

in the facilities provided for such municipal or miscellaneous water supplies or surplus power and the revenues derived therefrom shall be and remain in the United States. Contracts for such municipal or miscellaneous water supplies or for such surplus power shall be at such rates as, in the Secretary's judgment, will produce revenues at least sufficient to cover the appropriate share of the annual operation and maintenance cost of the project and such fixed charges, including interest, as the Secretary deems proper. Contracts for the sale of surplus power shall be for periods not to exceed forty years and contracts for water supply for municipal or miscellaneous purposes shall be for such periods as the Secretary may determine and may include such renewal options as the Secretary deems desirable: *And provided further*, That in sales or leases of such power, preference shall be given to municipalities and other public corporations or agencies; and also to cooperatives and other non-profit organizations financed in whole or in part by loans made pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 and any amendments thereof.

"SEC. 10. (a) In connection with any project constructed pursuant to the provisions of this Act, the Secretary shall have the same authority, with regard to the utilization of lands owned by the United States, other than lands acquired under section 5 as he has in connection with projects undertaken pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws, Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

"(b) In connection with the construction or operation and maintenance of a project undertaken pursuant to the authority of this Act, the Secretary shall have with respect to construction and supply contracts, and with respect to the acquisition, exchange, and disposition of lands, interest in lands, water rights, and other property and the relocation thereof, the same authority, including authority to acquire lands and interests in land and water rights with titles and at prices satisfactory to him, which he has in connection with projects under the Federal reclamation laws.

"SEC. 11. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are hereby authorized to perform any and all Acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out their respective functions under this Act and for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

"SEC. 12. To carry out the purposes of this Act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (1) for the Department of the Interior such sums as may be necessary to carry out its functions under this Act, and (2) for the Department of Agriculture such sums as may be necessary to carry out its functions under this Act."

Approved, October 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 862]

AN ACT

To expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. In order to provide housing for persons engaged in national-defense activities, and their families, in those areas or localities in which the President shall find that an acute shortage of housing exists or impends which would impede national-defense activities

Rates.

Duration of contracts.

Preference in sales or leases.

49 Stat. 1363.
7 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§§ 901-914.

Authority of Secretary to utilize Federal lands.

48 U. S. C., ch. 12;
Supp. V, ch. 12.

Authority to acquire lands, etc.

Administrative provisions.

Appropriations authorized.

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[Public, No. 849]

National defense housing.
Authority of Federal Works Administrator.
Ante, pp. 681, 1115.

and that such housing would not be provided by private capital when needed, the Federal Works Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") is authorized:

Acquisition of lands,
etc.
10 U. S. C. § 1339;
41 U. S. C. § 5.

40 U. S. C. § 40a;
Supp. V, § 40a.
40 U. S. C. § 34.

40 U. S. C. §§ 257-
258e, 361-386; Supp.
V, § 385.

Planning and con-
struction of buildings,
etc.

(a) To acquire prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General (without regard to sections 1136, as amended, and 3709 of the Revised Statutes) improved or unimproved lands or interests in lands by purchase, donation, exchange, lease (without regard to section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412), as amended, the Act of March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 370), or any time limit on the availability of funds for the payment of rent), or condemnation (including proceedings under the Acts of August 1, 1888 (25 Stat. 357), March 1, 1929 (45 Stat. 1415), and February 26, 1931 (46 Stat. 1421)).

(b) By contract or otherwise (without regard to sections 1136, as amended, and 3709 of the Revised Statutes, section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412), or any Federal, State, or municipal laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations relating to plans and specifications or forms of contract, the approval thereof or the submission of estimates therefor) prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General to make surveys and investigations, plan, design, construct, remodel, extend, repair, or demolish structures, buildings, improvements, and community facilities, on lands or interests in lands acquired under the provisions of subsection (a) hereof or on other lands of the United States which may be available (transfers of which for this purpose by the Federal agency having jurisdiction thereof are hereby authorized notwithstanding any other provisions of law), provide proper approaches thereto, utilities, and transportation facilities, and procure necessary materials, supplies, articles, equipment, machinery, and do all things necessary in connection therewith to carry out the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That the cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost system of contracting shall not be used, but this proviso shall not be construed to prevent the use of the cost-plus-a-fixed-fee form of contract: *Provided*, That the cost per family dwelling unit shall not exceed an average of \$3,000 for those units located within the continental United States nor an average of \$4,000 for those located elsewhere, and the cost of no family dwelling unit shall exceed \$3,950 within the continental United States or \$4,750 elsewhere, exclusive of expenses of administration, land acquisition, public utilities, and community facilities, and the aggregate cost of community facilities shall not exceed 3 per centum of the total cost of all projects.

Provisos.
Cost-plus contracts.

Family dwelling
units, cost limitations.

Community facili-
ties.

"Persons engaged in
national-defense activ-
ities" defined.

"Federal agency."

SEC. 2. As used in this Act (a) the term "persons engaged in national-defense activities" shall include (1) enlisted men in the naval or military services of the United States; (2) employees of the United States in the Navy and War Departments assigned to duty at naval or military reservations, posts, or bases; (3) workers engaged or to be engaged in industries connected with and essential to the national defense; (b) the term "Federal agency" means any executive department or office (including the President), independent establishment, commission, board, bureau, division, or office in the executive branch of the United States Government, or other agency of the United States, including corporations in which the United States owns all or a majority of the stock, directly or indirectly.

Appropriation au-
thorized.
Ante, p. 1115.

Proviso.
Reimbursement to
designated emergency
funds.

