

expenditure of public funds, the General Accounting Office, in the settlement of the accounts of the Treasurer or other accountable officer or employee of the Corporation, shall not disallow credit for, nor withhold funds because of, any expenditure which the Board shall determine to have been necessary to carry out the provisions of said Act.

"The Corporation shall determine its own system of administrative accounts and the forms and contents of its contracts and other business documents except as otherwise provided in the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended."

Approved, November 21, 1941.

Matters to be determined by Corporation.

[CHAPTER 486]

AN ACT

November 21, 1941  
[H. R. 4994]  
[Public Law 307]

Granting the consent of Congress to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Susquehanna River at Bridge Street in Plymouth Borough, between Plymouth and Hanover Townships, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Susquehanna River.  
Bridge authorized across, between Plymouth and Hanover Townships, Pa.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Susquehanna River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at Bridge Street in Plymouth Borough and between Plymouth and Hanover Townships, Luzerne County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, excepting that the times for commencing and completing the construction shall be two and four years from the date of approval of this Act.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 487]

AN ACT

November 21, 1941  
[H. R. 5076]  
[Public Law 308]

To empower the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the County of Kauai to issue improvement bonds.

Kauai County, T. H.  
Issuance of bonds for financing improvements.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii may authorize the County of Kauai to issue its general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing improvements in said county in a total amount not exceeding \$600,000, despite the existing 5 per centum and 1 per centum limitations of indebtedness contained in section 55 of the Act of Congress of April 30, 1900, entitled "An Act to Provide a Government for the Territory of Hawaii", as amended: *Provided, however,* That when said bonds have been issued as many of them as are outstanding shall be included in the outstanding indebtedness of said county in computing the amount of additional indebtedness, other than bonds issued pursuant to the authority contained in Act 251 of the Session Laws of Hawaii of 1941, which may be incurred by said county.

31 Stat. 150.  
49 U. S. C. § 562.

*Proviso.*

SEC. 2. Said bonds may be issued under Act 251 of the Session Laws of Hawaii of 1941 and said Act is hereby ratified and confirmed: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be

Authorization.

*Proviso.*

deemed to prohibit the amendment of said Act by said Territory by the legislature thereof from time to time to provide for changes in the improvements authorized by said Act or for the disposition of unexpended moneys appropriated by said Act.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 488]

AN ACT

To approve Act numbered 112 of the Session Laws of 1941 of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An Act to amend Act 101 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1921, relating to the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the districts of North and South Hilo and Puna, in the County of Hawaii, so as to extend the franchise to the districts of Kau and South Kohala in said county, and extend the term thereof as to the town of Hilo".

November 21, 1941  
[H. R. 5077]  
[Public Law 309]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Act numbered 112 of the Session Laws of 1941 of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An Act to amend Act 101 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1921, relating to the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the districts of North and South Hilo and Puna, in the County of Hawaii, so as to extend the franchise to the districts of Kau and South Kohala in said county, and extend the term thereof as to the town of Hilo", passed by the Legislature of Hawaii and approved by the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii on April 26, 1941, be hereby approved.

Territory of Hawaii.  
Approval of act extending electric franchise.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 489]

AN ACT

To authorize the Treasurer of the United States to make settlements with payees of lost or stolen checks, which have been paid on forged indorsements, in advance of reclamation, and for other purposes.

November 21, 1941  
[H. R. 5079]  
[Public Law 310]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, to be available until expended, to be used by the Treasurer of the United States, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for making settlement with the payees and special indorsees of certain checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, as hereinafter provided. There is hereby further authorized to be appropriated from time to time such additional sums as may be necessary for such purpose. There shall be on deposit with the Treasurer of the United States in a special deposit account a revolving fund, to be known as the check forgery insurance fund (hereinafter referred to as "the fund"), to be composed of the sum of \$50,000 and such further sums as may hereafter be appropriated from time to time, together with all recoveries deposited to the credit of the fund as hereinafter provided.

Treasurer of the United States.  
Settlement with payees of lost or stolen checks.  
Appropriation authorized.

Check forgery insurance fund.

SEC. 2. Whenever it is established (a) that any check heretofore or hereafter drawn on the Treasurer of the United States has been lost or stolen, without the fault of the payee or a holder who is a special indorsee and whose indorsement is necessary to the further negotiation of such check, (b) that such check has thereafter been negotiated and paid by the Treasurer on a forged indorsement of the payee's or special indorsee's name, (c) that the payee or special indorsee has not participated either directly or indirectly in the pro-

Conditions.