[CHAPTER 46]

AN ACT

Providing payment to employees, Bureau of Reclamation, for mileage traveled in privately owned automobiles.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General is hereby authorized and directed to credit disbursing agents of the Bureau of Reclamation for payments made as mileage reimbursement for the use, during the period of February 14, 1931, to April 30, 1932, of privately owned motor vehicles, in accordance with the Act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1146), which payments were suspended and/or disallowed pursuant to the decision of the Comptroller General of April 30, 1932 (A-41688). In those cases where collections have been made from employees pursuant to such suspension and/or disallowed, refunds are authorized: Provided, however, That all payments made pursuant to this Act shall be at the rate of 4 cents per mile.

Approved, March 6, 1940.

[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

To amend the Bonneville Project Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (a) of chapter 720 of the Acts of the Seventy-fifth Congress, first session (50 Stat. 731, 732), is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence ending “in the vicinity of the Bonneville project,” the following sentence: “The Secretary of the Interior shall also appoint, without regard to the civil-service laws, an Assistant Administrator, chief engineer, and general counsel and shall fix the compensation of each at not exceeding $7,500 per annum. The Assistant Administrator shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Administrator, in the event of the absence or sickness of the Administrator until such absence or sickness shall cease, and, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Administrator until a successor is appointed.”

Sec. 2. Section 2 (a) of said Act is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said section the following:

“The office of the Administrator of the Bonneville project is hereby constituted an office in the Department of the Interior and shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of the Interior. All functions vested in the Administrator of the Bonneville project under this Act may be exercised by the Secretary of the Interior and, subject to his supervision and direction, by the Administrator and other personnel of the project.”

Sec. 3. Section 4 (b) of the said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words and figures “January 1, 1941” wherever they occur therein and by substituting in lieu thereof the words and figures “January 1, 1942”.

Approved, March 6, 1940.

[CHAPTER 48]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the United States Maritime Commission to acquire certain lands at Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Maritime Commission is hereby authorized, with funds in the construction fund of the Commission, to acquire on behalf of the United States of America, such lands and interests therein as the Commission shall consider necessary and convenient for the purposes of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the United States port facilities at Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Approved, March 9, 1940.
AN ACT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay the attorneys of record for those Quinaielt Indians who received their allotments on the Quinaielt Reservation, State of Washington, pursuant to judgments or decrees of a United States district or appellate court in a case wherein they were named parties plaintiff, the reasonable and fair value of the services rendered and expenses incurred, as heretofore fixed and determined by said Secretary; and the sum of $28,400.10, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, to make said payments, the amount so paid for the account of each allottee to be reimbursed to the United States out of any funds now or hereafter accruing to the account of each such Indian allottee from the sale of his or her allotment, or the timber thereon.

Approved, March 9, 1940.