

## [CHAPTER 38]

## AN ACT

To provide that acreage planted to cotton in 1949 shall not be used in computing cotton acreage allotments for any subsequent year.

March 29, 1949  
[H. R. 128]  
[Public Law 28]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, or of any other law, State, county, and farm acreage allotments and yields for cotton for any year after 1949 shall be computed without regard to yields or to the acreage planted to cotton in 1949.*

Cotton acreage allotments.  
52 Stat. 38.  
7 U. S. C. § 1301 *et seq.*; Supp. II, § 1301 *et seq.*  
Post, pp. 670, 1057.

Approved March 29, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 39]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 25, 1938, relating to the appointment of postmasters under civil service.

March 29, 1949  
[H. R. 253]  
[Public Law 29]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified civil service to include postmasters of the first, second, and third classes, and for other purposes", approved June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1076), as amended, is amended by striking out the following after the word "Provided": "That postmasters now serving may continue to serve until the end of their terms, but they shall not acquire a classified civil-service status at the expiration of such terms of office except as provided in section 2 hereof", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That postmasters of the fourth class, appointed in the classified civil service, whose offices advance to a higher class, and postmasters of other classes, appointed in the classified civil service, whose offices are relegated to the fourth class, shall continue to serve under their original appointment until a vacancy occurs by reason of death, resignation, retirement, or removal, in which event the appointment shall be made as provided in section 2 of the Act".*

Postal Service.  
Postmasters of  
fourth class.  
39 U. S. C. § 31a.

Approved March 29, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 41]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to establish land-based air warning and control installations for the national security, and for other purposes.

March 30, 1949  
[H. R. 2546]  
[Public Law 30]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Air Force is hereby authorized to establish and develop within and without the continental limits of the United States in fulfilling the air defense responsibilities of the Department of the Air Force such land-based air warning and control installations and facilities, by the construction, installation, or equipment of temporary or permanent public works, including buildings, facilities, appurtenances, utilities, and access roads, and to provide for necessary administration and planning therefor, without regard to sections 1136, 3648, 3734, Revised Statutes, as he may deem necessary in the interest of national security: Provided, That not to exceed \$85,500,000 shall be appropriated for the construction of public works authorized by this section.*

Land-based air  
warning and control  
installations.

*SEC. 2. In furtherance of the above, the Secretary of the Air Force is authorized to make surveys and to acquire lands and rights pertaining thereto or other interests therein, including the temporary use*

10 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 1339; 31 U. S. C.  
§ 529; 40 U. S. C.  
§§ 259, 267.  
Surveys, etc.

thereof, by donation, purchase, exchange of Government-owned lands, or otherwise, and to place permanent and temporary improvements thereon whether such lands are held in fee or under lease, or under other temporary tenure.

Appropriations authorized.  
Post, p. 1014.

61 Stat. 495.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 171 and notes.  
Post, pp. 30, 579.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and when so specified in an appropriation Act such amounts shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be subject to the duties and authority of the Secretary of Defense and the departments and agencies of the National Military Establishment as provided in the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253, Eightieth Congress).

Approved March 30, 1949.

[CHAPTER 42]

March 30, 1949  
[H. R. 1731]  
[Public Law 31]

Housing and Rent  
Act of 1949.

AN ACT

To extend certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, and for other purposes.

*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 "Housing and Rent Act of 1949".*

**TITLE I—AMENDMENT TO TITLE I OF HOUSING AND RENT ACT OF 1947, AS AMENDED**

61 Stat. 195.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, app. § 1884.

Veterans' preference.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. (a) In order to assure preference or priority to veterans of World War II or their families—

"(1) no housing accommodations designed for single-family residence, the construction or conversion of which is completed after June 30, 1947, shall be offered for sale or resale, or sold or resold, to persons other than veterans of World War II or their families, unless such housing accommodations have been publicly offered for sale exclusively to veterans of World War II or their families (a) during the period of construction or conversion and for thirty days thereafter, prior to a sale or offering for sale to such nonveterans, and (b) for a period of seven days prior to a resale, or an offering for resale, to such nonveterans; and

"(2) no housing accommodations designed for occupancy by other than transients, the construction or conversion of which is completed after June 30, 1947, shall be offered for rent or rerent, rented or rerented to persons other than veterans of World War II or their families, unless such housing accommodations have been publicly offered for rent exclusively to veterans of World War II or their families (a) during the period of construction or conversion and for thirty days thereafter, prior to a first renting or offering for rent to such nonveterans, and (b) for a period of seven days prior to a subsequent renting, or offering for rent, to such nonveterans; and

"(3) no housing accommodations designed for single-family residence, the construction or conversion of which is completed after June 30, 1947, shall be offered for sale or resale, or sold or resold, to any person at a price less than the price for which it had been last offered for sale to veterans of World War II or their families for at least seven days: *Provided, however, That in no event shall the public offering period to veterans of World War II*