To provide for the widening of Wisconsin Avenue in the District of Columbia, 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 Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to institute in the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia under subchapter 1 of chapter XV of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, and amendments thereto, such proceedings in rem as may be necessary to condemn the land necessary for the widening of Wisconsin Avenue, in the District of Columbia, from R Street to approximately the southerly line of the Mount Alto Hospital property, the condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the land necessary for said widening to be instituted on such lines and to be acquired to such width or widths as the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall deem expedient: Provided, That the width of said Wisconsin Avenue at any point south of the south line of Calvert Street shall not be increased by reason of the condemnation proceedings authorized herein to a greater width than seventy-eight feet.

Sec. 2. All laws now in force and effect for the condemnation of streets as laid down on the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia shall be applicable to the condemnation of land for the widening of Wisconsin Avenue as authorized in this Act: Provided, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the special fund entitled “Highway fund, gasoline tax, and motor-vehicle fees, District of Columbia”, such amount or amounts as may be necessary to pay the costs and expenses of the condemnation proceedings taken pursuant hereto and for the payment of the amounts awarded as damages, and the jury or juries under said condemnation proceedings shall award such damages as may be found to be due, and levy assessments upon such land as they may find benefited by reason of the acquisition of said land for the widening of Wisconsin Avenue as provided herein, all in accordance with subchapter 1 of chapter XV of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia and amendments thereto, and the amounts collected as benefits shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the special fund entitled “Highway fund, gasoline tax, and motor-vehicle fees, District of Columbia.”

Approved, June 20, 1939.

To amend section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company to extend its present track connection with the United States navy yard so as to provide adequate railroad facilities in connection with the development of Buzzards Point as an industrial area in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved June 18, 1932 (Public, Numbered 187, Seventy-second Congress).

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 authorize The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company to extend its present track connection with the United States navy yard so as to provide adequate railroad facilities in connection with the development of Buzzards Point as an industrial area in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved June 18, 1932 (Public, Numbered 187, Seventy-
second Congress), be amended by striking out the words “One-half Street Southwest, One-half Street Southeast, and Second Street Southwest, south of Potomac Avenue and north of Potomac Avenue to P Street”, and inserting in lieu thereof “One-half Street Southwest, and Second Street Southwest, south of Potomac Avenue and north of Potomac Avenue to P Street, and One-Half Street Southwest, south of Potomac Avenue and north of Potomac Avenue to O Street”.

Approved, June 20, 1939.

[CHAPTER 230]

AN ACT

To grant permission for the construction, maintenance, and use of a certain underground conduit for electrical lines in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed to grant permission to the Doctors' Hospital, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, to lay down, construct, maintain, and use an underground conduit for electrical lines in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, from the building located at and known as 1815 Eye Street Northwest, directly south to the building located at and known as 1816 Eye Street Northwest.

Sec. 2. That all the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make and establish in connection therewith and all plans and specifications for such construction shall be subject to their approval. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have full authority to designate the location and to cause such repairs or relocation of such conduit as the public necessity may require, any such repairs or relocation to be at the expense of the Doctors' Hospital, Incorporated, its successors or assigns.

Approved, June 20, 1939.

[CHAPTER 231]

AN ACT


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision (e) of section 7 of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1119), is amended by changing the period to a colon after the words “under the provisions of this Act” and adding the following: “Provided, That operators of Federal Government-owned vehicles stationed outside of the District of Columbia shall not be required to have or obtain the operators' permits referred to above while operating such vehicles within the limits of the District of Columbia on transient or temporary official business of the Federal Government.”

Approved, June 20, 1939.