

## [CHAPTER 220]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to incur obligations for the benefit of natives of Alaska in advance of the enactment of legislation making appropriations therefor.

*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 may authorize such officer or officers as may be designated by him to incur obligations in excess of appropriations currently available for the benefit of natives of Alaska, whenever said Secretary may determine such action to be necessary in order to insure the proper functioning of activities of the Office of Indian Affairs and of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska during any ensuing fiscal year, payments of such obligations to be made from the respective appropriations for the new fiscal year when they become available: *Provided*, That such authority shall not be exercised earlier than the 1st day of January in any one fiscal year: *Provided further*, That excess obligations may be incurred only for the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment; the amount of advance obligations so authorized shall not exceed 75 per centum of the total available in the current appropriations for such purposes: *And provided further*, That such obligations incurred in connection with the activities of the Office of Indian Affairs may be liquidated from the Indian Service supply fund, which fund shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations, when made, for the ensuing fiscal year.

SEC. 2. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved June 1, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 221]

## AN ACT

Extending the time for repayment and authorizing increase of the revolving fund for the benefit of the Crow Indians.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time for repayment to the tribe of the \$50,000 revolving fund for the benefit of the Crow Indians, created by the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 755), for advance to the Indians for the purchase of seed, animals, machinery, tools, implements, and other equipment is hereby extended from June 30, 1945, to June 30, 1965, for the same purposes: *Provided*, That upon request of the tribal council of the Crow Tribe and the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, any unobligated balances in the Crow consolidated 4 per centum fund may be added to the \$50,000 revolving fund and become available for the same purposes and subject to the same conditions.

Approved June 1, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 222]

## AN ACT

To extend the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, authorized to be built by the Minnesota Department of Highways and the counties of Benton

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[H. R. 329]

[Public Law 323]

Alaska.  
Advance obligations  
for benefit of natives.

Limitations.

Liquidation.

June 1, 1944

[H. R. 2105]

[Public Law 324]

Crow Indians.  
Time extension for  
repayment of fund.

49 Stat. 244.

Increase of fund.

June 1, 1944

[H. R. 3028]

[Public Law 325]

Mississippi River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, at Sauk  
Rapids, Minn.