

**CHAP. 39.**—An Act To authorize and direct a survey to be made of the Escambia River and its tributaries, Alabama and Florida.

June 24, 1929.  
[H. R. 3671.]  
[Public, No. 20.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of the Escambia River and its tributaries, Alabama and Florida, with a view to the control of floods in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for control of the floods of the Mississippi River, and of the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes," approved March 1, 1917, the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for such purposes.

Escambia River, etc., Ala. and Fla.  
Survey directed for controlling floods of.

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Approved, June 24, 1929.

**CHAP. 40.**—An Act To amend subdivision (a) of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act making it a felony with penalty for certain aliens to enter the United States of America under certain conditions in violation of law," approved March 4, 1929.

June 24, 1929.  
[S. 1537.]  
[Public, No. 21.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subdivision (a) of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act making it a felony with penalty for certain aliens to enter the United States of America under certain conditions in violation of law," approved March 4, 1929 (Public Law Numbered 1018, Seventieth Congress), is amended to read as follows:

Immigration,  
Vol. 45, p. 1551,  
amended.

"That (a) if any alien has been arrested and deported in pursuance of law, he shall be excluded from admission to the United States whether such deportation took place before or after the enactment of this Act, and if he enters or attempts to enter the United States after the expiration of sixty days after the enactment of this Act he shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall, unless a different penalty is otherwise expressly provided by law, be punished by imprisonment for not more than two years or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment: *Provided,* That this Act shall not apply to any alien arrested and deported before March 4, 1929, in pursuance of law, in whose case prior to his reembarkation at a place outside the United States, or his application in foreign contiguous territory for admission to the United States, and prior to March 4, 1929, the Secretary of Labor has granted such alien permission to reapply for admission."

Deported alien attempting to reenter, guilty of a felony.

Punishment for.

*Proviso.*  
Not applicable if permission granted to apply for admission prior to March 4, 1929.

Approved, June 24, 1929.

**CHAP. 41.**—An Act To alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound, on the Pacific Coast, by the northern route," approved July 2, 1864, and to alter and amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to issue its bonds for the construction of its road and to secure the same by mortgage, and for other purposes," approved May 31, 1870; to declare forfeited to the United States certain claimed rights asserted by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, or the Northern Pacific Railway Company; to direct the institution and prosecution of proceedings looking to the adjustment of the grant, and for other purposes.

June 25, 1929.  
[S. 669.]  
[Public, No. 22.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any and all lands within the indemnity limits of the land grants made by Congress to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company under the Act of July 2, 1864, and the resolution of May 31, 1870, which, on June 5, 1924, were embraced within the exterior boundaries of any national forest or other Government reservation and which, in the event of

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Public lands within indemnity selection of, embraced in national forests, etc., removed from selection by the railroad, and retained by the United States.  
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a deficiency in the said land grants to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company upon the dates of the withdrawals of the said indemnity lands for governmental purposes, would be, or were, available to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successor, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, by indemnity selection or otherwise in satisfaction of such deficiency in said land grants, are hereby taken out of and removed from the operation of the said land grants, and are hereby retained by the United States as part and parcel of the Government reservations wherein they are situate, relieved and freed from all claims, if any exist, which the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successor, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, may have to acquire the said lands by indemnity selection or otherwise in satisfaction of the said land grants: *Provided*, That for any or all of the aforesaid indemnity lands hereby retained by the United States under this Act the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successor, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, or any subsidiary of either or both, or any subsidiary of a subsidiary of either or both, shall be entitled to and shall receive compensation from the United States to the extent and in the amounts, if any, the courts hold that compensation is due from the United States.

*Proviso.*  
Compensation for the  
lands retained.

Unsatisfied indem-  
nity selection rights  
claimed, hereby for-  
feited.

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16, p. 379.

Reserved rights un-  
der former laws con-  
tinued.

Policy as to disposi-  
tion of granted lands  
not departed from.

Further legislation  
authorized.

Railroad right of way,  
etc., not affected.

