insignia or any colorable imitation thereof, or the reproduction
thereof for commercial purposes, of any veterans' organization incor-
porated by Act of Congress, or the printing, lithographing, engraving
or other like reproduction on any poster, circular, periodical,
magazine, newspaper, or other publication, or the circulation or dis-
tribution of any such printed matter bearing a reproduction of such
badge, medal, emblem, or other insignia or any colorable imitation
thereof, of any such veterans' organization, is prohibited except when
authorized under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by
such organization so incorporated. Any person who knowingly
offends against any provision of this Act shall on conviction be pun-
bished by a fine not exceeding $250 or by imprisonment not exceeding
six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved, June 25, 1940.

[CHAPTER 427]  
AN ACT

To authorize the purchase by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of stock of
Federal home-loan banks; to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation
Act, as amended, 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 304
of the Act entitled "An Act to provide relief in the existing national
emergency in banking, and for other purposes", approved March 9,
1933, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 12, sec. 51d; Supp. V,
title 12, sec. 51d), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof
the following new paragraph:

"The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to pur-
chase at par any part of the stock of any Federal home-loan bank
owned by the United States, as evidenced by certificates, receipts,
or otherwise, in amounts to be determined by the Corporation, with
the approval of the Federal Loan Administrator; and the Secretary
of the Treasury is authorized on behalf of the United States to sell
such stock to the Corporation. Any such stock so purchased by the
Corporation shall be held subject to the same conditions, require-
ments, rights, and privileges (including all dividend and retirement
provisions) as are provided by law for or in connection with the
ownership of such stock by the United States."

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act,
as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 15, sec. 602), is hereby
amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

"The Corporation is authorized to make payments from time to
time to the Secretary of the Treasury in amounts to be determined
by the Corporation, with the approval of the Federal Loan Adminis-
trator, for the partial retirement of its capital stock at par and in
payment of dividends from earnings. The aggregate amount of
notes, debentures, bonds, or other such obligations which the Corpora-
tion is authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time
under the provisions of law in force on the date this paragraph
takes effect shall not be decreased by reason of any retirement of
capital stock under this paragraph, and such aggregate amount is
hereby increased by an amount sufficient to carry out the provisions
of this paragraph and of the second paragraph of section 304 of the
Act of March 9, 1933, as amended.

"The Corporation, on or before June 30, 1941, may retire its
capital stock and pay dividends under the preceding paragraph of
this section, and may purchase stock of the Federal home-loan banks
under section 304 of the Act of March 9, 1933, as amended, in an aggregate amount of not to exceed $300,000,000 to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury; but the Corporation, with the approval of the Federal Loan Administrator, shall determine that portion of such aggregate amount which may be used for the retirement of the capital stock of the Corporation, the payment of dividends, and the purchase of such stock of the Federal home-loan banks."

Sec. 3. (a) The third paragraph of section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 15, sec. 605; Supp. V, title 15, sec. 605), is hereby amended by striking out "$350,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$500,000,000".

(b) The first sentence of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to extend the functions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for two years, and for other purposes", approved January 31, 1935, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 15, sec. 603m), is hereby amended by striking out "January 31, 1945" and inserting in lieu thereof "January 31, 1955".

Sec. 4. Section 3 of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation Act (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 12, sec. 1020b) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentences: "The Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation is authorized to repay on or before June 30, 1941, to the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the United States, all amounts in excess of $100,000,000 theretofore subscribed to the capital stock of the corporation. The proceeds of such repayment shall be held in the Treasury of the United States as a fund available for subscription, by the Governor on behalf of the United States with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to the capital of the corporation when, in the judgment of the directors of the corporation, additional subscriptions to its capital are necessary."

Sec. 5. Section 5d of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 15, sec. 606b), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

"In order to aid the Government of the United States in its national-defense program, the Corporation is authorized—

"(1) To make loans to, or, when requested by the Federal Loan Administrator with the approval of the President, purchase the capital stock of, any corporation (a) for the purpose of producing, acquiring, and carrying strategic and critical materials as defined by the President, and (b) for plant construction, expansion and equipment, and working capital, to be used by the corporation in the manufacture of equipment and supplies necessary to the national defense, on such terms and conditions and with such maturities as the Corporation may determine; and

"(2) When requested by the Federal Loan Administrator, with the approval of the President, to create or to organize a corporation or corporations, with power (a) to produce, acquire, and carry strategic and critical materials as defined by the President, (b) to purchase and lease land, to purchase, lease, build, and expand plants, and to purchase and produce equipment, supplies, and machinery, for the manufacture of arms, ammunition, and implements of war, (c) to lease such plants to private corporations to engage in such manufacture, and (d) if the President finds that it is necessary for a Government agency to engage in such manufacture, to engage in such manufacture itself. The Corporation may make loans to, or purchase the capital stock of, any such corporation for any purpose..."
within the powers of the corporation as above set forth related to the national-defense program, on such terms and conditions as the Corporation may determine.

"Any corporation created or organized by the Corporation under the preceding paragraph is also authorized, with the approval of the President, to make payments against the purchase price to be paid for strategic and critical materials in advance of the delivery of such materials. Whenever practicable, the Corporation may require the payments so made to be used for purchases of raw or manufactured agricultural commodities to be exported from the United States."


Approved, June 25, 1940.

[CHAPTER 428] AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of Labor, the Federal Security Agency, and related independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, 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 following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Labor, the Federal Security Agency, and related independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, namely:

**TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

Salaries: Secretary of Labor, Assistant Secretary, Second Assistant Secretary, and other personal services in the District of Columbia, $374,000.

Salaries: Office of the Solicitor, $90,000.

Contingent expenses: For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the offices and bureaus of the Department, for which appropriations for contingent and miscellaneous expenses are not specifically made, including the purchase of stationery, furniture, and repairs to the same, carpets, matting, oilcloths, file cases, towels, ice, brooms, soap, sponges, laundry, not exceeding $1,400 for streetcar fares; purchase, exchange, maintenance, and repair of motorcycles and motortrucks; maintenance, operation, and repair of three motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, to be used only for official purposes; freight and express charges; commercial and labor-reporting services; newspaper clippings not to exceed $1,400, postage to foreign countries, telegraph