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[CHAPTER 127]

AN ACT

June 17, 1943
[H. R. 1403]
[Public Law 75]

To authorize the acquisition, improvement, and maintenance of the Gulf County Canal, Florida.

Gulf County Canal, Fla.

Be is 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 national defense and to promptly facilitate and protect the transport of materials and supplies needful to the Military Establishment by authorizing the construction and operation of a pipe line and a navigable barge channel across Florida, and by deepening and enlarging the Intracoastal Waterway from its present eastern terminus to the vicinity of the Mexican border", approved July 23, 1942, is amended by striking out section 2 thereof and adding at the end thereof the following:

56 Stat. 703.

Adoption as Federal project.

"SEC. 2. The Gulf County Canal and its right-of-way which connects the channel extending from the Apalachicola River to Saint Andrews Bay, Florida, with Saint Josephs Bay, Florida, is hereby adopted as a Federal project and authorized to be prosecuted as speedily as may be consistent with budgetary requirements, under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, in accordance with the plans and subject to the conditions recommended in the report submitted in House Document Numbered 257, Seventy-sixth Congress: *Provided*, That, with the consent of the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, and pending fulfillment of the condition specified in said document that the existing canal and its right-of-way be conveyed to the United States free of cost, the said canal may be dredged to provide at an estimated cost of $112,000, the dimensions of nine feet deep and one hundred feet wide, as recommended in said document.

Dredging.

Appropriation authorized.

"SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $93,112,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act."

Availability of other funds.
56 Stat. 1005.

SEC. 2. The balance of any sums appropriated prior to the enactment of this Act for purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of such Act approved July 23, 1942, which are not needed for such purposes, shall be available for expenditure for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of such Act, as amended by this Act.

Approved June 17, 1943.

[CHAPTER 128]

AN ACT

June 17, 1943
[H. R. 1563]
[Public Law 76]

Authorizing the acquisition and conversion or construction of certain auxiliary vessels for the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

Navy.
Acquisition of auxiliary vessels.
Post, p. 604.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to acquire and convert or to undertake the construction of one million tons of auxiliary vessels of such size, type, and design as he may consider best suited for the purposes of the prosecution of the war, such vessels to be in addition to those heretofore authorized.

Naval vessels authorized for other agencies.
Approval and transfer.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law any vessel intended for operation by the United States Navy, the construction or acquisition and conversion of which was heretofore or is hereafter authorized for the Maritime Commission, the War Shipping Administration, or any other agency of the Government, shall be subject to the approval of the Navy Department in all