SEC. 3. The sum of \$150,000,000, to remain available until expended, is hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act in accordance with the authority therein contained and for administrative expenses in connection therewith: *Provided, however*, That the Administrator is authorized to reimburse, from funds which may be appropriated pursuant to the authority of this Act, the sum of \$3,300,000 to the emergency funds made available to the President under the Act of June 11, 1940, entitled "An Act making appropriations for

the Navy Department and the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, and for other purposes" (Public, Numbered 588), and the sum of \$6,700,000 to the emergency funds made available to the President under the Military Appropriation Act, 1941, approved June 13, 1940 (Public, Numbered 611).

SEC. 4. When the President shall have declared that the emergency declared by him on September 8, 1939, to exist, has ceased to exist (a) the authority contained in section 1 hereof shall terminate except with respect to contracts on projects previously entered into or undertaken and court proceedings then pending, and (b) property acquired or constructed under this Act shall be disposed of as promptly as may be advantageous under the circumstances and in the public interest.

SEC. 5. Where any Federal agency has funds for the provision of housing in connection with national-defense activities it may, in its discretion, make transfers of those funds, in whole or in part, to the Administrator, and the funds so transferred shall be available for, but only for, any or all of the objects and purposes of and in accordance with all the authority and limitations contained in this Act, and for administrative expenses in connection therewith.

SEC. 6. Moneys derived from rental or operation of property acquired or constructed under the provisions of this Act shall be returned to the appropriation authorized by this Act and shall be available for expenses of operation and maintenance including administrative expenses in connection therewith, and the unobligated balance of the moneys so deposited shall be covered into the Treasury at the end of each fiscal year as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 7. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, whether relating to the acquisition, handling, or disposal of real or other property by the United States or to other matters, the Administrator, with respect to any property acquired or constructed under the provisions of this Act, is authorized by means of Government personnel, selected qualified private agencies, or public agencies (a) to deal with, maintain, operate, administer, and insure; (b) to pursue to final collection by way of compromise or otherwise, all claims arising therefrom; (c) to rent, lease, exchange, sell for cash or credit, and convey the whole or any part of such property and to convey without cost portions thereof to local municipalities for street or other public use: *Provided*, That any such transaction shall be upon such terms, including the period of any lease, as may be deemed by the Administrator to be in the public interest: *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall fix fair rentals, on projects developed pursuant to this Act, which shall be within the financial reach of persons engaged in national defense: *Provided further*, That any lease authorized hereunder shall not be subject to the provisions of section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412).

SEC. 8. In carrying out the provisions of this Act the Administrator is authorized to utilize and act through the Federal Works Agency and other Federal agencies and any local public agency, with the consent of such agency, and any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be available for transfer to any such agency in reimbursement therefor. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the Administrator from employing or utilizing the professional services of private persons, firms, or corporations.

SEC. 9. The Administrator may enter into any agreements to pay annual sums in lieu of taxes to any State or political subdivision thereof, with respect to any real property acquired and held by him under this Act, including improvements thereon. The amount so paid for any year upon any such property shall not exceed the taxes that

Ante, p. 297.

Ante, p. 377.

Termination of authority.

Transfer of housing funds.

Use of rental moneys, etc.

Management, etc., of property.

Provisos.
Terms of transactions.
Fair rentals.

Leases.
40 U. S. C. § 303b.

Utilization of Federal agencies, etc.

Payments in lieu of taxes.

State jurisdiction
over acquired prop-
erty.

Rules and regula-
tions.

Computation of la-
borers', etc., wages.

Separability clause.

Report to Congress.

would be paid to the State or subdivision, as the case may be, upon such property if it were not exempt from taxation.

SEC. 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the acquisition by the Administrator of any real property pursuant to this Act shall not deprive any State or political subdivision thereof of its civil and criminal jurisdiction in and over such property, or impair the civil rights under the State or local law of the inhabitants on such property.

SEC. 11. The Administrator is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, and shall establish reasonable standards of safety, convenience, and health.

SEC. 12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the wages of every laborer and mechanic employed on any construction, repair or demolition work authorized by this Act shall be computed on a basic day rate of eight hours per day and work in excess of eight hours per day shall be permitted upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight hours per day at not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay. Not less than the prevailing wages shall be paid in the construction of defense housing authorized herein.

SEC. 13. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 14. At the beginning of each session of Congress, the Administrator shall make to Congress a full and detailed report covering all of the transactions authorized hereunder.

Approved, October 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 871]

AN ACT

October 14, 1940
[S. 162]

[Public, No. 850]

To protect producers, manufacturers, distributors, and consumers from the unrevealed presence of substitutes and mixtures in spun, woven, knitted, felted, or otherwise manufactured wool products, and for other purposes.

Wool Products La-
beling Act of 1939.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939".

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 2. As used in this Act—

"Person."

(a) The term "person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other form of business enterprise, plural or singular, as the case demands.

"Wool."

(b) The term "wool" means the fiber from the fleece of the sheep or lamb or hair of the Angora or Cashmere goat (and may include the so-called specialty fibers from the hair of the camel, alpaca, llama, and vicuna) which has never been reclaimed from any woven or felted wool product.

"Reprocessed wool."

(c) The term "reprocessed wool" means the resulting fiber when wool has been woven or felted into a wool product which, without ever having been utilized in any way by the ultimate consumer, subsequently has been made into a fibrous state.

"Reused wool."

(d) The term "reused wool" means the resulting fiber when wool or reprocessed wool has been spun, woven, knitted, or felted into a wool product which, after having been used in any way by the ultimate consumer, subsequently has been made into a fibrous state.