[CHAPTER 264]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a Coast Guard station at or near the city of Monterey, California.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish a Coast Guard station on the Pacific coast at or in the vicinity of the city of Monterey, California, in such locality as the Commandant of the Coast Guard may recommend.

Approved, July 12, 1939.

[CHAPTER 265]

AN ACT

To authorize the procurement, without advertising, of certain aircraft parts and instruments or aeronautical accessories, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever proposals are invited for the furnishing of aircraft parts or instruments or aeronautical accessories for the War Department, the character of which or the ingredients thereof are of such a nature that the interests of the public service would be injured by publicly divulging them, the Chief of the Air Corps is authorized to purchase, without advertising, such aircraft parts or instruments or aeronautical accessories in such manner as he may deem most economical and efficient: Provided, That this Act will not be construed as in any way amending the Act of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 780), or as authorizing the open market purchase of airplanes for purposes other than as provided in that Act: and provided further, That no purchase shall be made under this Act until the Secretary of War shall have certified that a secret order is necessary, and only then after submitting the proposal to three reputable concerns for their respective bids. All laws and parts of laws which are inconsistent herewith or in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 13, 1939.

[CHAPTER 266]

AN ACT

For the relief of disbursing officers and other officers and employees of the United States for disallowances and charges on account of airplane travel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers of the United States, to remove charges raised against officers and employees of the United States, and to refund to such officers and employees upon application amounts collected from them, representing the excess in cost of airplane transportation used by such officers and employees on official business prior to December 10, 1935, as compared with the cost by rail: Provided, That action as herein provided shall be taken only when the head of the department or establishment shall certify that the use of airplane transportation was necessary in the interest of the United States: Provided further, That in cases of refunds there shall be charged the appropriations to which the collections were credited, and the amounts found due certified for payment in the usual manner.

Approved, July 14, 1939.