thereof, which the Corporation has financed, or in the financing of which the Corporation has aided, any right of such owner to take possession of such property in compliance with the provisions of any such lease or conditional sales contract, and the title of any owner of a collateral note evidencing a loan from the Corporation to a railroad not now in receivership or involved in proceedings under section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, or a receiver or trustee thereof, and the right of any such owner to acquire title to the collateral securing such note, free and clear of any equity of redemption, in compliance with the contract of pledge, and thereafter to deal with the same as the absolute owner thereof, shall not be affected, restricted, or restrained by or pursuant to the provisions of the Act of July 1, 1898, entitled ‘An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States’, as amended, or by or pursuant to any other provision of law applicable to any proceedings thereunder.’

(c) The first sentence of section 3 of the Act approved January 31, 1935 (49 Stat., ch. 2, pp. 1–2), is hereby amended by striking out ‘January 31, 1945’ and inserting in lieu thereof ‘January 31, 1955’.

Approved, September 18, 1940.

[CHAPTER 723]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, 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 the Navy is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of the following public work projects at a cost not to exceed the amount stated after each item enumerated:

Third naval district: Graving drydock and accessory construction in New York Harbor, including acquisition of site, $10,000,000.

Caribbean area: Graving drydock and accessory construction, including acquisition of site, $7,500,000.

First naval district: Improvements to South Boston drydock, $6,180,000.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved, September 18, 1940.

[CHAPTER 724]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to accept on behalf of the United States certain lands in the city of National City, 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 Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized on behalf of the United States to accept from the city of National City, California, without cost to the United States, all right, title, and interest of the said city in and to the following-described area of tide and submerged lands:

All lands situated on the National City side of the San Diego Bay, lying between the line of the mean high tide line and the pierhead line in said bay, as the same has been or may hereafter be established by the Federal Government, and between the prolongation into the Bay of San Diego, to the pierhead line of the boundary line between the city of National City and the city of San Diego
and a prolongation into the Bay of San Diego to the pierhead line of the southerly line of the street commonly known as Seventh Street, containing approximately ninety-six and forty-two one-hundredths acres of tidelands, and more particularly described as all or any portion or portions of those tidelands, situated in the city of National City, San Diego County, State of California, commencing at a concrete monument on the northerly line of National City, designated as U. S. C. & G. S. point numbered 49; thence south seventy-one degrees forty-three minutes fifteen seconds west along said northerly line a distance of seventy-two and one-tenth feet to a concrete monument on the mean high tide line of San Diego Bay, the true point of beginning; thence south forty-eight degrees sixteen minutes east two hundred and sixty-seven and fifty-eight one-hundredths feet; thence south seventy-three degrees fifty-four minutes east one hundred and seventy-nine and four-tenths feet; thence south forty-nine degrees fifty-three minutes thirty-four seconds east two hundred and sixty-one and ninety-five one-hundredths feet; thence south sixty-four degrees five minutes forty-four seconds east four hundred and four and ninety-five one-hundredths feet; thence south sixty-two degrees forty-one minutes fifty-three seconds east two hundred and fifty-one and eighty-one one-hundredths feet; thence south thirty-six degrees thirty-nine minutes eight seconds east two hundred and sixty and twenty-nine one-hundredths feet; thence south thirty-seven degrees forty-eight minutes forty-one seconds east one thousand and ninety-five and six-tenths feet; thence north sixty-three degrees three minutes fifty-nine seconds west two thousand and ninety-four and two-tenths feet to the bulkhead line of San Diego Bay; thence north twenty-six degrees fifty-six minutes one second west along said bulkhead line two thousand seven hundred and twenty-two and two-tenths feet to an intersection with the westerly prolongation of the northerly line of National City; thence north seventy-one degrees forty-three minutes fifteen seconds east along northerly line one thousand and eighty-six and sixty-seven one-hundredths feet to the point of beginning, excepting and reserving therefrom a roadway approximately one hundred feet in width along the easterly side.

Sec. 2. The Secretary is authorized to accept title to the above-described tract from the city of National City, California, upon the following conditions recited in the city of National City, California, Resolution Numbered 2024:

That the conveyance shall be subject to any and all existing leases on the aforesaid property or tidelands.

That the city of National City may reserve perpetual easements for laying and maintaining sewers and drains across any and all of the above-described land wherever necessary and convenient.

That the above-described tract shall be used for military purposes of the United States and particularly for the purpose of establishing and maintaining thereon piers, landings, buildings, and structures to be used by the United States Navy.

Sec. 3. The acceptance by the Secretary of the Navy of the transfer or quitclaim by the city of National City of any of the lands herein mentioned shall not be construed as a relinquishment by the United States of its claim of title or interest in said land in any manner arising.

Sec. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, September 21, 1940.