

"That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to grant permits, as provided for in section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, for the withdrawal of alcohol from bond, free of tax to any scientific university or college of learning created and constituted as such by any State or Territory under its laws, though not incorporated or chartered, and to any hospital maintained by endowment or otherwise, and not conducted for profit, upon the same terms and subject to the same restrictions and penalties already provided by said section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven: *Provided, however,* That alcohol so obtained by hospitals may be used in surgical operations and, except as a beverage, in the treatment of patients, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *And provided further,* That the bond required by said section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven may be executed by an officer of such hospital or institution or by any other person for it, and on its behalf, with two good and sufficient sureties, upon like conditions, and to be approved as by said section is provided."

Approved, July 8, 1916.

Alcohol.  
Withdrawal free of  
tax for colleges, hos-  
pitals, etc.  
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ed.

Conditions.

Provisos.  
Hospital use.

Bond.

**CHAP. 240.**—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to adjudicate the claims of the State of Massachusetts.

July 11, 1916.  
[S. 3346.]

[Public, No. 155.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the claim of the State of Massachusetts for premium paid for coin with which it paid the interest and principal of its bonds issued in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one for money borrowed and used to furnish troops of the State for the service of the United States during the Civil War, and also its claim for interest and premium paid for coin used in payment of such interest on bonds issued for money borrowed and expended at the request, during said war, of the President of the United States in protecting the harbors and fortifying the coast, which claims were rejected by the Comptroller of the Treasury Department, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the Court of Claims for a determination of the law and the facts and report to Congress. The evidence of the amount of said expenditures and of the computations of such premiums made by the accounting officers of the Treasury on file in said department, as furnished by the State, may be considered by the court so as to relieve the State of the necessity of again filing said evidence in court.

Approved, July 11, 1916.

Massachusetts.  
Claims for premium,  
etc., referred to Court  
of Claims.

Evidence admitted.

**CHAP. 241.**—An Act To provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes.

July 11, 1916.  
[H. R. 7617.]

[Public, No. 156.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cooperate with the States, through their respective State highway departments, in the construction of rural post roads; but no money apportioned under this Act to any State shall be expended therein until its legislature shall have assented to the provisions of this Act, except that, until the final adjournment of the first regular session of the legislature held after the passage of this Act, the assent of the governor of the State shall be sufficient. The Secretary of Agriculture and the State highway department of each State shall agree upon the roads to be constructed therein and the

Rural post roads.  
Cooperation with  
States authorized for  
construction of.

*Proviso.*  
To be free from tolls.

Meaning of terms.  
"Rural post road."

"State highway department."

"Construction."

"Properly maintained."

Bridges and culverts included.

Appropriation.

Annual increases.

Continuation of unexpended balances.

Reapportionment of balances to States.

*Proviso.*  
Apportionment if State action prohibited by constitution.

Administration expenses to be deducted.

character and method of construction: *Provided*, That all roads constructed under the provisions of this Act shall be free from tolls of all kinds.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of this Act the term "rural post road" shall be construed to mean any public road over which the United States mails now are or may hereafter be transported, excluding every street and road in a place having a population, as shown by the latest available Federal census, of two thousand five hundred or more, except that portion of any such street or road along which the houses average more than two hundred feet apart; the term "State highway department" shall be construed to include any department of another name, or commission, or official or officials, of a State empowered, under its laws, to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised by a State highway department; the term "construction" shall be construed to include reconstruction and improvement of roads; "properly maintained" as used herein shall be construed to mean the making of needed repairs and the preservation of a reasonably smooth surface considering the type of the road; but shall not be held to include extraordinary repairs, nor reconstruction; necessary bridges and culverts shall be deemed parts of the respective roads covered by the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, the sum of \$5,000,000; for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the sum of \$10,000,000; for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the sum of \$15,000,000; for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty, the sum of \$20,000,000; and for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the sum of \$25,000,000. So much of the appropriation apportioned to any State for any fiscal year as remains unexpended at the close thereof shall be available for expenditure in that State until the close of the succeeding fiscal year, except that amounts apportioned for any fiscal year to any State which has not a State highway department shall be available for expenditure in that State until the close of the third fiscal year succeeding the close of the fiscal year for which such apportionment was made. Any amount apportioned under the provisions of this Act unexpended at the end of the period during which it is available for expenditure under the terms of this section shall be reapportioned, within sixty days thereafter, to all the States in the same manner and on the same basis, and certified to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the State highway departments and to the governors of States having no State highway departments in the same way as if it were being apportioned under this Act for the first time: *Provided*, That in States where the constitution prohibits the State from engaging in any work of internal improvements, then the amount of the appropriation under this Act apportioned to any such State shall be turned over to the highway department of the State or to the governor of said State to be expended under the provisions of this Act and under the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, when any number of counties in any such State shall appropriate or provide the proportion or share needed to be raised in order to entitle such State to its part of the appropriation apportioned under this Act.

