

and for other purposes" (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 39, sec. 60a), but beginning as of July 1, 1934, rent for such quarters shall be paid in accordance with the terms of such lease, out of the unexpended balances of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, for rent, light, and fuel for post offices of the first, second, and third classes, after deducting from the amount of such rent payable any amounts that may have been paid by the postmaster to the owner of the building for the period that the office was in the fourth class.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 830]

AN ACT

To fulfill certain treaty obligations with respect to water levels of the Lake of the Woods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to pay the claims for damages against the United States arising out of the fluctuations of the water levels of the Lake of the Woods as ascertained by him under authority of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to carry into effect provisions of the convention between the United States and Great Britain to regulate the level of Lake of the Woods concluded on the 24th day of February 1925", approved May 22, 1926, as amended. The amount paid with respect to each claim shall be the amount of award set forth in the letter of the Secretary of War of February 16, 1931 (House Document Numbered 774, Seventy-first Congress, third session), and the letter of the Secretary of War of December 8, 1931 (House Document Numbered 133, Seventy-second Congress, first session). Such sums shall be paid to the claimant, or, in case the claimant is dead or insane, to the legal representative of the claimant. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing the identity of claimants or their assignees or representatives, and his determination thereof shall be final. Payment by the Secretary of War shall be in full settlement of all claims for damages cognizable under section 3 of such Act of May 22, 1926, as amended. If with diligent effort the Secretary of War has been unable to pay any such claim within three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the amount of such claim shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$73,270.97 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 831]

AN ACT

To amend section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Puerto Rico, and for other purposes", increasing borrowing margin of municipality of Mayaguez.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Puerto Rico, and for other purposes", approved March 2, 1917, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That no export duties shall be levied or collected on exports from Puerto Rico, but taxes and assessments on property, income taxes, internal revenue, and license fees, and royalties for

49 Stat. 1852.

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 6338]
[Public, No. 390]

Lake of the Woods.
Payment of damage
claims due to fluctua-
tion of water levels.

44 Stat. 617, 2108.

Amount of award.

Rules to be pre-
scribed.

Payment in full set-
tlement, etc.

Unclaimed awards.

Amount authorized.

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 6747]
[Public, No. 391]

Puerto Rico, civil
government.
39 Stat. 953.
48 U. S. C. §§ 741,
741a, 745; Supp. II,
§§ 745a, b.

Revenues.
Export duties for-
bidden; property and
general taxes, etc.

franchises, privileges, and concessions may be imposed for the purposes of the insular and municipal governments, respectively, as may be provided and defined by the Legislature of Puerto Rico; and when necessary to anticipate taxes and revenues, bonds and other obligations may be issued by Puerto Rico or any municipal government therein as may be provided by law, and to protect the public credit: *Provided, however,* That no public indebtedness of Puerto Rico and the municipalities of San Juan, Ponce, and Mayaguez shall be allowed in excess of 10 per centum of the aggregate tax valuation of its property, and no public indebtedness of any other subdivision or municipality of Puerto Rico shall hereafter be allowed in excess of 5 per centum of the aggregate tax valuation of the property in any such subdivision or municipality, and all bonds issued by the Government of Puerto Rico, or by its authority, shall be exempt from taxation by the Government of the United States, or by the Government of Puerto Rico or of any political or municipal subdivision thereof, or by any State, Territory, or possession, or by any county, municipality, or other municipal subdivision of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States, or by the District of Columbia. In computing the indebtedness of the people of Puerto Rico, municipal bonds for the payment of interest and principal of which the good faith of the people of Puerto Rico has heretofore been pledged and bonds issued by the people of Puerto Rico secured by bonds to an equivalent amount of bonds of municipal corporations or school boards of Puerto Rico shall not be counted, but all bonds hereafter issued by any municipality or subdivision within the 5 per centum hereby authorized for which the good faith of the people of Puerto Rico is pledged shall be counted.

And it is further provided, That the internal-revenue taxes levied by the Legislature of Puerto Rico in pursuance of the authority granted by this Act on articles, goods, wares, or merchandise may be levied and collected as such legislature may direct, on the articles subject to said tax, as soon as the same are manufactured, sold, used, or brought into the island: *Provided,* That no discrimination be made between the articles imported from the United States or foreign countries and similar articles produced or manufactured in Puerto Rico. The officials of the Customs and Postal Services of the United States are hereby directed to assist the appropriate officials of the Puerto Rican Government in the collection of these taxes."

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 832]

AN ACT

Authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 7051]
[Public, No. 302]

Rivers and harbors,
improvements.
Work authorized.

Jurisdiction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following works of improvement of rivers, harbors, and other waterways are hereby adopted and authorized, to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, in accordance with the plans recommended in the respective reports hereinafter designated and subject to the conditions set forth in such documents; and that hereafter Federal investigations and improvements of rivers, harbors, and other waterways shall be under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the War Department under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, except as otherwise specifically provided