[CHAPTER 731.]

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase by the city of Scappoose, Oregon, of a certain tract of public land revested in the United States under the Act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue a patent to the city of Scappoose, Oregon, for the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 11, township 3 north, range 2 west, Willamette meridian, containing approximately eighty acres, subject to all valid existing rights at the time of the filing of the application by the city of Scappoose: Provided, That before patent issues the city of Scappoose shall pay to the United States the appraised price for the timber on the said lands, the money so paid to be deposited in the Oregon and California land-grant fund for distribution in the manner provided by section 10 of the Act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218).

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe all necessary regulations to carry into effect the foregoing provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 23, 1936.

[CHAPTER 732.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate and report on traffic conditions, with recommendations for corrective legislation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to use during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1936, and June 30, 1937, such part as may be necessary of the administrative fund of the Bureau of Public Roads, but not to exceed a total of $75,000, for study and research of traffic conditions and measures for their improvement, and to cooperate with Federal, State, District of Columbia, and municipal authorities, and other agencies, in connection with such study and research: Provided, That not to exceed $5,000 of the said sum may be used for printing necessary for the purposes of the work authorized and directed by this paragraph.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to make a preliminary report to Congress within the next nine months of the results of the above study and research, and of the status of uniform motor-vehicle traffic laws throughout the country, and not later than June 30, 1937, to make a complete report with his recommendations, including suggestions for legislation, which will promote the necessary uniformity in such laws.

Approved, June 23, 1936.

[CHAPTER 733.]

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Interior to sell to the city of Los Angeles, California, certain public lands in California; and granting rights-of-way over public lands and reserve lands to the city of Los Angeles in Mono County in the State of California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the city of Los Angeles a municipal corporation of the State of California, all lands belonging to the United States
situated in Mono County, California, which may be necessary, as found by the Secretary of the Interior, for any or all of the following purposes:

Rights-of-way; buildings and structures; construction and maintenance camps; dumping grounds; flowage, diverting, or storage dams; pumping plants; power plants; canals, ditches, pipes, and pipe lines; flumes, tunnels, and conduits for conveying water for domestic, irrigation, power, and other useful purposes; poles, towers, and lines for the conveyance and distribution of electrical energy; poles and lines for telephone and telegraph purposes; roads, trails, bridges, tramways, railroads, and other means of locomotion, transmission, or communication; for obtaining stone, earth, gravel, and other materials of like character; or any other necessary purposes of said city, together with the right to take for its own use, free of cost, from any public lands, within such limits as the Secretary of the Interior may determine, stone, earth, gravel, sand, and other materials of like character necessary or useful in the construction, operation, and maintenance of aqueducts, reservoirs, dams, pumping plants, electric plants, and transmission, telephone, and telegraph lines, roads, trails, bridges, tramways, railroads, and other means of locomotion, transmission, and communication, or any other necessary purposes of the city of Los Angeles.

That there is hereby excepted and reserved unto the United States from said grant, minerals, other than sand, stone, earth, gravel, and other materials of like character: Provided, however, That such minerals so excepted and reserved shall be prospected for, mined, and removed only in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

This grant shall be effective upon (1) the filing by said grantee at any time after the passage of this Act, with the register of the United States local land office in the district where said lands are situated, of a map or maps showing the boundaries, locations, and extent of said lands and of said rights-of-way for the purposes hereinabove set forth; (2) the approval of such map or maps by the Secretary of the Interior, with such reservations or modifications as he may deem appropriate; (3) the payment of $1.25 per acre for all Government lands conveyed under this Act other than for the right-of-way for the Mono Basin aqueduct: Provided, That said lands for rights-of-way shall be along such location and of such width, not to exceed two hundred and fifty feet, as in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior may be required for the purposes of this Act: And provided further, That said lands for any of said purposes other than rights-of-way for the Mono Basin aqueduct may be of such width or extent as may be determined by the Secretary of the Interior as necessary for such purposes.

SEC. 2. That where any of the lands to which the city of Los Angeles seeks to acquire title under section 1 of this Act, are in a national forest, the said map or maps shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture so far as national-forest lands are affected; and upon such approval and the subsequent approval by the Secretary of the Interior, title to said lands shall vest in the grantee upon the date of such subsequent approval.

SEC. 3. Said grants are to be made subject to rights-of-way, easements, and permits heretofore granted or allowed to any person or corporation in accordance with any Act or Acts of Congress and subject to the rights of all claimants or persons who shall have filed or made valid claims, locations, or entries on or to said lands, or any part thereof prior to the effective date of any conflicting grant hereunder, unless prior to such effective date proper relinquish-
ments or quitclai ms have been procured and caused to be filed in the proper land office.

Sec. 4. That, whenever the land granted herein shall cease to be used for the purposes for which it is granted, the estate of the grantee or of its assigns shall terminate and re vest in the United States. That any grants made hereunder shall not be assigned to any private individual, association of such individuals, or a private corporation.

Approved, June 23, 1936.

[CHAPTER 734.]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1925.

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 create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1925, is amended by striking out the first seven words of the last paragraph of section 2 thereof, to wit, the words "Should any gift or bequest so provide” and substituting therefor the words "In the absence of any specification to the contrary”.

Approved, June 23, 1936.

[CHAPTER 735.]

AN ACT

To authorize a study of the park, parkway, and recreational-area programs in the United States, 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 Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is authorized and directed to cause the National Park Service to make a comprehensive study, other than on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, of the public park, parkway, and recreational-area programs of the United States, and of the several States and political subdivisions thereof, and of the lands throughout the United States which are or may be chiefly valuable as such areas, but no such study shall be made in any State without the consent and approval of the State officials, boards, or departments having jurisdiction over such lands and park areas. The said study shall be such as, in the judgment of the Secretary, will provide data helpful in developing a plan for coordinated and adequate public park, parkway, and recreational-area facilities for the people of the United States. In making the said study and in accomplishing any of the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is authorized and directed, through the National Park Service, to seek and accept the cooperation and assistance of Federal departments or agencies having jurisdiction of lands belonging to the United States, and may cooperate and make agreements with and seek and accept the assistance of other Federal agencies and instrumentalities, and of States and political subdivisions thereof and the agencies and instrumentalities of either of them.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of developing coordinated and adequate public park, parkway, and recreational-area facilities for the people of the United States, the Secretary is authorized to aid the several States and political subdivisions thereof in planning such areas therein, and in cooperating with one another to accomplish these ends.