

shall deem advisable, to any person, partnership, association, or corporation, or any department of the Government, for purposes, including but not limited to the making of munitions of war and the supplying of civilian needs, and the converting of existing plants to those purposes, any silver held or owned by the United States: *Provided*, That no silver shall be sold under this Act at less than 71.11 cents per fine troy ounce: *Provided further*, That at all times the ownership and the possession or control within the United States of an amount of silver of a monetary value equal to the face amount of all outstanding silver certificates heretofore or hereafter issued by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be maintained by the Treasury.

Minimum price.
Maintenance of designated amount of silver.

SEC. 2. This Act shall expire on December 31, 1944.

Approved July 12, 1943.

[CHAPTER 224]

AN ACT

To provide for emergency flood-control work made necessary by recent floods, and for other purposes.

July 12, 1943
[S. 1134]
[Public Law 138]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated as an emergency fund to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for the repair, restoration, and strengthening of levees and other flood-control works which have been threatened or destroyed by the recent floods: *Provided*, That pending the appropriation of said sum the Secretary of War may allot from existing flood-control appropriations such sums as may be necessary for the immediate prosecution of the work herein authorized, such appropriations to be reimbursed from the appropriation herein authorized when made: *Provided further*, That funds allotted under this authority shall not be diverted from the unobligated funds from the appropriation "Flood control, general", made available in the War Department Civil Appropriation Act, 1944, for specific purposes therein enumerated.

Emergency flood-control works. Appropriation authorized. Post, p. 544.

Allotments; reimbursement.

Funds not to be diverted.

Act, p. 95.

SEC. 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall be deemed to be additional and supplemental to, and not in lieu of, existing general legislation authorizing allocation of flood-control funds for restoration of flood-control works threatened or destroyed by flood.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to suspend all quota provisions and other limitations with respect to the production of agricultural commodities on any lands affected by floods in 1943 whenever he finds that crops have been destroyed or plantings interfered with or washed out on said lands by reason of such floods, and he is further authorized to permit the maximum planting on such lands of any crops which are essential to the war effort, without the imposition of any penalty or the withholding of any benefit, soil conservation, or other agricultural payments.

Suspension of quota provisions; maximum planting.

SEC. 4. The War Production Board, and every other governmental agency which has jurisdiction over allocations and priorities relating to farm machinery and equipment, are authorized and directed immediately to take such steps as may be necessary to provide for the necessary allocations and priorities to enable farmers in the areas affected by floods in 1943 to replace and repair their farm machinery and equipment which was destroyed or damaged by such floods, and to continue farming operations.

Farm machinery and equipment. Allocations and priorities.

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