Institution of pro-  
ceedings to judicially  
determine all contro-  
versies respecting said  
grants, etc.

SEC. 2. That all of the unsatisfied indemnity selection rights, if any exist, claimed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successor, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, or any subsidiary of either or both, or any subsidiary of a subsidiary of either or both, or by any grantee or assignee of either or both, together with all claims to additional lands under and by virtue of the land grants contained in the Act of July 2, 1864, and resolution of May 31, 1870, or any other Acts of Congress supplemental or relating thereto, are hereby declared forfeited to the United States.

SEC. 3. The rights reserved to the United States in the Act of July 2, 1864, to add to, alter, amend, or repeal said Act, and in the resolution of May 31, 1870, to alter or amend said resolution, are not to be considered as fully exercised, waived, or destroyed by this Act or the exercise of the authority conferred hereby; and the passage of this Act shall not be construed as in anywise evidencing the purpose or intention of Congress to depart from the policy of the United States expressed in the resolution of May 31, 1870, relative to the disposition of granted lands by said grantee, and the right is hereby reserved to the United States to, at any time, enact further legislation relating thereto.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed as affecting the present title of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successors, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, or any subsidiary of either or both, in the right of way of said road or lands actually used in good faith by the Northern Pacific Railway Company in the operation of said road.

SEC. 5. The Attorney General is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to institute and prosecute such suit, or suits, as may, in his judgment, be required to remove the cloud cast upon the title to lands belonging to the United States as a result of the claim of said companies, and to have all said controversies and disputes respecting the operation and effect of said grants, and actions taken under them, judicially determined, and a full accounting had between the United States and said companies, and a determination made of the extent, if any, to which the said companies, or either of them, may be entitled to have patented to them additional lands of the United States in satisfaction of said grants, and as to whether either of the said companies is lawfully entitled to all or any part of the lands within the indemnity limits for which patents have not issued, and the extent to which the United States may be entitled to

recover lands wrongfully patented or certified. In the judicial proceedings contemplated by this Act there shall be presented, and the court or courts shall consider, make findings relating to, and determine to what extent the terms, conditions, and covenants, expressed or implied, in said granting Acts have been performed by the United States, and by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, or its successors, including the legal effect of the foreclosure of any and all mortgages which said Northern Pacific Railroad Company claims to have placed on said granted lands by virtue of authority conferred in the said resolution of May 31, 1870, and the extent to which said proceedings and foreclosures meet the requirements of said resolution with respect to the disposition of said granted lands, and relative to what lands, if any, have been wrongfully or erroneously patented or certified to said companies, or either of them, as the result of fraud, mistake of law or fact, or through legislative or administrative misapprehension as to the proper construction of said grants or Acts supplemental or relating thereto, or otherwise, and the United States and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, or the Northern Pacific Railway Company, or any other proper person, shall be entitled to have heard and determined by the court all questions of law and fact, and all other claims and matters which may be germane to a full and complete adjudication of the respective rights of the United States and said companies, or their successors in interest under said Act of July 2, 1864, and said joint resolution of May 31, 1870, and in other Acts or resolutions supplemental thereto, and all other questions of law and fact presented to the joint congressional committee appointed under authority of the joint resolution of Congress of June 5, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes, page 461), notwithstanding that such matters may not be specifically mentioned in this enactment.

SEC. 6. All lands received by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successors, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, under said grants or Acts of Congress supplemental or relating thereto which have not been earned, but which have been, for any reason, erroneously credited or patented to either of said companies, or its, or their, successors, shall be fully accounted for by said companies, either by restitution of the land itself, where the said lands have not passed into the hands of innocent purchasers for value, or otherwise, in accordance with the findings and decrees of the courts. In fixing the amount, if any, the said companies are entitled to receive on account of the retention by the United States of indemnity lands within national forests and other Government reservations, as by this enactment provided, the court shall determine the full value of the interest which may be rightfully claimed by said companies, or either of them, in said lands under the terms of said grants, and shall determine what quantities in lands or values said companies have received in excess of the full amounts they were entitled to receive, either as a result of breaches of the terms, conditions, or covenants, either expressed or implied, of said granting Acts by said companies, or either of them, or through mistake of law or fact, or through misapprehension as to the proper construction of said grants, or as a result of fraud, or otherwise, and said excess lands and values, if any, shall be charged against said companies in the judgments and decrees of said court. To carry out this enactment the court may render such judgments and decrees as law and equity may require.

