

Public Law 69

CHAPTER 138

JOINT RESOLUTION

Extending an invitation to the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, California.

June 13, 1955
[S. J. Res. 51]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whereas the United States Olympic Association will invite the International Olympic Committee to hold the Winter Olympic Games in the United States at Squaw Valley, California, in 1960, the Government of the United States joins in the invitation of the United States Olympic Association to the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1960 Winter Olympic Games in the United States at Squaw Valley, California; and expresses the sincere hope that the United States will be selected as the site.

Winter Olympic Games, 1960.

Invitation from U. S.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a copy of this joint resolution to the International Olympic Committee.

Approved June 13, 1955.

Public Law 70

CHAPTER 139

AN ACT

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

June 15, 1955
[S. 153]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsections (c), (d), and (e) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 903 (c), (d), and (e)) are amended to read as follows:

Rural electrification.

49 Stat. 1364.
Allotments for loans in States.

“(c) Twenty-five per centum of the annual sums herein made available or appropriated for loans for rural electrification pursuant to sections 4 and 5 of this title shall be allotted yearly by the Administrator for loans in the several States in the proportion which the number of their farms not then receiving central station electric service bears to the total number of farms of the United States not then receiving such service: *Provided*, That if any part of such sums are not loaned or obligated during the first six months of the fiscal year for which they are made available, such part shall thereafter be available for loans by the Administrator without allotment: *Provided, however*, That not more than 25 per centum of said sums may be employed in any one State or in all of the Territories. The Administrator shall within ninety days after the beginning of each fiscal year determine for each State and for the United States the number of farms not then receiving such service.

Unallotted funds.

“(d) The remaining 75 per centum of such annual sums shall be available for rural electrification loans in the several States and in the Territories, without allotment as hereinabove provided in such amounts for each State and Territory as, in the opinion of the Administrator, may be effectively employed for the purposes of this Act, and to carry out the provisions of section 7: *Provided, however*, That not more than 25 per centum of said unallotted annual sums may be employed in any one State, or in all of the Territories.

Unexpended funds.

“(e) If any part of the annual sums made available for the purposes of this Act are not loaned or obligated during the fiscal year for which they are made available, such unexpended or unobligated sums shall be available for loans by the Administrator in the following year or years without allotment: *Provided, however*, That not more than

25 per centum of said sums for rural electrification loans may be employed in any one State or in all of the Territories.”

7 USC 904.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of such Act is amended by striking out “10 per centum” and inserting “25 per centum”.

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CHAPTER 140

June 15, 1955
[S. 414]

AN ACT

To authorize an examination and survey of the coastal and tidal areas of the eastern and southern United States, with particular reference to areas where severe damages have occurred from hurricane winds and tides.

Hurricanes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in view of the severe damage to the coastal and tidal areas of the eastern and southern United States from the occurrence of hurricanes, particularly the hurricanes of August 31, 1954, and September 11, 1954, in the New England, New York, and New Jersey coastal and tidal areas, and the hurricane of October 15, 1954, in the coastal and tidal areas extending south to South Carolina, and in view of the damages caused by other hurricanes in the past, the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce and other Federal agencies concerned with hurricanes, is hereby authorized and directed to cause an examination and survey to be made of the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States with respect to hurricanes, with particular reference to areas where severe damages have occurred.

Survey.

SEC. 2. Such survey, to be made under the direction of the Chief of Engineers, shall include the securing of data on the behavior and frequency of hurricanes, and the determination of methods of forecasting their paths and improving warning services, and of possible means of preventing loss of human lives and damages to property, with due consideration of the economics of proposed breakwaters, seawalls, dikes, dams, and other structures, warning services, or other measures which might be required.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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CHAPTER 141

June 15, 1955
[H. R. 3825]

AN ACT

To make retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of jurisdiction over certain land in the vicinity of Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Massachusetts.
Jurisdiction of
lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States hereby makes retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of concurrent jurisdiction over the following-described land:

Parcel “A”: A parcel of land in the town of Harvard, comprising a portion of the original reservation of Fort Devens, shown on sheet numbered 1 of a plan on file in the Office of the Corps of Engineers, New England Division, at Boston, Massachusetts, as number MED-PA-638, dated May 1946, said parcel being located in the northernmost portion of said original reservation and being bounded and described as follows: