(1) the employment offered such skilled sheepherder is permanent; and

(2) no immigration quota number of the country of which such alien sheepherder is a national is then available, a special immigration visa may be issued to such alien sheepherder as provided in this Act: *Provided*, That such alien sheepherder is otherwise admissible into the United States for permanent residence.

Certification by Attorney General.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General shall certify to the Secretary of State the name and address of every skilled sheepherder for which an application for importation under the fourth proviso to section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 has been approved. If a quota number is not then available for such alien sheepherder, the proper consular officer may issue a special quota immigration visa to such alien sheepherder. Upon the issuance of such visa the proper quota-control officer shall deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available: *Provided*, That not more than 50 per centum of any quota shall be deducted under the provisions of this Act in any given fiscal year.

Quota deduction.

Restrictions.

SEC. 3. (a) There shall not be issued more than five hundred special quota immigration visas under this Act.

(b) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as increasing the immigration quota of any country or of altering the requirements for admission of aliens into the United States.

Approved April 9, 1952.

Public Law 308 — CHAPTER 172

AN ACT

April 9, 1952 [S. 2677]

To restore to seventy pounds and one hundred inches in girth and length combined the maximum weight and size limitations for appliances, or parts thereof, for the blind sent through the mails.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in the case of reproducers for sound-reproduction records for the blind, or parts thereof, and of Braille writers and other appliances for the blind, or parts thereof, when mailed under the provisions of the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the Act of October 14, 1941, as amended (Public Law 270, Seventy-seventh Congress; 39 U. S. C., sec. 331), the maximum limit in weight shall be seventy pounds and the maximum limit of size shall be one hundred inches in girth and length combined.

Postal service. Appliances for blind.

55 Stat. 737.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect ten days after the date of its enactment.

Effective date.

Approved April 9, 1952.

Public Law 309 — CHAPTER 173

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 9, 1952 [S.J. Res. 140]

To permit the Federal National Mortgage Association to make commitments to purchase certain mortgages.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subparagraph (G) of section 301 (a) (1) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out of the proviso: "commitments made by the association on or after the effective date of this proviso and prior to December 31, 1951, which do not exceed $200,000,000 outstand-

64 Stat. 57; 65 Stat. 315. 12 USC 1716.

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