

## [CHAPTER 441]

## AN ACT

To extend for two additional years the reduced rates of interest on Federal land bank and Land Bank Commissioner loans.

June 29, 1940  
[H. R. 8450]  
[Public, No. 672]

Federal Farm Loan Act, amendment.  
48 Stat. 43.  
12 U. S. C. § 771; Supp. V, § 771.  
Reduced rate of interest, time extension.

Interest on "purchase money mortgages."

Time limit for final payments.

Emergency Farm Mortgage Act, amendment.  
50 Stat. 521.  
12 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 1016 (i).

Limitation on rates of interest.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) the first sentence of paragraph "Twelfth" of section 12 of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (relating to the 3½ per centum interest rate on Federal land bank loans), is amended by striking out "occurring within a period of five years, commencing July 1, 1935" and inserting in lieu thereof "occurring within a period of 7 years commencing July 1, 1935". The provisions of such paragraph "Twelfth" of section 12 of such Act shall be applicable to interest on so-called "purchase money mortgages" in the case of interest payable on installment dates occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) The fourth sentence of such paragraph "Twelfth" (relating to the 1940 time limit on payments made by the United States to land banks on account of such interest reduction) is amended to read as follows: "No payments shall be made to a bank with respect to any period after June 30, 1942."

SEC. 2. The last paragraph of section 32 of the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act, as amended (relating to reduction in the interest rate on loans by the Land Bank Commissioner), is amended to read as follows:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the rate of interest on loans made under this section shall not exceed 4 per centum per annum for all interest payable on installment dates occurring on or after July 22, 1937, and prior to July 1, 1940, and shall not exceed 3½ per centum per annum for all interest payable on installment dates occurring on or after July 1, 1940, and prior to July 1, 1942."

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## [CHAPTER 442]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To make emergency provision for the maintenance of essential vessels affected by the Neutrality Act of 1939, and for adjustment of obligations with respect to such vessels.

June 29, 1940  
[S. J. Res. 260]  
[Pub. Res., No. 89]

Vessels affected by Neutrality Act of 1939. "Essential vessel" defined.

49 Stat. 1985.  
46 U. S. C., Supp. V, ch. 27.

Restricted operation of essential vessels.

Ante, p. 4.  
22 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 245j-245j-19.

Adjustments of obligations; maintenance.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) when used in this joint resolution the term "essential vessel" means any vessel (1) which is (A) security for any mortgage indebtedness to the United States or (B) constructed under the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, or required by the terms of a contract under such Act to be operated on a certain essential foreign trade route, and (2) which it is necessary in the interests of commerce and national defense to maintain in condition for prompt use.

(b) For the purposes of preserving in the national interest the full availability and usefulness of essential vessels, which, under the provisions of the Neutrality Act of 1939 (or any proclamation issued thereunder), or compatibly with the national interest, cannot be operated in the service, route, or line to which such vessels are assigned pursuant to the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, or in which they would otherwise be operated, the United States Maritime Commission is authorized to make adjustments of obligations in respect of such vessels and to make arrangements for the maintenance of such vessels, subject to the provisions of this joint resolution and to such rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe as necessary

or appropriate for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this joint resolution. If the Commission, upon written application in respect of any essential vessel, determines after such examination, investigation, and proceedings as it deems desirable, that (1) the operation of such vessel in the service, route, or line to which such vessel is assigned pursuant to the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, or in which it would otherwise be operated, is either (A) not lawful under the Neutrality Act of 1939 (or any proclamation issued thereunder), or (B) not compatible with the maintenance of availability of such vessel for purposes of national defense and commerce, (2) it is not feasible under existing law to employ such vessel in any other service or operation in either the foreign or domestic trades (except temporary or emergency operation under subsection (c) (5) hereof), and (3) the applicant, by reason of the restrictions of the Neutrality Act of 1939, or the withdrawal of vessels for national-defense purposes under clause (1) hereof, is not earning or will not earn a fair and reasonable return on the capital necessarily employed in its business, the Commission may make adjustments and arrangements with the applicant as provided in subsection (c) hereof, which shall continue in effect only during the circumstances above described.

