[CHAPTER 39.]

AN ACT

To provide an official seal for the United States Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to cause a seal, which shall be judicially noticed, to be made and provided for the Veterans' Administration, with such device as in his judgment shall seem proper. Copies of any public documents, records, or papers belonging to or in the files of the Veterans' Administration, when authenticated by the seal and certified by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, or employee of the Veterans' Administration to whom proper authority shall have been delegated, in writing, by the Administrator, shall be evidence equal with the originals thereof.

Approved, January 31, 1936.

[CHAPTER 40.]

AN ACT

To Amend the Act of May 18, 1934, Providing Punishment for Killing or Assaulting Federal Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide punishment for killing or assaulting Federal officers", approved May 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 780; U. S. C., title 18, secs. 253 and 254), be and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That whoever shall kill, as defined in sections 273 and 274 of the Criminal Code, any United States marshal or deputy United States marshal, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, post office inspector, Secret Service operative, any officer or enlisted man of the Coast Guard, any employee of any United States penal or correctional institution, any officer of the Customs Service or of the Internal Revenue Service, any immigrant inspector or any immigration patrol inspector, any officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to enforce any Act of Congress for the protection, preservation, or restoration of game and other wild birds and animals, any officer or employee of the National Park Service, any officer or employee of the Indian field service of the United States, while engaged in the performance of his official duties, or on account of the performance of his official duties, shall be punished as provided under section 275 of the Criminal Code."

Approved, February 8, 1936.

[CHAPTER 41.]

AN ACT

To authorize a preliminary examination of the Arkansas River and Fourche Bayou with a view to the control of floods in the vicinity of Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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 Arkansas River and