

with a recommendation as to the feasibility, necessity, and advisability of the undertaking, and of the participation by the United States in a plan of reclamation in connection with the development of the swamp and overflow lands in the valley of the said Yazoo River and its tributaries.

Detailed estimate of cost, etc.

SEC. 3. That the said Secretary shall report in detail as to the character and estimated cost of the plan or plans on which he may report.

Further details to be reported.

SEC. 4. That the said Secretary shall also report as to the extent, if any, to which, in his opinion, the United States should contribute to the cost of carrying out the plan or plans which he may propose; the approximate proportion of the total cost which should be borne by the various drainage districts or other public agencies now organized or which may be organized; the manner in which their contribution should be made; to what extent and in what manner the United States should control, operate, or supervise the carrying out of the plan proposed, and what assurances he has been able to secure as to the approval of, participation in, and contribution to, the plan or plans proposed by the various contributing agencies.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 11510.]
[Public, No. 518.]

CHAP. 797.—An Act To authorize an industrial appropriation from the tribal funds of the Indians of the Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana, and for other purposes.

Fort Belknap Reservation, Mont.

Amount from tribal funds to purchase seed, etc., for sale to individual Indians on.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized a revolving reimbursable appropriation of \$25,000 from the tribal funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians of the Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana, subject to expenditure in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, in the purchase of seed, animals, machinery, tools, implements, building material, and other equipment and supplies, for sale to individual members of the tribe under the reimbursable regulations of August 7, 1918: *Provided,* That repayments shall be credited to said revolving fund and may be again expended for similar purposes without reappropriation by Congress.

Proviso.
Repayments credited to revolving fund for reuse.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 11203.]
[Public, No. 519.]

CHAP. 798.—An Act To amend subsection (c) and (o) of section 18 of an Act entitled "An Act for the reorganization and improvement of the Foreign Service, and for other purposes," approved May 24, 1924.

Foreign Service Act, 1924.
Retirement fund.

Contributions by deductions from salaries of eligible officers.
Vol. 43, p. 144, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsections (c) and (o) of section 18 of the Act approved May 24, 1924, entitled "An Act for the reorganization and improvement of the Foreign Service of the United States, and for other purposes," be, and the same are, amended so as to read as follows:

Deductions transferred to the fund.

Proviso.
Maximum salary basis.

(c) Five per centum of the basic salary of all Foreign Service officers eligible to retirement shall be contributed to the Foreign Service retirement and disability fund, and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed on and after the date on which this Act takes effect to cause such deductions to be made and the sums transferred on the books of the Treasury Department to the credit of the Foreign Service retirement and disability fund for the payment of annuities, refunds, and allowances: *Provided,* That for the purpose

of computing deductions and calculating annuities all basic salaries in excess of \$9,000 per annum shall be treated as \$9,000.

(o) Any diplomatic secretary or consular officer who has been or any Foreign Service officer who may hereafter be promoted from the classified service to the grade of ambassador or minister or appointed to a position in the Department of State shall be entitled to all the benefits of the Foreign Service retirement and disability system provided by section 18 of this Act in the same manner and under the same conditions as Foreign Service officers; and there shall likewise be entitled to the benefits of said system in the same manner and under the same conditions as Foreign Service officers any ambassador or minister or any Assistant Secretary of State now in the service, who at the time of original appointment to the grade of ambassador or minister or to the position of Assistant Secretary of State was a diplomatic secretary or consular officer or who at any time prior to such appointment had served for a period of ten years as diplomatic secretary or consular officer or in the Department of State or on special duty under the Department of State or in any or all of these capacities.

Other officers entitled to retirement benefits. Vol. 43, p. 145, amended.

Additional officers and prior service included.

SEC. 2. The Chief of the Division of Western European Affairs shall be entitled to participate in and have the benefits of said Foreign Service retirement and disability fund.

Designated officer to have benefits of fund.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

CHAP. 799.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Postmaster General to adjust certain claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty," approved March 17, 1882, as amended.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 12399.]
[Public, No. 520.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Postmaster General to adjust certain claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty," approved March 17, 1882, as amended, is amended so as to include losses of customs charges collected on dutiable mail articles, but such Act shall apply only to such losses occurring after April 1, 1924.

Postal service. Allowance to postmasters for losses of custom charges collected on mailed matter. Vol. 38, p. 279, amended. Restriction.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

CHAP. 800.—An Act To authorize the sale and disposition of the abandoned tract or tracts of lands formerly used as a life-saving station in Florida, and for other purposes.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 8903.]
[Public, No. 521.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lots 4 and 5, section 5, township 41 south, range 43 east, Florida, containing eighty and twenty-five one-hundredths acres, formerly used as a life-saving station but having been abandoned for that purpose, are hereby placed under the control of the Secretary of the Interior for disposition as hereinafter provided.

Florida. Abandoned life station in, placed under Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior may cause the said lands to be subdivided into town lots, blocks, streets, and alleys of such dimensions as he may deem advisable, reserving not less than five acres on the ocean front for park, aviation field, school, and other public purposes. Except as to the reservations mentioned he shall cause the said town lots so surveyed and subdivided, and each tract thereof, to be appraised by three competent and disinterested men to be appointed by him. When the appraisal has been approved by him he shall cause the said lots to be sold at

Subdivision of, into lots, etc.

Survey and appraisal of lots.

Sale at auction to highest bidder.