

Public Law 42

CHAPTER 45

AN ACT

To repeal section 348 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

May 23, 1955
[H. R. 1573]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 348 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is hereby repealed, effective with respect to 1955 and subsequent crops.

68 Stat. 904.
7 USC 1348.

Approved May 23, 1955.

Public Law 43

CHAPTER 46

AN ACT

To amend the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act in order to protect innocent purchasers of fungible goods from claims of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

May 23, 1955
[H. R. 1831]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, as amended (62 Stat. 1070), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Commodity
Credit Corp.

Charter Act,
amendment.
15 USC 714 note.

Fungible goods.

“SEC. 19. RELEASE OF INNOCENT PURCHASERS OF CONVERTED GOODS.— A buyer in the ordinary course of business of fungible goods heretofore or hereafter sold and physically delivered by a warehouseman or other dealer who was regularly engaged in the business of buying and selling such goods shall take or be deemed to have taken such goods free of any claim, existing or hereafter arising, by Commodity Credit Corporation, based on the want of authority in the seller to sell such goods, provided the buyer purchased such goods for value in good faith and did not know or have reason to know of any defect in the seller's authority to sell such goods.” To be entitled to relief under this section a buyer must assert as an affirmative defense and establish by a preponderance of the evidence the facts necessary to entitle him to such relief.

Approved May 23, 1955.

Public Law 44

CHAPTER 47

AN ACT

To promote the national defense by authorizing the construction of aeronautical research facilities by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics necessary to the effective prosecution of aeronautical research.

May 23, 1955
[H. R. 2581]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1 of Public Law 672, approved August 8, 1950 (50 U. S. C. 151b), the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is authorized to undertake additional construction, to acquire land, and to purchase and install additional equipment at the following locations:

Aeronautical re-
search facilities.

64 Stat. 418.

Langley Aeronautical Laboratory, Hampton, Virginia: Improvements to an existing transonic tunnel and improvements to roads, \$3,395,000.

Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, Moffett Field, California: High-speed free-flight facility, range for aerodynamic heating and dynamic stability testing, and data-reduction equipment, \$1,055,000.

Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, Cleveland, Ohio: Component research facility for nuclear propulsion, improvements to an existing transonic tunnel, additions to two existing laboratory buildings, repairs and modifications to utility installations, and acquisition of not to exceed 500 acres of land, \$8,760,000.

Pilotless Aircraft Station, Wallops Island, Virginia: Fuel-storage magazine, \$90,000.

Cost limitation.

SEC. 2. Any of the approximate costs enumerated in section 1 of this Act may, in the discretion of the Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, be varied upward 5 per centum to meet unusual cost variations, but the total cost of all work so enumerated shall not exceed \$13,300,000.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$13,300,000 to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Approved May 23, 1955.

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CHAPTER 76

AN ACT

May 25, 1955
[S. 1413]

To amend the Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts", approved May 17, 1910 (40 U. S. C., secs. 104-106), is amended to read as follows:

36 Stat. 371.

"SEC. 2. That to meet the expenses made necessary by this Act an expenditure of not exceeding \$35,000 a year is hereby authorized."

Approved May 25, 1955.

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CHAPTER 105

AN ACT

May 27, 1955
[S. 1006]

To authorize the execution of agreements between agencies of the United States and other agencies and instrumentalities for mutual aid in fire protection, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as used in this Act—

Fire protection agreements.**Definitions.**

(a) The term "agency head" means the head of any executive department, military department, agency, or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government;

(b) The term "fire protection" includes personal services and equipment required for fire prevention, the protection of life and property from fire, and fire fighting; and

(c) The term "fire organization" means any governmental entity or public or private corporation or association maintaining fire protection facilities within the United States, its Territories and possessions, and any governmental entity or public or private corporation or association which maintains fire protection facilities in any foreign country in the vicinity of any installation of the United States.

Agency head, authority.

SEC. 2. (a) Each agency head charged with the duty of providing fire protection for any property of the United States is authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement, with any fire organization maintaining fire protection facilities in the vicinity of such property, for mutual aid in furnishing fire protection for such property and for other property for which such organization normally provides fire protection.