[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.
SEC. 3. That expenses incurred by agents of the United States in carrying out the discussions herein authorized shall be paid from regular appropriations made to the department of the Government of the United States by which the agent incurring them is employed.

Approved, August 9, 1939.

[CHAPTER 613]  
AN ACT

To establish the Benjamin Harrison Commission to formulate plans for the construction of a permanent memorial to the memory of Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third President of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission, to be known as the Benjamin Harrison Memorial Commission, and to be composed of five commissioners, to be appointed by the President of the United States. Such commission shall consider and formulate plans for establishment of a permanent memorial in the city of Indianapolis, to the said Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third President of the United States.

SEC. 2. Such commission may, in its discretion, accept from any source, public or private, money or property to be used for the purpose of making surveys and investigations, formulating, preparing, and considering plans for the construction of such memorial, or other expenses incurred, or to be incurred, in carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution.

SEC. 3. The commission shall report its recommendations to Congress as soon as practicable.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,500, which shall be available to defray the necessary expenses of the commission for the performance of their duties herein prescribed. Disbursement of the sum herein authorized shall be made on vouchers approved by the chairman of the commission.

Approved, August 9, 1939.

[CHAPTER 614]  
AN ACT

To amend the Act approved June 26, 1935, entitled "An Act to create a national memorial military park at and in the vicinity of Kennesaw Mountain in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act approved June 26, 1935, entitled "An Act to create a national memorial military park at and in the vicinity of Kennesaw Mountain in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following proviso: "Provided, That if, after the expenditure of the funds herein authorized, the Secretary of the Interior shall determine that the acquisition of additional lands is necessary in order to perfect the symmetry of the park area or to acquire locations of historic interest adjacent to the park area already acquired upon which fortifications or entrenchments are located which are likely to deteriorate or be destroyed under private ownership, he is authorized to acquire additional lands for such purposes."