

[CHAPTER 241]

JOINT RESOLUTION

July 16, 1943
[H. J. Res. 147]
[Public Law 151]

To continue the Commodity Credit Corporation as an agency of the United States, to increase its borrowing power, and for other purposes.

Commodity Credit Corporation, extension to Dec. 31, 1943. 55 Stat. 498. 15 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 713. *Post*, p. 643. Credit resources. 55 Stat. 498. 15 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 713a-4.

Fiscal agents.

Reimbursement for services.

Price control. 56 Stat. 24. 50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 902.

Trade and brand names.

Grade labeling. Standardization of commodities.

Maximum prices of certain commodities.

Repeal. *Ante*, p. 526.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 7 of the Act approved January 31, 1935 (49 Stat. 4), as amended, is hereby amended, as of June 30, 1943, by striking out "June 30, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 31, 1943".

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 4 of the Act approved March 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 108), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out "\$2,650,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3,000,000,000".

SEC. 3. The Federal Reserve banks are hereby authorized to act as depositaries, custodians, and fiscal agents for the Commodity Credit Corporation.

SEC. 4. Full reimbursement shall be made to the Commodity Credit Corporation for services performed, losses sustained, operating costs incurred, or commodities purchased or delivered to or on behalf of the Lend-Lease Administration, the Army or Navy, the Board of Economic Warfare, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or any other Government agency, from the appropriate funds of these agencies.

SEC. 5. (a) Section 2 of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed (1) as authorizing the elimination or any restriction of the use of trade and brand names; (2) as authorizing the Administrator to require the grade labeling of any commodity; (3) as authorizing the Administrator to standardize any commodity, unless the Administrator shall determine, with respect to such standardization, that no practicable alternative exists for securing effective price control with respect to such commodity; or (4) as authorizing any order of the Administrator fixing maximum prices for different kinds, classes, or types of a commodity which are described in terms of specifications or standards, unless such specifications or standards were, prior to such order, in general use in the trade or industry affected, or have previously been promulgated and their use lawfully required by another Government agency."

(b) The following provision in the National War Agencies Appropriation Act, 1944, is hereby repealed: "*Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the promulgation or enforcement of orders requiring grade labeling or standardization of food products, wearing apparel or other processed or manufactured commodities or articles."

Approved July 16, 1943.

[CHAPTER 242]

AN ACT

July 16, 1943
[S. 1252]
[Public Law 152]

To amend the Act of August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418), as amended by the Act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1119), relating to water conservation and utilization projects.

Great Plains, etc., water conservation. 54 Stat. 1119; 56 Stat. 142. 16 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 590y.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last proviso of section 1 of the Act of August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act), is hereby amended to read as follows: "*And provided further*, That expenditures from appropriations made directly pursuant to the authority contained in

section 12 (1) to meet reimbursable construction costs allocated to irrigation as defined in section 4 (b) shall not exceed \$2,000,000 for dams and reservoirs in any one project, and that expenditures from appropriations made directly pursuant to the authority contained in section 12 (1) to meet costs allocated to flood control by the Secretary after consultation with the Chief of Engineers, War Department, shall not exceed \$500,000 on any one project."

SEC. 2. Subparagraph (vii) of subsection 3 (a) of the Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(vii) The part of the estimated cost which can properly be allocated to flood control as recommended by the Secretary after consultation with the Chief of Engineers, War Department."

SEC. 3. Subsection 3 (b) of the Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) No actual construction of the physical features of a project shall be undertaken unless and until (1) the Secretary has found that lands, or interests in lands, deemed necessary for the construction and operation of the major features of the projects have been secured, or sufficient progress made in their procurement to indicate the probability that all these lands or interests in lands can be secured, with titles and at prices satisfactory to him; and (2) the Secretary has found (i) that water rights adequate for the purposes of the project have been acquired with titles and at prices satisfactory to him, or that such water rights have been initiated and in his judgment can be perfected in conformity with State law and any applicable interstate agreements and in a manner satisfactory to him; and (ii) that such water rights can be utilized for the purposes of the project in conformity with State law and any applicable interstate agreements and in a manner satisfactory to him."

SEC. 4. Section 3 of the Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection:

"(c) Any part of a project hereunder may be designated as a division of the project by the Secretary if he, after consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, deems this desirable for orderly and efficient construction or administration. The term 'project', as used in subsection 3 (b) and section 4, shall be deemed to mean also 'division of a project', designated as provided in this subsection. Any project authorized for construction from appropriations under the head 'Water Conservation and Utility Projects' in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1940 (53 Stat. 685), hereinafter called the 1940 water conservation appropriation, may be designated by the Secretary, upon agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture, a project under this Act and shall thereupon be subject to all the provisions and requirements thereof, except those of subsections 3 (a) and 3 (b)."