SEC. 7. The suit, or suits, herein authorized shall be brought in a district court of the United States for some district within the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, or Oregon, and may be consolidated with any other actions now pending between the same parties in the same court involving the

Consideration, etc., of all questions of law and facts, all germane claims, etc.

Foreclosure of mortgage by the railroad, etc.

Erroneously patented lands, etc.

Rights of United States and the companies to be completely adjudicated.

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All unearned lands received by the railroad to be fully accounted for, by court decrees.

Fixing of amount to companies for indemnity lands within national forests, etc., retained by the United States.

Venue of actions in district courts.

subject matter, and any such court shall in any such suit have jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters and things submitted to it in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, and in any such suit brought by the Attorney General hereunder any persons having an interest in or lien upon any lands included in the lands claimed by the United States, or by said companies, or any interest in the proceeds or avails thereof may be made parties. On filing the complaint in such cause, writs of subpoena may be issued by the court against any parties defendant, which writs shall run into any districts and shall be served, as any other like process, by the respective marshals of such districts. The judgment, or judgments, which may be rendered in said district court shall be subject to review on appeal by the United States circuit court of appeals for the circuit which includes the district in which the suit is brought, and the judgment, or judgments, of such United States circuit court of appeals shall be reviewable by the Supreme Court of the United States, as in other cases. Any case begun in accordance with this Act shall be expedited in every way, and be assigned for hearing at the earliest practicable day in any court in which it may be pending. Congress shall be given a reasonable time, which shall be fixed by the court, within which it may enact such legislation and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the requirements of any final judgment resulting by reason of the litigation herein provided for.

**SEC. 8.** It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to report to the Congress of the United States any final determinations rendered in such suit or proceedings, and the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture shall thereafter submit to Congress recommendations for the enactment of such legislation, if any, as may be deemed by them to be desirable in the interests of the United States in connection with the execution of said decree or otherwise.

**SEC. 9.** That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to withhold his approval of the adjustment of the Northern Pacific land grants under the Act of July 2, 1864, and the joint resolution of May 31, 1870, and other Acts relating thereto; and he is also hereby directed to withhold the issuance of any further patents and muniments of title under said Act and the said resolution, or any legislative enactments supplemental thereto, or connected therewith, until the suit or suits contemplated by this Act shall have been finally determined: *Provided*, That this Act shall not prevent the adjudication of any claims arising under the public land laws where the claimants are not seeking title through the grants to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, or its successors, or any Acts in modification thereof or supplemental thereto.

Approved, June 25, 1929.

Persons having interest in the lands, made parties.

Service of writs.

Appeals.

Review by Supreme Court.

Expedition of hearings.

Authority for appropriate legislation and appropriations.

Final determinations to be reported to Congress with recommendations of desirable legislation.

Approval of adjustments of Northern Pacific land grants to be withheld.

No further patents to be issued until suits be finally determined.

*Proviso.*  
Other land claims not affected.

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[H. J. Res. 80.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 20.]

French Republic.  
Agreement authorized to postpone paying indebtedness of, for surplus war supplies.  
*Post*, p. 48.

**CHAP. 43.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the postponement of the date of maturity of the principal of the indebtedness of the French Republic to the United States in respect of the purchase of surplus war supplies.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in the event that the agreement between the French Republic and the United States (known as the Mellon-Berenger agreement) made on behalf of the United States by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President, providing for the funding and payment of the indebtedness of the French Republic to the United States is ratified in France in accordance with the terms thereof, prior to August 1, 1929, the Secretary of the Treasury, with the