this Act may be served personally or sent by registered mail.”

Sec. 9. Section 5 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 175) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subdivision:

“(g) The persons owning or operating any bridge, causeway, transportation or transmission line, or any structure over navigable waters of the United States shall maintain at their own expense such lights and other signals thereon for the protection of air navigation as the Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe.”

Sec. 10. Subdivision (k) of section 9 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 179 (k)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: “or of parachutes”.

Sec. 11. Paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 11 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 49, sec. 181 (a)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: “or to operate any airline in interstate or foreign air commerce without an airline certificate or in violation of the terms of any such certificate”.

Sec. 12. Paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of such section 11 is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: “or to operate any aircraft registered as an aircraft of the United States otherwise than in conformity with the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce pertaining thereto”.

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