

deemed to prohibit the amendment of said Act by said Territory by the legislature thereof from time to time to provide for changes in the improvements authorized by said Act or for the disposition of unexpended moneys appropriated by said Act.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 488]

AN ACT

To approve Act numbered 112 of the Session Laws of 1941 of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An Act to amend Act 101 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1921, relating to the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the districts of North and South Hilo and Puna, in the County of Hawaii, so as to extend the franchise to the districts of Kau and South Kohala in said county, and extend the term thereof as to the town of Hilo".

November 21, 1941
[H. R. 5077]
[Public Law 309]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Act numbered 112 of the Session Laws of 1941 of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An Act to amend Act 101 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1921, relating to the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the districts of North and South Hilo and Puna, in the County of Hawaii, so as to extend the franchise to the districts of Kau and South Kohala in said county, and extend the term thereof as to the town of Hilo", passed by the Legislature of Hawaii and approved by the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii on April 26, 1941, be hereby approved.

Territory of Hawaii.
Approval of act extending electric franchise.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 489]

AN ACT

To authorize the Treasurer of the United States to make settlements with payees of lost or stolen checks, which have been paid on forged indorsements, in advance of reclamation, and for other purposes.

November 21, 1941
[H. R. 5079]
[Public Law 310]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, to be available until expended, to be used by the Treasurer of the United States, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for making settlement with the payees and special indorsees of certain checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, as hereinafter provided. There is hereby further authorized to be appropriated from time to time such additional sums as may be necessary for such purpose. There shall be on deposit with the Treasurer of the United States in a special deposit account a revolving fund, to be known as the check forgery insurance fund (hereinafter referred to as "the fund"), to be composed of the sum of \$50,000 and such further sums as may hereafter be appropriated from time to time, together with all recoveries deposited to the credit of the fund as hereinafter provided.

Treasurer of the United States.
Settlement with payees of lost or stolen checks.
Appropriation authorized.

Check forgery insurance fund.

SEC. 2. Whenever it is established (a) that any check heretofore or hereafter drawn on the Treasurer of the United States has been lost or stolen, without the fault of the payee or a holder who is a special indorsee and whose indorsement is necessary to the further negotiation of such check, (b) that such check has thereafter been negotiated and paid by the Treasurer on a forged indorsement of the payee's or special indorsee's name, (c) that the payee or special indorsee has not participated either directly or indirectly in the pro-

Conditions.

ceeds of such negotiation or payment, and (d) that reclamation from the forger or transferees or parties on such check subsequent to the forgery has been or may be delayed or be unsuccessful, the Treasurer of the United States is authorized and directed to draw on the fund prior to reclamation to pay such payee or special indorsee the amount of such check, without interest.

Liability of forger,
etc.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to relieve the forger from civil or criminal liability, nor to relieve any transferee or party on such check subsequent to the forgery from liability on his express or implied guaranty of prior indorsements, or liability to make refund to the Treasurer of the United States, and all amounts received by the Treasurer by way of reclamation from such persons, or other persons making repayment on behalf of such persons, to the extent that such amounts are necessary to reimburse the fund for payments made to payees or special indorsees therefrom shall forthwith be deposited to the credit of the fund and shall be available for the purposes thereof.

Credit of amounts
reclaimed.

Rules and regula-
tions.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall have the power to make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the administration of the provisions of this Act.

Effective date.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on the sixtieth day following the date of its enactment.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 490]

AN ACT

November 21, 1941
[H. R. 5120]
[Public Law 311]

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of the remaining portion of the Grosse Point Lighthouse Reservation by deed to the city of Evanston, Illinois.

Grosse Point Light-
house Reservation.
Conveyance of por-
tion to Evanston, Ill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to convey to the city of Evanston, Illinois, for public-park purposes, under the same conditions prescribed by the Act of May 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 311), the remaining portion of the Grosse Point Lighthouse Reservation which was not conveyed to the city of Evanston by deed of conveyance dated July 2, 1935.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 491]

AN ACT

November 21, 1941
[H. R. 5128]
[Public Law 312]

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction, by the Alabama Bridge Commission, an agency of the State of Alabama, of a toll bridge and causeway between Dauphin Island and the mainland at or near Cedar Point, within the State of Alabama.

Construction of
bridge between Dau-
phin Island and Cedar
Point, Ala.
Time extension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction by the Alabama Bridge Commission, an agency of the State of Alabama, or assigns, of a toll bridge and causeway between Dauphin Island and the mainland at or near Cedar Point, within the State of Alabama, authorized by Public Law Numbered 727, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved July 8, 1940, be, and the same are, extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval of this Act.

54 Stat. 742.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, November 21, 1941.