

[CHAPTER 157.]

AN ACT

March 19, 1936.  
[S. 1307.]  
[Public, No. 480.]

To establish The Homestead National Monument of America in Gage County, Nebraska.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to acquire, on behalf of the United States, by gift, purchase, or condemnation, the south half of the northwest quarter, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter section 26, township 4 north, range 5 east, of the sixth principal meridian, Gage County, Nebraska, the same being the first homestead entered upon under the General Homestead Act of May 20, 1862, by Daniel Freeman, and that when so acquired, the said area be designated "The Homestead National Monument of America."

**SEC. 2.** That there is authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$24,000, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of acquiring said tract.

**SEC. 3.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to lay out said land in a suitable and enduring manner so that the same may be maintained as an appropriate monument to retain for posterity a proper memorial emblematical of the hardships and the pioneer life through which the early settlers passed in the settlement, cultivation, and civilization of the great West. It shall be his duty to erect suitable buildings to be used as a museum in which shall be preserved literature applying to such settlement and agricultural implements used in bringing the western plains to its present high state of civilization, and to use the said tract of land for such other objects and purposes as in his judgment may perpetuate the history of the country mainly developed by the homestead law.

**SEC. 4.** For the purpose of carrying out the suggestions and recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior, the necessary annual appropriations therefor are hereby authorized.

Approved, March 19, 1936.

The Homestead National Monument of America, Nebr. Establishment.

Description.

Appropriation authorized.

Design, purpose, etc.

Erection of buildings, etc.

Annual appropriations authorized.

[CHAPTER 159.]

AN ACT

March 20, 1936.  
[S. 2603.]  
[Public, No. 481.]

To provide for the adjustment and settlement of certain claims arising out of the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Attorney General of the United States may consider, adjust, and determine any claim accruing after January 1, 1934, on account of damages to any person or damages to or loss of privately owned property, caused by the Director, any Assistant Director, inspector, or special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice acting within the scope of his employment, and such amount as may be found due to any claimant, not exceeding \$500 in any one case, shall be certified to Congress as a legal claim for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor, together with a brief statement of the character of each claim, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed: *Provided*, That this authorization shall not be construed to apply to cases of persons in the employ or service of the United States while acting within the scope of such employ or service: *Provided further*, That no claim shall be considered under this Act unless presented to the Attorney General within one year from the date of the accrual of said claim; except that any claim

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice. Settlement of certain claims incident to activities of.

Certification to Congress.

Provisos. Government employees on official duty.

Time limitation.

accruing between January 1, 1934, and the date of the approval of this Act may be presented within three months after the date of such approval: *And provided further*, That acceptance by any claimant of the amount determined to be due him under the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be in full and final settlement of such claim against the Government of the United States.

Acceptance deemed settlement in full.

Approved, March 20, 1936.

[CHAPTER 160.]

AN ACT

Relating to taxation of shares of preferred stock, capital notes, and debentures of banks while owned by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and reaffirming their immunity.

March 20, 1936.  
[S. 3978.]  
[Public, No. 482.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 304 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide relief in the existing national emergency in banking and for other purposes", approved March 9, 1933, as amended, be further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Reconstruction Finance Corporation.  
Vol. 48, pp. 6, 21.  
U. S. C., p. 356.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any privilege or consent to tax expressly or impliedly granted thereby, the shares of preferred stock of national banking associations, and the shares of preferred stock, capital notes, and debentures of State banks and trust companies, heretofore or hereafter acquired by Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and the dividends or interest derived therefrom by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, shall not, so long as Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall continue to own the same, be subject to any taxation by the United States, by any Territory, dependency, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, or by any State, county, municipality, or local taxing authority, whether now, heretofore, or hereafter imposed, levied, or assessed, and whether for a past, present, or future taxing period."

Bank securities, etc., exempt from taxation while held by.

SEC. 2. Effective upon the date of enactment of this Act, interest charges on all loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to closed banks and trust companies, now in force, or made subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act, shall not exceed 3½ per centum per annum on condition that the rate of interest charged debtors of such banks or trust companies shall not exceed 4½ per centum per annum; otherwise such interest rate shall be as fixed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation: *Provided, however*, That no provision of this Act shall be construed to authorize a reduction in the rate of interest on such loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation retroactive from the date of enactment of this Act.

Interest charges.

Proviso.  
Reductions not retroactive.

SEC. 3. If any provision, word, or phrase of this Act, or the application thereof to any condition or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of this Act to other conditions or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Saving clause.

Approved, March 20, 1936.

[CHAPTER 161.]

AN ACT

To extend the facilities of the Public Health Service to seamen on Government vessels not in the Military or Naval Establishments.

March 21, 1936.  
[S. 2625.]  
[Public, No. 483.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America assembled*, That hereafter seamen not enlisted or commissioned in the Military or Naval Establishments, who are not now entitled by virtue of any law to medical relief by

Public Health Service.  
Facilities of, extended to seamen on certain Government vessels.