[CHAPTER 610]

AN ACT

To amend the naturalization laws in relation to an alien previously lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence and who is temporarily absent from the United States solely in his or her capacity as a regularly ordained clergyman or representative of a recognized religious denomination or religious organization existing in the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any alien who has been lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence and who has heretofore been or may hereafter be absent temporarily from the United States solely in his or her capacity as a regularly ordained clergyman, shall be considered as residing in the United States for the purpose of naturalization notwithstanding any such absence from the United States, but he or she shall in all other respects comply with the requirements of the naturalization laws. Such alien shall prove to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Labor and the naturalization court that his or her absence from the United States has been solely in the capacity hereinbefore described.

Sec. 2. The Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, with the approval of the Secretary of Labor, shall prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of this Act.

Approved, August 9, 1939.

[CHAPTER 611]

AN ACT

Giving clerks in the Railway Mail Service the benefit of holiday known as Armistice Day.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third proviso of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to fix the hours of duty of postal employees, and for other purposes", approved August 14, 1935, as amended, is amended by striking out the words "three hundred and six days" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three hundred and five days".

That this Act shall become effective as of October 1, 1939.

Approved, August 9, 1939.

[CHAPTER 612]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare plans for the eradication and control of the pink bollworm, 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 Agriculture, with such assistance of the Secretary of State as may be mutually agreed upon by and between the Secretaries of Agriculture and State, is authorized and directed to carry on discussions with the heads of responsible agencies and responsible officials of the Government of Mexico and with such various States of the United States as he may deem necessary for the purpose of preparing plans looking toward the eradication and control of the pink bollworm affecting cotton within the United States and Mexico.

Sec. 2. That plans developed pursuant to these discussions shall be submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture, on or before January 10, 1940, to the President of the United States who shall transmit to the Congress such recommendations with respect thereto as he may deem advisable.