[CHAPTER 353.]

AN ACT

To provide a preliminary examination of the Purgatoire (Picketwire) and Apishapa Rivers, in the State of Colorado, with a view to the control of their floods and the conservation of their waters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a preliminary examination to be made of the Purgatoire (Picketwire) River, west of the city of Trinidad, Colorado, and the Apishapa River, west of the town of Aguilar, all in the county of Las Animas, in the State of Colorado, with a view to the control of the floods and the conservation of the waters of said rivers, in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for control of floods of the Mississippi River, and of the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes," approved March 1, 1917, the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for examinations, surveys, and contingencies of rivers and harbors.

Approved, July 1, 1935.

[CHAPTER 355.]

AN ACT

To amend section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (U. S. C., title 46, sec. 883), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. That no merchandise shall be transported by water, or by land and water, on penalty of forfeiture thereof, between points in the United States, including Districts, Territories, and possessions thereof embraced within the coastwise laws, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation, in any other vessel than a vessel built in and documented under the laws of the United States and owned by persons who are citizens of the United States, or vessels to which the privilege of engaging in the coastwise trade is extended by sections 18 or 22 of this Act: Provided, That no vessel having at any time acquired the lawful right to engage in the coastwise trade, either by virtue of having been built in, or documented under the laws of the United States, and later sold foreign in whole or in part, or placed under foreign registry, shall hereafter acquire the right to engage in the coastwise trade: Provided further, That this section shall not apply to merchandise transported between points within the continental United States, excluding Alaska, over through routes hereafter recognized by the Interstate Commerce Commission for which routes rate tariffs have been or shall hereafter be filed with said Commission when such routes are in part over Canadian rail lines and their own or other connecting water facilities: Provided further, That this section shall not become effective upon the Yukon River until the Alaska Railroad shall be completed and the Shipping Board shall find that proper facilities will be furnished for transportation by persons citizens of the United States for properly handling the traffic: Provided further, That this section shall not apply to the transportation of merchandise loaded on railroad cars or to motor vehicles with or without trailers, and with their passengers or contents when accom-