(r) If any provision of this amendatory section, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this amendatory section, or application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

(s) Proceedings pending under this section (Act of March 3, 1933) on the effective date of this amendatory section shall continue under, and be governed by, the provisions of this amendatory section: Provided, That the enactment of this amendatory section shall not invalidate any action taken before its effective date pursuant to this section as it existed prior to the enactment of this amendatory section.

Approved, August 27, 1935.

[CHAPTER 775.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to acquire a site for the erection of a post-office building at Columbus, Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury, subject to the availability of appropriated moneys therefor, is authorized, in his discretion, to acquire a new site in the city of Columbus, county of Lowndes, State of Mississippi, and to construct a post-office building thereon.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury may acquire such site by lease rather than by purchase, if in his discretion it is deemed desirable that the site should be located in section 16, fractional township 18, south of range 18, west of the basis meridian of Madison County, Alabama, in which section the said city of Columbus is in large part situated; in which case the Secretary of the Treasury may lease such site from the mayor and city council of the city of Columbus, at such rental as he deems reasonable, for a term of ninety-nine years from the 1st day of August 1921, renewable forever, as provided by Acts of the Legislature of Mississippi approved December 13, 1830 (Laws of Mississippi, 1830, ch. II), and March 20, 1914 (Laws of Mississippi, 1914, ch. 462), or may obtain by assignment, by condemnation, or otherwise, an existing lease, for the same term, of such site.

Sec. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated, without regard to the limitations of section 322 of part II of the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, approved June 30, 1932, such amounts as may be necessary to pay the installments of rent provided for in a lease obtained pursuant to the authority contained in section 2 of this Act: Provided, That the first annual installment of rent and the original purchase price, if any, of such lease shall be paid out of any funds made available for the acquisition of the site and the construction of a building thereon.

Approved, August 27, 1935.

[CHAPTER 776.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution for the relief of Porto Rico", approved December 21, 1928, to permit an adjudication with respect to liens of the United States arising by virtue of loans under such joint resolution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution for the relief of Porto Rico", approved December 21, 1928, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new section reading as follows: