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directed to make a thorough study of ways and means of making available to the farmers through the Federal Land Bank System loans similar to those now made by the Land Bank Commissioner through the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation. The study shall be completed as soon as practicable and shall be submitted to the Agricultural Committee of the House of Representatives and Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, with recommendations not later than March 1, 1947.

Approved July 12, 1946.

[CHAPTER 574]

AN ACT

July 13, 1946
[S. 680]
[Public Law 506]

To encourage and protect oil refineries not having their own source of supply for crude oil by extending preference to such refineries in disposing of royalty oil under the Mineral Lands Leasing Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 36 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 451, U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 30, sec. 192), is amended, in order to assist small business enterprise by encouraging the operation of oil refineries not having an adequate supply of crude oil, by adding before the first proviso in the second paragraph thereof the following: "*Provided*, That inasmuch as the public interest will be served by the sale of royalty oil to refineries not having their own source of supply for crude oil, the Secretary of the Interior, when he determines that sufficient supplies of crude oil are not available in the open market to such refineries, is authorized and directed to grant preference to such refineries in the sale of oil under the provisions of this section, for processing or use in such refineries and not for resale in kind, and in so doing may sell to such refineries at private sale at not less than the market price any royalty oil accruing or reserved to the United States under leases issued pursuant to this Act, as amended: *Provided further*, That in selling such royalty oil the Secretary of the Interior may at his discretion prorate such oil among such refineries in the area in which the oil is produced:".

Post, p. 957.

Sale of royalty oil to certain refineries.

Proration.

Approved July 13, 1946.

[CHAPTER 575]

AN ACT

July 13, 1946
[H. R. 6285]
[Public Law 507]

Authorizing the State of Delaware, by and through its State highway department, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Delaware River near Wilmington, Delaware.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the State of Delaware, by and through its State highway department or the successor of said department, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Delaware River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from a point between Pigeon Point near the city of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, and New Castle, in said State, to a point near the Salem Canal in the State of New Jersey, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and further subject to the approval of the location, navigation clearances, and other design features of the bridge by the Secretary of the Navy concurrently with the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers of the War Department.

Bridge.
Delaware River.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491–498.