SEC. 4. That so much, not to exceed three per centum, of the appropriation for any fiscal year made by or under this Act as the Secretary of Agriculture may estimate to be necessary for administering the provisions of this Act shall be deducted for that purpose,

available until expended. Within sixty days after the close of each fiscal year the Secretary of Agriculture shall determine what part, if any, of the sums theretofore deducted for administering the provisions of this Act will not be needed for that purpose and apportion such part, if any, for the fiscal year then current in the same manner and on the same basis, and certify it to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the State highway departments, and to the governors of States having no State highway departments, in the same way as other amounts authorized by this Act to be apportioned among all the States for such current fiscal year. The Secretary of Agriculture, after making the deduction authorized by this section, shall apportion the remainder of the appropriation for each fiscal year among the several States in the following manner: One-third in the ratio which the area of each State bears to the total area of all the States; one-third in the ratio which the population of each State bears to the total population of all the States, as shown by the latest available Federal census; one-third in the ratio which the mileage of rural delivery routes and star routes in each State bears to the total mileage of rural delivery routes and star routes in all the States, at the close of the next preceding fiscal year, as shown by the certificate of the Postmaster General, which he is directed to make and furnish annually to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Notification of State allotments.

SEC. 5. That within sixty days after the approval of this Act the Secretary of Agriculture shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury and to each State highway department and to the governor of each State having no State highway department the sum which he has estimated to be deducted for administering the provisions of this Act and the sum which he has apportioned to each State for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and on or before January twentieth next preceding the commencement of each succeeding fiscal year shall make like certificates for such fiscal year.

Ratios of apportionment.

SEC. 6. That any State desiring to avail itself of the benefits of this Act shall, by its State highway department, submit to the Secretary of Agriculture project statements setting forth proposed construction of any rural post road or roads therein. If the Secretary of Agriculture approve a project, the State highway department shall furnish to him such surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates therefor as he may require: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of Agriculture shall approve only such projects as may be substantial in character and the expenditure of funds hereby authorized shall be applied only to such improvements. Items included for engineering, inspection, and unforeseen contingencies shall not exceed ten per centum of the total estimated cost of the work. If the Secretary of Agriculture approve the plans, specifications, and estimates, he shall notify the State highway department and immediately certify the fact to the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon set aside the share of the United States payable under this Act on account of such project, which shall not exceed fifty per centum of the total estimated cost thereof. No payment of any money apportioned under this Act shall be made on any project until such statement of the project, and the plans, specifications, and estimates therefor, shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Area.

Population.

Rural delivery and star route mileage.

Certification to Treasury and States of amount apportioned.

Submission of projects.

Plans, etc.

Proviso. Condition of approval.

Notification of approval, etc.

Conditions of payments.

Payments to States.

Proviso. During construction.

When the Secretary of Agriculture shall find that any project so approved by him has been constructed in compliance with said plans and specifications he shall cause to be paid to the proper authority of said State the amount set aside for said project: *Provided,* That the Secretary of Agriculture may, in his discretion, from time to time make payments on said construction as the same progresses,

Limit.

State supervision,  
etc.Manner of payments,  
etc.Maintenance by  
State authorities.

Action on failure.

National forests.  
Appropriations for  
roads and trails in, for  
use, etc., of adjacent  
communities.

Request of State, etc.

Provisos.  
Cooperation required.Limit of expendi-  
tures.

Report to Congress.

Notification of  
amount determined  
upon.

but these payments including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the United States' pro rata part of the value of the labor and materials which have been actually put into said construction in conformity to said plans and specifications; nor shall any such payment be in excess of \$10,000 per mile, exclusive of the cost of bridges of more than twenty feet clear span. The construction work and labor in each State shall be done in accordance with its laws, and under the direct supervision of the State highway department, subject to the inspection and approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and in accordance with the rules and regulations made pursuant to this Act.