SEC. 5. Section 4 of the Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection:

"(d) For each project, on which construction is commenced or continued under this subsection, appropriations heretofore or hereafter made pursuant to section 12 and the unexpended balance of the 1940 water conservation appropriation, in addition to being available for other authorized objects of expenditure, shall be available for expenditure, by the agency to which available, in lieu of the 'services, labor, materials, or other property, including money', authorized to be utilized under section 2 and subsection 5 (b). All expenditures on each such project may be excluded (1) from the project construction costs to the extent the Secretary finds necessary to keep the reimbursable costs within the findings made under subsections 3 (a) (iv), 3 (a) (v), and 3 (a) (vi), and (2) from the costs that but for this subsection would be required to be returned under section 5, to the

54 Stat. 1125, 1121.
16 U. S. C. §§ 590z-10 (1), 590z-2 (b).

Investigations.
54 Stat. 1120.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-1 (a) (vii).
Allocations to flood control.

54 Stat. 1121.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-1 (b).

Prerequisites to construction.
Acquisition of lands.

Water rights.

54 Stat. 1121.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-1.

Division of a project.

"Project."
54 Stat. 1121.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-2.
Supra; infra.

Projects authorized under 1940 appropriation Act.
53 Stat. 719.

54 Stat. 1120; *supra*.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-1 (a).

54 Stat. 1121.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-2.

Availability of funds for projects.

54 Stat. 1125; 53 Stat. 719.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-10.

54 Stat. 1120, 1123.
16 U. S. C. §§ 590z, 590z-3 (b).

54 Stat. 1120.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-1 (a) (iv)-(vi).
54 Stat. 1122.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-3.
Post, p. 568.

54 Stat. 1119, 1124,
1125.
16 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 590y; 16 U. S. C.
§§ 590z-7, 590z-10.
Ante, p. 566.

Approval of project.

Labor of prisoners
of war.
54 Stat. 1120.
16 U. S. C. § 590z.

Duration.

54 Stat. 1122.
16 U. S. C. § 590z-3.

Minor purchases.

53 Stat. 719.

extent deemed necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture for the successful prosecution of the project; and as to each such project the limitations on expenditures provided in sections 1 and 9 shall be inoperative. Appropriations made pursuant to section 12 shall be available for expenditures for continuation of construction on any project heretofore undertaken under the 1940 water conservation appropriation, and such expenditures and those from the 1940 water conservation appropriation may be excluded from the costs of any such project in determining the amounts required to be reimbursed, to the extent the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture jointly determine is necessary to keep reimbursable costs within the ability of the water users to repay. No project may be initiated for construction or, if heretofore authorized, continued under this subsection unless the Secretary, following consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, finds that the proposed construction under this subsection is justifiable as an aid in the production of needed agricultural products and the President approves said finding. The utilization of services or labor of prisoners of war under section 2 is authorized, subject to the approval of, and regulations by, the War Department or other Federal agency having control of said prisoners. From and after the date six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress, this subsection shall no longer be of any force or effect except as to projects on which construction has been initiated or continued under this subsection prior to said date."

SEC. 6. Section 5 of the Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection:

"(c) Where the aggregate amount involved does not exceed \$300, the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5) shall not apply to any purchase or service authorized for the Department of Agriculture under this Act or under the 1940 water conservation appropriation."

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[CHAPTER 243]

AN ACT

September 28, 1943
[S. 1224]
[Public Law 153]

To designate the Public Library of the District of Columbia a public depository for governmental publications.

Public Library,
D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Public Library of the District of Columbia is hereby constituted a designated depository of governmental publications, and the Superintendent of Documents shall supply to such library one copy of each such publication, in the same form as supplied to other designated depositories.

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[CHAPTER 248]

AN ACT

September 29, 1943
[S. 789]
[Public Law 154]

To provide for the mailing of annual notices to owners of tax-exempt properties in the District of Columbia.

Tax-exempt proper-
ties, D. C.
56 Stat. 1091.
D. C. Code, Supp.
II, § 47-801f.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of Public Law 846, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved December 24, 1942, is amended by striking out the period at the end of the section and inserting a colon and the following: "*Provided*, That such rules