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[CHAPTER 914]

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AN ACT

To provide emergency relief for the victims of the seismic waves which struck the Territory of Hawaii, and for other purposes.

Hawaii.

Whereas the Territory of Hawaii is suffering from the effects of violent seismic waves of extraordinary force and unexampled violence which struck the Territory in April, 1946; and

Whereas as a result of said seismic waves two hundred lives were lost and approximately $25,000,000 in damages caused to property; and

Whereas the damage to Territorial and county piers, waterworks, sewer works, and other structures and facilities is estimated at $4,250,000; and

Whereas a total of three hundred and ninety-seven homes and one hundred and sixty business concerns were completely destroyed, including furniture and personal effects, and nine hundred and sixty-one homes and forty business concerns were seriously damaged causing an estimated total loss of $18,000,000 and rendering over one thousand three hundred families homeless; and

Whereas the devastation caused in the Territory has been so great as to make it impossible for the Territorial government or the Red Cross to give adequate relief in the emergency; and

Whereas the Territory of Hawaii has indicated a willingness to assume one-half of the cost of providing emergency relief for the victims of the seismic waves and of aiding in the restoration and reconstruction of the devastated area: Therefore

Repair of facilities destroyed by seismic waves, etc.
Appropriation authorized.
Ante, p. 915.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,300,000, to be immediately available and remain available until expended, which shall be used in the discretion and under the direction of the Federal Works Administrator for the making of grants for the repair and reconstruction of any Territorial, county, or municipal structures or facilities, other than roads, highways, or bridges, damaged or destroyed by the seismic waves which struck the Territory in April 1946 (including but not confined to piers numbered 1 and numbered 2 at Hilo, the Hilo ship berths, the pavilion and hall of the Hawaiian Homes Commission at Hilo, the school buildings at Laupahoehoe, the waterworks and the sewer works at Hilo, and the county public parks), and for the removal of debris and other clean-up operations necessitated by said seismic waves: *Provided*, That no grant shall exceed 50 per centum of the cost of the work financed in part therewith as determined by the Administrator: *And provided further*, That in the event that any amount shall be allocated pursuant to law out of any existing appropriation for any of the purposes herein specified, then the amount herein authorized to be appropriated shall be reduced by the amount so allocated.

Maximum grant.

Allocation from existing appropriation

Roads and bridges.
Appropriation authorized.
Ante, p. 914.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $10,000,000 to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Roads, Federal Works Agency, for the necessary rehabilitation or repair of roads, highways, and bridges in the Territory of Hawaii, which he finds, after investigation, have been substantially damaged by the Army or the Navy, or both, or by any person or contractor employed by or contracting with the Army or Navy in the performance of contract work in connection with the prosecution of the war or national defense, and for the restoration or reconstruction of roads, highways, and bridges on the system of Federal-aid highways or the system of

secondary Federal-aid highways which he finds, after investigation, have been damaged or destroyed by the recent seismic waves in the Territory of Hawaii: *Provided*, That in the case of war damage the Territory of Hawaii shall match the funds authorized to be appropriated by this section to the extent that may be required by the Commissioner of Public Roads, and that in all other cases the Territory shall make a contribution equal to that of the Federal Government: *Provided further*, That no part of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this section shall be expended for any abandoned railroad right-of-way or part thereof that may be used in the restoration or reconstruction of any such road, highway, or bridge, or for any construction features on any such abandoned railroad right-of-way that may be used for or be incorporated in such restoration or reconstruction work: *And provided further*, That the sum herein authorized to be appropriated by this section shall constitute full and complete provision for the relief of the Territory of Hawaii for all damages that may have been caused to roads, highways, and bridges therein by the Army or the Navy or their contractors in connection with prosecution of the war or the national defense or caused by the recent seismic waves and no further claims on account of damage from such causes shall be made by said Territory or its subdivisions.

Matching of funds.

Abandoned railroad right-of-way.

Full relief for damages.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of facilitating the rebuilding or repair of private homes, stores, or other structures damaged or destroyed by said seismic waves, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter called the "Secretary") is authorized to make loans to persons in the Territory of Hawaii in such amounts and upon such terms as the Secretary shall by regulation prescribe, including an agreement by the borrower to use the loan for the purpose herein prescribed; except that no such loan shall be made for a period of more than twenty years or in an amount in excess of $25,000 to any one borrower. The rate of interest upon each such loan shall be 3 per centum per annum, except that the Secretary may, in his discretion, defer the payment of interest upon any such loan for such a period not to exceed three years. All such loans shall be made, administered, and collected by the Secretary in such manner and through such agencies as he shall designate. For carrying out the purpose of this section there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $5,000,000, to be immediately available, and remain available until expended, of which not to exceed $25,000 shall be available annually for the payment of administrative expenses. All moneys received during a period of five years from the date of approval of this Act as repayment of any loan or interest on any loan made under the provisions of this section shall constitute a revolving fund from which loans may be made for the purpose and upon the terms herein provided, and all moneys received after said five-year period as payments of interest and principal on loans made under this section shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Loans for repair of homes, etc.

Interest.

Appropriation authorized.

Administrative expenses.

Revolving fund.

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[CHAPTER 915]

AN ACT

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To provide for the acquisition by exchange of non-Federal property within the Glacier National Park.

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 to accept title to any non-Federal lands, interests in lands, buildings, or other property, real or personal, within the authorized boundaries of the Glacier National Park, as

Glacier National Park.
Exchange of property.