The Secretary of Agriculture and the State highway department of each State may jointly determine at what times, and in what amounts, payments, as work progresses, shall be made under this Act. Such payments shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, on warrants drawn by the Secretary of Agriculture, to such official, or officials, or depository, as may be designated by the State highway department and authorized under the laws of the State to receive public funds of the State or county.

SEC. 7. To maintain the roads constructed under the provisions of this Act shall be the duty of the States, or their civil subdivisions, according to the laws of the several States. If at any time the Secretary of Agriculture shall find that any road in any State constructed under the provisions of this Act is not being properly maintained he shall give notice of such fact to the highway department of such State and if within four months from the receipt of said notice said road has not been put in a proper condition of maintenance then the Secretary of Agriculture shall thereafter refuse to approve any project for road construction in said State, or the civil subdivision thereof, as the fact may be, whose duty it is to maintain said road, until it has been put in a condition of proper maintenance.

SEC. 8. That there is hereby appropriated and made available until expended, out of any moneys in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and each fiscal year thereafter, up to and including the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, in all \$10,000,000, to be available until expended under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture, upon request from the proper officers of the State, Territory, or county for the survey, construction, and maintenance of roads and trails within or only partly within the national forests, when necessary for the use and development of resources upon which communities within and adjacent to the national forests are dependent: *Provided*, That the State, Territory, or county shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture for the survey, construction, and maintenance of such roads or trails upon a basis equitable to both the State, Territory, or county, and the United States: *And provided also*, That the aggregate expenditures in any State, Territory, or county shall not exceed ten per centum of the value, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, of the timber and forage resources which are or will be available for income upon the national forest lands within the respective county or counties wherein the roads or trails will be constructed; and the Secretary of Agriculture shall make annual report to Congress of the amounts expended hereunder.

That immediately upon the execution of any cooperative agreement hereunder the Secretary of Agriculture shall notify the Secretary of the Treasury of the amount to be expended by the United States within or adjacent to any national forest thereunder, and beginning

with the next fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter the Secretary of the Treasury shall apply from any and all revenues from such forest ten per centum thereof to reimburse the United States for expenditures made under such agreement until the whole amount advanced under such agreement shall have been returned from the receipts from such national forest.

SEC. 9. That out of the appropriations made by or under this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to employ such assistants, clerks, and other persons in the city of Washington and elsewhere, to be taken from the eligible lists of the Civil Service Commission, to rent buildings outside of the city of Washington, to purchase such supplies, material, equipment, office fixtures, and apparatus, and to incur such travel and other expense as he may deem necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Reimbursement from forest revenues.

Employees authorized.

SEC. 10. That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Civilservice eligibles.

SEC. 11. That this Act shall be in force from the date of its passage.

Supplies, etc.

Approved, July 11, 1916.

Regulations, etc.

In effect at once.

**CHAP. 242.**—Joint Resolution Permitting the use of certain hospital facilities belonging to the United States.

July 11, 1916.  
[H. J. Res. 257.]

[Pub. Res., No. 24.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That until November first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the Secretary of Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to utilize the available hospital facilities at the immigration station at Ellis Island, New York Harbor, for the purpose of housing and caring for indispersed persons from the city of New York and vicinity, under such conditions as the Secretary of Labor shall prescribe, but without expense to the Government of the United States; and the State or city of New York, or both, shall compensate the Government of the United States for any and all losses sustained by the Government in the use and occupation of such buildings.

Ellis Island immigrant station, N. Y.  
Use of hospital facilities by New York allowed.

Approved, July 11, 1916.

**CHAP. 244.**—An Act Making an appropriation for the relief and transportation of destitute American citizens in Mexico.

July 14, 1916.  
[H. R. 16911.]

[Public, No. 157.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the relief of destitute American citizens in Mexico, including transportation to their homes in the United States, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, to be expended under the direction and within the discretion of the Secretary of State, and to be available for the fiscal years nineteen hundred and sixteen and nineteen hundred and seventeen: *Provided*, That American citizens to whom relief is extended or transportation is furnished hereunder shall pay to or reimburse the United States all reasonable expenses so incurred, respectively, on their account, if financially able to do so.

Destitute Americans in Mexico.  
Appropriation for relief, etc., of.

Approved, July 14, 1916.

Proviso.  
Reimbursement.