

authorized directly to undertake and carry on general water and other development projects in respect to Hawaiian home lands and to undertake other activities having to do with the economic and social welfare of the homesteaders: *Provided, however,* That roads through or over Hawaiian home lands, other than Federal-aid highways and roads, shall be maintained by the county or city and county in which said particular road or roads to be maintained are located. The legislature of the Territory is authorized to appropriate out of the treasury of the Territory such sums as it deems necessary to augment the Hawaiian home-loan fund, the Hawaiian home-development fund, and the Hawaiian home-administration account, and to provide the Commission with funds sufficient to execute and carry on such projects and activities. The legislature is further authorized to issue bonds to the extent required to yield the amount of any sum so appropriated. The Commission shall pay from the Hawaiian home-loan fund into the treasury of the Territory—

*Proviso.*  
Road maintenance.

Legislature authorized to appropriate funds.

Bonds.  
Payments from home-loan fund.

- “(1) upon the date when any interest payment becomes due upon any bond so issued, the amount of the interest then due; and
- “(2) commencing with the first such date more than one year subsequent to the issuance of any bond and at each interest date thereafter, an amount such that the aggregate of all such amounts which become payable during the term of the bond, compounded annually at the rate of interest specified therein, shall equal the par value of the bond at the expiration of its term.”

SEC. 7. Section 222 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, is hereby amended by amending the second sentence thereof to read as follows: “All expenditures of the Commission, as herein provided out of the Hawaiian home-administration account, the Hawaiian home-development fund, and all moneys necessary for loans made by the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, from the Hawaiian home-loan fund, shall be allowed and paid upon the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor, approved by the chairman of the Commission.”

42 Stat. 115.  
48 U. S. C. §§ 604-606.  
Presentation of vouchers.

SEC. 8. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 225 and to read as follows:

49 Stat. 505.

“SEC. 225. INVESTMENT OF LOAN FUNDS; DISPOSITION.—The Commission shall have the power and authority to invest and reinvest any of the moneys in the loan fund, not otherwise immediately needed for the purposes of the fund, in such bonds and securities as authorized by territorial law for the investment of territorial sinking fund moneys. Any interest or other earnings arising out of such investments shall be credited to and deposited in said fund and shall be included in and considered as a deposit from other sources, as provided for in section 213.”

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect on and after the date of its approval.

Effective date.

Approved, November 26, 1941.

[CHAPTER 552]

AN ACT

To make provision for the construction activities of the Army.

December 1, 1941  
[S. 1884]  
[Public Law 326]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Chief of Engineers, under the authority of the Secretary of War, is hereby charged, in addition to other duties imposed upon him by law, with

Chief of Engineers,  
Army.  
Direction of construction activities.



*Provisos.*  
Operation of utilities.  
Officers in Construction Division, Quartermaster Corps.

Transfer of funds, civilian personnel, etc.

Repeals.

the direction of all work pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and repair of buildings, structures, and utilities for the Army; with the acquisition of all real estate and the issuance of licenses in connection with Government reservations; and with the operation of water, gas, electric, and sewer utilities: *Provided*, That utilities pertaining exclusively to any branch of the Army may be operated by such branch: *Provided, however*, That all officers in the Construction Division of the Quartermaster Corps now on duty in that branch shall come under the command of the Chief of Engineers in their present rank and subject to all permanent and temporary advances in rank that may be accorded officers in the Corps of Engineers, without additional examinations of any kind.

SEC. 2. All funds, property, and records pertaining to the activities described in section 1, and all civilian personnel engaged solely thereon, shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Chief of Engineers.

SEC. 3. All laws and parts of laws which are inconsistent herewith or in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Approved, December 1, 1941.

#### [CHAPTER 553]

#### AN ACT

To regulate rents in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

December 2, 1941  
[H. R. 5890]  
[Public Law 327]

District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act.  
Findings with regard to housing accommodations.

Duration of provisions.

Accommodations excluding hotels.

Rented on Jan. 1, 1941.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. PURPOSES, TIME LIMIT.—(a) It is hereby found that the national emergency and the national-defense program (1) have aggravated the congested situation with regard to housing accommodations existing at the seat of government; (2) have led or will lead to profiteering and other speculative and manipulative practices by some owners of housing accommodations; (3) have rendered or will render ineffective the normal operations of a free market in housing accommodations; and (4) are making it increasingly difficult for persons whose duties or obligations require them to live or work in the District of Columbia to obtain such accommodations. Whereupon it is the purpose of this Act and the policy of the Congress during the existing emergency to prevent undue rent increases and any other practices relating to housing accommodations in the District of Columbia which may tend to increase the cost of living or otherwise impede the national-defense program.

(b) The provisions of this Act, and all regulations, orders, and requirements thereunder, shall terminate on December 31, 1945; except that as to offenses committed, or rights or liabilities incurred, prior to such expiration date, the provisions of this Act and such regulations, orders, and requirements, shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper suit, action, or prosecution with respect to any such right, liability, or offense.

SEC. 2. MAXIMUM RENT CEILINGS AND MINIMUM SERVICE STANDARDS.—(1) On and after the thirtieth day following the enactment of this Act, subject to such adjustments as may be made pursuant to sections 3 and 4, maximum-rent ceilings and minimum-service standards for housing accommodations excluding hotels, in the District of Columbia shall be the following:

(a) For housing accommodations rented on January 1, 1941, the rent and service to which the landlord and tenant were entitled on that date.