bridge so constructed will be of material benefit to the Federal Government in the event that the dispersal of Federal agencies becomes an accomplished fact; and that the construction of such a bridge is hereby declared to be a desirable project.

Studies and investigations.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed to proceed immediately to make such studies and investigations as may be deemed necessary to determine (1) the most suitable site for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge over the Potomac River, including approaches thereto and connecting roads in the District of Columbia and in the State of Virginia; (2) the relative need for such bridge as against the need for other bridges within the District of Columbia, and as to which of such bridges should have priority for construction; (3) the character and volume of traffic that would use such bridge and whether such traffic would be predominantly local or would include a substantial volume of general north and south traffic for which such bridge would serve as a bypass of the most congested areas of the District of Columbia and the city of Washington; (4) the best location of approach roads and direct connections with the Mount Vernon Boulevard and U. S. Route 1 where it passes through Alexandria and with the Shirley Memorial Highway, together with the control of access to such approach or connecting roads and with appropriate recommendation regarding acquisition of the lands that would be required to provide right-of-way therefor both in the State of Virginia and in the District of Columbia; (5) the preliminary plans for and the approximate cost of such a bridge and what would constitute a fair and reasonable basis for distributing such costs as between the District of Columbia, the State of Virginia, and the Federal Government; (6) and such other information as would be helpful to the Congress in deciding whether the construction of such bridge should be authorized. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall initiate and enter into such agreement as may be necessary for making and financing the studies and investigations herein authorized with the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, and the Department of Highways, State of Virginia, and shall enlist the cooperation of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and of any subdivision of the State of Virginia in which any part of such bridge or its approaches or connecting roads would be located, in the studies and investigations made pursuant to such agreement. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to make such use of federally owned and controlled lands at and adjacent to the site of the bridge as may be necessary for making the studies and investigations authorized by this Act. A report of the results of such studies and investigations, together with recommendations based thereon, shall be made to the House Committee on the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District within six months after approval of this Act.

Report to House Committee.

Approved March 3, 1952.

Public Law 267 CHAPTER 77

March 4, 1952
[H. R. 4749]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to return certain lands to the Police Jury of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Police Jury, Caddo Parish, La.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to return, by appropriate

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conveyance, to the Police Jury, Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, without cost, that certain tract of land obtained by the United States comprising thirty-eight and eight-tenths acres more or less, in township 16 north, range 13 west, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, donated by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish in the year 1930 to the United States of America for use in pecan production research, being the same lands obtained by the Police Jury of Caddo Parish from Mrs. Cecelia Leonard Ellerbe, said lands being no longer needed by the United States for that purpose.

Approved March 4, 1952.

Public Law 268 — CHAPTER 78

AN ACT

March 5, 1952
[S. 1244]

To amend the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 to except the Territory of Alaska from certain restrictions upon the making of Federal contributions, and to amend the provisions thereof relating to the taking of oaths by certain civil defense personnel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the second sentence of subsection 201 (i) of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 (Public Law 920, Eighty-first Congress) is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: "*Provided further*, That the limitations upon the making of Federal contributions contained in the second, third, and fourth provisos of this sentence may be varied for the Territory of Alaska."

Federal Civil Defense Act, 1950, amendments.
64 Stat. 1248.
50 USC app. 2281.

(b) Subsection 403 (b) of such Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the second sentence thereof, the following new sentence: "After appointment and qualification for office, the director of civil defense of any State, and any subordinate civil defense officer within such State designated by the director in writing, shall be qualified to administer any such oath within such State under such regulations as the director shall prescribe."

64 Stat. 1255.
50 USC app. 2255.

Approved March 5, 1952.

Public Law 269 — CHAPTER 79

AN ACT

March 5, 1952
[H. R. 2398]

To amend Public Law 848, Eighty-first Congress, second session.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act of September 27, 1950, Public Law 848, Eighty-first Congress, is amended to read as follows:

64 Stat. 1072.

"SEC. 3. Construction of the Vermejo reclamation project shall not be commenced until the President shall have approved a project report and there shall have been established, pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, an organization with powers satisfactory to the Secretary, including the power to tax real property within its boundaries (which boundaries shall include the lands to be benefited by the project works) and the power to enter into a contract or contracts with the United States for payment or return, as the case may be, of the reimbursable costs of the project and such contract or contracts shall have been duly executed."

Vermejo reclamation project, N. Mex.

Approved March 5, 1952.