
Appropriation authorized, fiscal years 1939-1943. Post, p. 1326.

Supervision of expenditure.

Investigations with respect to development of domestic mineral resources.

Treatment and utilization of lower grade reserves, substitutes, etc.

Funds authorized for fiscal years 1939-1943. Post, p. 1317.

Specific allotments.

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dent in time of war, or when he shall find that a national emergency exists with respect to national defense as a consequence of the threat of war.

Sec. 5. Purchases under this Act shall be made in accordance with Title III of the Act of March 3, 1933 (47 Stat. 1520), but a reasonable time (not to exceed one year) shall be allowed for production and delivery from domestic sources and in the case of any such material available in the United States but which has not been developed commercially, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may, if they find that the production of such material is economically feasible, direct the purchase of such material without requiring the vendor to give bond.

Sec. 6. For the procurement, transportation, maintenance, rotation, and storage of the materials to be acquired under this Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $100,000,000, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, during the fiscal years June 30, 1939, to and including June 30, 1943, to be expended under the joint direction of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

Sec. 7. (a) That the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Bureau of Mines and the Director of the Geological Survey, is hereby authorized and directed to make scientific, technologic, and economic investigations concerning the extent and mode of occurrence, the development, mining, preparation, treatment, and utilization of ores and other mineral substances found in the United States or its Territories or insular possessions, which are essential to the common defense or the industrial needs of the United States, and the quantities or grades of which are inadequate from known domestic sources, in order to determine and develop domestic sources of supply, to devise new methods for the treatment and utilization of lower grade reserves, and to develop substitutes for such essential ores and mineral products; to explore and develop, on public lands and on privately owned lands, with the consent of the owner, deposits of such minerals, including core drilling, trenching, test-pitting, shaft sinking, drifting, crosscutting, sampling, and metallurgical investigations and tests as may be necessary to determine the extent and quality of such deposits, the most suitable methods of mining and beneficiating them, and the cost at which the minerals or metals may be produced.

(b) For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943, the sum of $500,000, of which amount $350,000 shall be appropriated to the Bureau of Mines and $150,000 to the Geological Survey.

Approved, June 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 191] AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide books for the adult blind”, approved March 3, 1931.

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 books for the adult blind” approved March 3, 1931, as amended (U. S. C., 1924 edition, Supp. IV, title 2, sec. 135a), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: “In the purchase of such books, the Librarian of Congress, without reference to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 41, sec. 5), shall give preference to non-profit-making institutions or agencies whose activities are primarily con-
cerned with the blind, in all cases where the prices or bids submitted by such institutions or agencies are, by said Librarian, under all the circumstances and needs involved, determined to be fair and reasonable."

Approved, June 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 192]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President of the United States to accept on behalf of the United States a conveyance of certain lands on Government Island from the city of Alameda, California, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the United States, without cost to the United States other than a nominal consideration of $1 and expenses incident to procuring abstract of title, the examination of title, and the preparation, execution, and recording of necessary transfer papers, all of which expenses are hereby authorized to be paid out of administrative funds available from the Federal Highway Act, as amended or supplemented, but subject otherwise to the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes, title in fee simple to thirty-five acres, more or less, of lands above the low-water mark, forming a part of what is known as Government Island, as described and proposed by ordinance numbered 681, new series, to be conveyed to the United States by the city of Alameda, California, to be used for public purposes of the Government of the United States.

Sec. 2. The President of the United States is authorized to permit the lands conveyed to the United States pursuant to this resolution to be used for such Government purposes as he may deem advisable.

Approved, June 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 193]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing that reorganization plans numbered I and II shall take effect on July 1, 1939.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of reorganization plan numbered I, submitted to the Congress on April 25, 1939, and the provisions of reorganization plan numbered II, submitted to the Congress on May 9, 1939, shall take effect on July 1, 1939, notwithstanding the provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

Sec. 2. Nothing in such plans or this joint resolution shall be construed as having the effect of continuing any agency or function beyond the time when it would have terminated without regard to such plans or this joint resolution or of continuing any function beyond the time when the agency in which it was vested would have terminated without regard to such plans or this joint resolution.

Approved, June 7, 1939.