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for the payment of contractors, emergency carriers, and temporary carriers, for performance of authorized service on power boat and star routes in Alaska.

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CHAP. 176.—An Act Providing for expenses of the offices of recorder of deeds and register of wills of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Fees, etc., of recorder of deeds and register of wills to be deposited weekly in the Treasury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after July 1, 1927, all of the fees and emoluments of the offices of recorder of deeds and register of wills of the District of Columbia shall be paid at least weekly to the collector of taxes for the District of Columbia for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That such of the undeposited fees and emoluments arising out of the fiscal year 1927 and prior fiscal years as may be necessary for the payment of outstanding and unpaid obligations for those fiscal years may be retained for that purpose.

Proviso.
Retention for unpaid obligations for 1927 and prior years.

Estimates for both offices to be submitted.
Post, p. 1301.

SEC. 2. The annual estimates of appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1928 and succeeding fiscal years shall include estimates of appropriations for the operation and maintenance of such offices. And appropriations are hereby authorized for a suitable record building for the office of the recorder of deeds, and for personal services, rentals, office equipment, office supplies, and such other expenditures as are essential for the efficient maintenance and conduct of such offices.

New building for recorder of deeds authorized.

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CHAP. 177.—An Act To provide for the disposition of moneys of the legally adjudged insane of Alaska who have been cared for by the Secretary of the Interior.

Alaska.
Moneys of dead, etc., insane under Government care in, unclaimed for five years, to be covered into Treasury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter all moneys belonging to persons legally adjudged insane in the Territory of Alaska and deposited by them with the person, firm, corporation, or institution under contract with the Department of the Interior for the care of the Alaskan insane who have died in such institution, or under the care of such person, firm, or corporation, been discharged therefrom, or who have eloped and whose whereabouts is unknown, shall, if unclaimed by said person or their legal heirs within the period of five years from the time of death of the person or the date of the leaving of the institution, or the care of such person, firm, or corporation, be covered into the Treasury by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided, however*, That the unclaimed moneys belonging to those who have heretofore died or left the institution, or the care of such person, firm, or corporation, prior to the date of this Act shall, at the end of five years from the passage of this Act, also be deposited in the Treasury, subject, however, to reclamation by such persons or their legal heirs within five years from the date of this Act.

Proviso.
Application to prior deaths, etc.

Inquiries to ascertain whereabouts of heirs, etc.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed under such regulations as he may prescribe, to make, or cause diligent inquiry to be made, in every instance after the death, discharge, or elopement of any legally adjudged insane person of Alaska, to ascertain his whereabouts, or that of his or her legal heirs, and thereafter turn over to the proper party any moneys in the hands