

be unable to acquire such bridge by purchase agreement or by condemnation under the laws of the State with reasonable promptness and the highway department of the State shall certify such fact to the Federal Works Administrator the Administrator then shall have the authority to acquire and make free any such bridge which the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy shall certify to him will contribute to the war effort, by condemnation in the manner provided by section 14 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941 or under title II of the Second War Powers Act, 1942, subject to the condition that the highway department of the State shall agree to assume one-half the cost of so acquiring any such bridge by the Federal Works Administrator and to accept such bridge after it is acquired and thereafter maintain and operate it as a free bridge.

SEC. 9. No part of any appropriation authorized in this Act shall be impounded or withheld from obligation or expenditure by any agency or official, unless the War Production Board shall certify that the use of critical material for additional highway construction would impede the conduct of the war.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 237]

AN ACT

To permit certain burials in the Scottish Rite Temple in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, is hereby authorized to permit the burial of the remains of not to exceed two persons in vaults built for that purpose in its temple, situated on lot numbered 800, in square 192, at the southeast corner of S and Sixteenth Streets Northwest, in the District of Columbia, under such sanitary regulations as shall be prescribed for such burials by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 238]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of the George Washington Carver National Monument.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to acquire, on behalf of the United States, by gift or purchase, the site of the birthplace of George Washington Carver, distinguished Negro scientist, located near Diamond, Missouri, together with such additional land or interests in land and any improvements thereon as the Secretary may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. In the event the Secretary is unable to acquire such property, or any part thereof, at a reasonable price, he is authorized and directed to condemn such property, or any part thereof, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 2. The property acquired under the provisions of section 1 of this Act shall constitute the George Washington Carver National Monument and shall be a public national memorial to George Washington Carver. The Director of the National Park Service, under the

55 Stat. 769; 56 Stat. 177.
23 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 114; 50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 632.
Acceptance by State.

Impoundment, etc., of funds.

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2828]
[Public Law 147]

District of Columbia.
Burials in Scottish Rite Temple.

July 14, 1943
[H. R. 647]
[Public Law 148]

George Washington Carver National Monument.
Acquisition of site.

Establishment; maintenance.