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fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not exceeding six months, or both."

Floor stocks.

SEC. 17. Section 16 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

Ante, p. 40.
Prior imports, duty paid.

"(c) (1) Any sugar, imported prior to the effective date of a processing tax on sugar beets and sugarcane, with respect to which it is established (under regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury) that there was paid at the time of importation a duty at the rate in effect on January 1, 1934, and (2) any sugar held on April 25, 1934, by, or to be delivered under a bona fide contract of sale entered into prior to April 25, 1934, to, any manufacturer or converter, for use in the production of any article (except sugar) and not for ultimate consumption as sugar, and (3) any article (except sugar) processed wholly or in chief value from sugar beets, sugarcane, or any product thereof, shall be exempt from taxation under subsection (a) of this section, but sugar held in customs custody or control on April 25, 1934, shall not be exempt from taxation under subsection (a) of this section, unless the rate of duty paid upon the withdrawal thereof was the rate of duty in effect on January 1, 1934. The provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply in the case of sugar beets or sugarcane or the products thereof.

Sugar held under contract.

Processed from sugar beets, cane, etc.

Certain tax refunds not to apply.

Secretary authorized to make purchases from surplus stocks.

"(d) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to purchase, out of such proceeds of taxes as are available therefor, during the period this Act is in effect with respect to sugar beets and sugarcane, not in excess of three hundred thousand tons of sugar raw value from the surplus stocks of direct-consumption sugar produced in the United States beet-sugar area, at a price not in excess of the market price for direct consumption sugar on the date of purchase, and to dispose of such sugar by sale or otherwise, including distribution to any organization for the relief of the unemployed, under such conditions and at such times as will tend to effectuate the declared policy of section 8a of this Act. The sugar so purchased shall not be included in the quota for the United States beet-sugar area. All proceeds received by the Secretary of Agriculture, in the exercise of the powers granted hereby, are appropriated to be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purposes described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 12 of this Act."

Price; disposal of, etc.

Ante, p. 672.
Not included in quota.

Use of receipts.
Ante, p. 38.

Approved, May 9, 1934, 11.23 a.m.

[CHAPTER 264.]

May 9, 1934.
[S. 2922.]
[Public, No. 214.]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to promote the circulation of reading matter among the blind", approved April 27, 1904, and Acts supplemental thereto.

Promoting circulation of reading matter for the blind.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to promote the circulation of reading matter among the blind", approved April 27, 1904 (33 Stat. 313), the supplemental provision in section 1 of the Post Office Appropriation Act for 1913, approved August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 551), and the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to provide for the free transmission through the mails of certain publications for the blind", approved June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 668; U.S.C., title 39, ch. 8, sec. 331), be, and the same are hereby, amended to read as follows:

Vol. 33, p. 313; Vol. 37, p. 551; Vol. 43, p. 668.

U.S.C., p. 1257.

Franking privilege extended to sound production records.

"Books, pamphlets, and other reading matter published either in raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or in the form of sound reproduction records for the use of the blind, in pack-

ages not exceeding twelve pounds in weight, and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed, and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries; magazines, periodicals, and other regularly issued publications in such raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or on sound reproduction records (for the use of the blind), which contain no advertisements and for which no subscription fee is charged, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Regulations.

"Volumes of the Holy Scriptures, or any part thereof, published either in raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or in the form of sound reproduction records for the use of the blind, which do not contain advertisements (a) when furnished by an organization, institution, or association not conducted for private profit, to a blind person without charge, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage; (b) when furnished by an organization, institution, or association not conducted for private profit to a blind person at a price not greater than the cost price thereof, shall be transmitted in the United States mails at the postage rate of 1 cent for each pound or fraction thereof; under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Bibles.

Postage rate.

Regulations.

"All letters written in point print or raised characters or on sound reproduction records used by the blind, when unsealed, shall be transmitted through the mails as third-class matter."

Transmission of letters.

Approved, May 9, 1934.

[CHAPTER 265.]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Province of Maryland.

May 9, 1934.
[S. 2966.]
[Public, No. 215.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Province of Maryland, there shall be coined by the Director of the Mint twenty-five thousand silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and fineness and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the models for master dies or other preparations for this coinage.

Maryland.
Coinage of 50-cent pieces commemorating founding of, authorized.

Expenses.

SEC. 2. That the coins herein authorized shall be issued at par and only upon the request of the chairman or secretary of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission.

Issued at par.

SEC. 3. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by said Commission and all proceeds shall be used in furtherance of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission projects.

Disposition.

SEC. 4. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same; regulating and guarding the process of coinage; providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins; for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting; for security of the coin; or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein directed.

Laws applicable.

Approved, May 9, 1934.