

SEC. 2. That all the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make and establish in connection therewith and all plans and specifications for such construction shall be subject to their approval. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have full authority to designate the location and to cause such repairs or relocation of said tunnel as the public necessity may require, any such repairs or relocation to be at the expense of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, its successors or assigns. The Standard Oil Company and any person, firm, or corporation using such tunnel, shall save harmless, indemnify and keep indemnified the District of Columbia from any and all injury, cost, loss, or damage to said District by reason of the construction, maintenance, and use of said tunnel.

Any repairs to streets, highways, or other public property necessitated by construction or alterations of said tunnel shall be made in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at the expense of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

SEC. 3. That no permission granted or enjoyed hereunder shall vest any title or interest in or to the land within South Capitol Street.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved December 23, 1944.

Regulations, rentals, etc.

Location and repairs.

Indemnification.

Repairs to public property.

Property rights.

[CHAPTER 724]

AN ACT

To amend section 119 of the Judicial Code.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 119 of the Judicial Code (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 215) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“For the purposes of this section, the District of Columbia shall be deemed to be a judicial circuit.”

Approved December 23, 1944.

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[H. R. 5518]
[Public Law 562]

Judicial Code, amendment.
36 Stat. 1131.

[CHAPTER 725]

AN ACT

To amend section 502 (a) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 502 (a) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 (Public Law 425, Seventy-eighth Congress) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 502. (a) Section 4 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. The Administrator is authorized and empowered, from the sums hereinbefore authorized, to make loans to persons, corporations, States, Territories, and subdivisions and agencies thereof, municipalities, peoples' utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations organized under the laws of any State or Territory of the United States, for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of generating plants, electric transmission and distribution lines or systems for the furnishing of electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service, and loans, from funds available under the provisions of sections 3 (d) and 3 (e) but without regard to the 10 per centum limitation therein contained, to cooperative associations for the purpose of enabling said

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[H. R. 5566]
[Public Law 563]

Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944, amendment.
Ante, p. 730.

49 Stat. 1365.
7 U. S. C. § 904.
Loans for electrical plants, etc.

Loans for discharging or refinancing debts owed TVA.
49 Stat. 1364.
7 U. S. C. § 903 (d), (e).
Ante, p. 730.

48 Stat. 58.
16 U. S. C. §§ 831-
831dd; Supp. III,
§ 831c *et seq.*

Preferential loans.

Loans to be self-
liquidating.

Interest.

Consent of State
authority.

Security; repay-
ment.

49 Stat. 1365.
7 U. S. C. § 905.
Ante, p. 739.

cooperative associations to discharge or refinance long-term debts owed by them to the Tennessee Valley Authority on account of loans made or credit extended under the terms of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended: *Provided*, That the Administrator, in making such loans, shall give preference to States, Territories, and subdivisions and agencies thereof, municipalities, peoples' utility districts, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations, the projects of which comply with the requirements of this Act. Such loans shall be on such terms and conditions relating to the expenditure of the moneys loaned and the security therefor as the Administrator shall determine and may be made payable in whole or in part out of the income: *Provided further*, That all such loans shall be self-liquidating within a period of not to exceed thirty-five years, and shall bear interest at the rate of 2 per centum per annum; interest rates on the unmatured and unpaid balance of any loans made pursuant to this section prior to the effective date of this amendment shall be adjusted to 2 per centum per annum, and the maturity date of any such loans may be readjusted to occur at a date not beyond thirty-five years from the date of such loan: *And provided further*, That no loan for the construction, operation, or enlargement of any generating plant shall be made unless the consent of the State authority having jurisdiction in the premises is first obtained. Loans under this section and section 5 shall not be made unless the Administrator finds and certifies that in his judgment the security therefor is reasonably adequate and such loan will be repaid within the time agreed.'"

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 726]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5571]
[Public Law 564]

To omit or defer the required five-year valuation of the civil-service retirement and disability fund for the duration of the present war and for one year thereafter.

Civil Service retire-
ment and disability
fund, valuation.
46 Stat. 478.
5 U. S. C. § 731.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, be further amended by the addition of the following paragraph:

"The required five-year valuation of the civil-service retirement and disability fund may be omitted or deferred in the discretion of the Civil Service Commission for the duration of the present war and for one year thereafter."

Approved December 23, 1944

[CHAPTER 727]

JOINT RESOLUTION

December 23, 1944
[H. J. Res. 324]
[Public Law 565]

To extend the time for filing a report by the Civil Aeronautics Board relating to multiple taxation of air commerce.

Report on multiple
taxation of air com-
merce.
Ante, p. 723.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for a study of multiple taxation of air commerce, and for other purposes", approved July 3, 1944 (Public Law 416, Seventy-eighth Congress), is hereby amended by striking out the words "within one hundred and eighty days" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "within nine months".

Approved December 23, 1944.