(c) Such adjustments and arrangements shall include suspension of the requirement to operate such vessel in foreign trade under the applicable operating-differential or construction-differential subsidy contract or mortgage or other agreement, and of the right to operating-differential subsidy in respect of such vessel, and may include any one or more of the following provisions, in whole or in part, as, and to the extent that, the Commission may deem to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, or the purposes and provisions of this joint resolution:

(1) Lay-up of the vessel by the owner or, at the option of the Commission, in the custody of the Commission, with payment or reimbursement by the Commission of necessary and proper expenses thereof (including reasonable overhead and insurance), or in lieu of such payment or reimbursement, a fixed periodic allowance therefor;

(2) Postponement, for a period not in excess of the period or periods of lay-up, of the maturity date of each installment on account of the principal of obligations to the United States in respect of the vessel (whether or not such maturity date shall fall within such period or periods), or rearrangement of such maturities;

(3) Postponement or cancellation of interest accruing on such obligations during such period or periods of lay-up;

(4) Extension for a period not in excess of the period or periods of lay-up, of the twenty-year life limitation in respect of the vessel, and of the period or periods of other limitations and provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, insofar as they are based upon a twenty-year life;

(5) Provisions for such temporary or emergency employment of the vessel in lieu of lay-up as may be practicable, with such arrangements for management of the vessel, payment of expenses, and application of the proceeds of such employment, as the Commission may approve, the period or periods of such operation being included as part of the period or periods of lay-up;

(6) The payment to the Commission, upon termination of the arrangements with the applicant hereunder, out of the applicant's net profits, earned while such arrangements were in effect, in excess of 10 per centum per annum on the capital necessarily employed in the applicant's business, in reimbursement, to the extent that the Commission shall deem it necessary to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution, on account of obligations postponed or canceled and

Examination by Commission.

Factors considered.

49 Stat. 1985.  
46 U. S. C., Supp. V,  
ch. 27.

*Ante*, p. 4.

Making of adjustments, etc.

Suspension of operation requirement, etc.

Provisions includible in adjustments, etc.

Payment for lay-up of vessel.

Postponement of principal payments on obligations to U. S.

Postponement, etc., of interest.

Extension of twenty-year life limitation, etc.

49 Stat. 1985.  
46 U. S. C., Supp. V,  
ch. 27.

Temporary, etc., employment in lieu of lay-up.

Reimbursement to Commission out of excess net profits.

expenses incurred or paid by the Commission under this subsection. For the purposes of this paragraph capital of the applicant represented by vessels of the applicant laid up or operated under this joint resolution shall not be excluded from capital necessarily employed in the applicant's business. The Commission may require that the vessels so laid up or operated be security for reimbursement hereunder.

Modification of adjustments, etc.

(d) The adjustments and arrangements made under subsection (c) in respect of any vessel shall be subject to such readjustment or modification from time to time as may be deemed necessary by the Commission to carry out the purposes and provisions of this joint resolution.

Availability of funds.

(e) Moneys in the construction fund of the Commission shall be available for expenses of the Commission incurred in adjustments or arrangements made under this joint resolution.

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[CHAPTER 443]

AN ACT

June 29, 1940  
[S. 2047]

[Public, No. 673]

To divest prize-fight films of their character as subjects of interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes.

Prize-fight films. Interstate shipments subject to State, etc., laws.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every film or other pictorial representation of any prize fight or encounter of pugilists, under whatever name, transported into any State, Territory, or possession, for use, sale, storage, exhibition, or other disposition therein is hereby divested of its character as a subject of interstate or foreign commerce to the extent that it shall upon crossing the boundary of such State, Territory, or possession, be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State, Territory, or possession enacted in the exercise of its police power.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. The Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the importation and the interstate transportation of films or other pictorial representations of prize fights, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1912 (U. S. C., title 18, secs. 405-407), is hereby repealed.

37 Stat. 240.

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[CHAPTER 444]

AN ACT

June 29, 1940  
[S. 3927]

[Public, No. 674]

To provide for the administration of the Washington National Airport, and for other purposes.

Washington National Airport. Post, p. 1039. Definitions. "Administrator."

"Airport."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purposes of this Act—

(a) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

(b) "Airport" means the Washington National Airport, which shall consist of, and include, the tract of land, together with all structures, improvements, and other facilities located thereon, lying partly in the District of Columbia and partly in the State of Virginia, particularly described as follows:

Description.

Commencing at a point of beginning, said point being the intersection of the property line of property owned by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, and dredging base line at station 0+18.99 referenced south 6,808.21, west 9,078.02, running in a southeasterly direction on a bearing of south 22°51'18" east a distance of 6,270.91 feet, more or less, to station 62+89.90