

## [CHAPTER 674]

## AN ACT

December 22, 1944  
[S. 2208]  
[Public Law 543]

Providing for the transfer of certain property from the Home Owners' Loan Corporation to the United States for national-park purposes.

HOLC.  
Conveyance of certain property in Hancock County, Maine.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Home Owners' Loan Corporation (herein called the "Corporation") is authorized and directed to convey and transfer to the United States of America, upon the terms and conditions provided in section 4 hereof, all right, title, and interest vested in the Corporation, at the date of such conveyance and transfer, in and to real property and interests therein in the county of Hancock, State of Maine, acquired by the Corporation through the foreclosure of that certain mortgage deed, dated October 20, 1933, executed to the Corporation by Percy B. Russell and Florence L. Russell, and appearing in book 642, page 389, of the Registry of Deeds of Hancock County, State of Maine.

Acceptance on behalf of U. S.

40 U. S. C. § 255;  
10 U. S. C. § 1339; 41  
U. S. C. § 5.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, for and on behalf of the United States of America, is authorized and directed to accept the conveyance and transfer of such property without regard to the provisions of section 355, as amended, section 1136, as amended, and section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (except the last paragraph of said section 355, as amended, which shall be applicable hereto), or any other provision of law. The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized and directed to pay all necessary fees, charges, and expenses in connection with such conveyance and transfer.

Property to become part of Acadia National Park.

SEC. 3. Upon the conveyance and transfer of such property as herein provided, it shall be used and administered by the Secretary of the Interior solely for national-park purposes, and it shall be deemed to constitute a part of the Acadia National Park.

Cancellation of HOLC bonds.

SEC. 4. Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, upon such conveyance and transfer and in lieu of any other payment by the United States to the Corporation as consideration for the conveyance and transfer of such property, cancel bonds of the Corporation, in the principal sum of \$18,000, purchased by the Secretary of the Treasury under or by reason of the provisions set forth in section 4 of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, approved June 13, 1933 (48 Stat. 128), as amended (which bonds are hereby made available to the Secretary of the Treasury for the purposes of this section), and all sums due and unpaid upon or in connection with such bonds at the time of such cancellation and discharge, together with any accrued interest: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury and the Corporation are authorized and directed to make adjustments on their books and records as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

12 U. S. C. § 1463;  
Supp. III, § 1463.

Adjustments on books and records.

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## [CHAPTER 706]

## AN ACT

December 23, 1944  
[H. R. 2973]  
[Public Law 544]

To provide that no person shall publish or distribute any political statement relating to a candidate for election to any Federal office which does not contain the name of the person responsible for its publication or distribution.

Political statements. Identification of person responsible for publication, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no person, association, organization, committee, or corporation shall publish or distribute, or cause to be published or distributed, any printed, multi-graphed, photographed, typewritten, or written pamphlet, circular, card, dodger, poster, advertisement, or any other statement, relating to or concerning any candidate for election as President or Vice

President of the United States, or as Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress of the United States, unless such pamphlet, circular, card, dodger, poster, advertisement, or statement contains the name or names of the person or persons, association, committee, or corporation responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, and if an association, committee, or corporation is responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, there shall be attached the names of the officers of such association, committee, or corporation.

SEC. 2. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of section 1 of this Act, or aids and abets in a violation thereof, shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

SEC. 3. When used in this Act, the term "election" shall include a general or special election, and shall also include a primary election or convention of a political party. The term "candidate" means any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek election to any of the offices named in section 1 of this Act or who has caused or permitted his intention to do so to be publicly declared.

Approved December 23, 1944.

Penalty.

"Election."

"Candidate."

[CHAPTER 707]

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court of Maine.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine to hear, determine, and render judgment, as though the United States were suable in tort, upon the claim of the State of Maine, for compensation for damages sustained by its bridge across the Kennebec River at Bath, Maine, known as the Carlton Bridge, resulting from said bridge being struck by the lighthouse tender *Ilex*, owned and operated by the United States, which collision occurred on the 17th day of August 1939: *Provided*, That suit hereunder shall be instituted within eighteen months following the approval of the Act: *Provided further*, That the jurisdiction herein conferred shall not be exercised unless the State of Maine shall consent to suit in the same cause on any counterclaim asserted by the United States arising out of the same transaction, as though the State of Maine were a private party.

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[H. R. 3250]  
[Public Law 545]

State of Maine.  
Claim for bridge  
damages.

Institution of suit.

Counterclaim.

[CHAPTER 708]

AN ACT

To amend section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work", approved February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148), authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work, is hereby amended by changing the period to a colon and adding the following: "*Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, retired personnel of the Department of the Interior may be employed by the Secretary of the

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[Public Law 546]

Department of the  
Interior.  
43 U. S. C. § 411b.

Employment of re-  
tired personnel as  
consultants.