

United States naval mine depot and the Colonial National Monument Parkway properties, said point being a fence corner seven hundred and sixty-five feet, more or less, southeast of the marine barracks gate; thence south fifty-six degrees thirty-eight minutes east fifty-three and fifteen one-hundredths feet, more or less; thence south fifty degrees sixteen minutes east three hundred and twelve feet, more or less; thence south thirty-nine degrees forty-four minutes west one hundred and twenty-five and seven one-hundredths feet, more or less, to the property line between the United States naval mine depot and the Colonial National Monument Parkway; thence along the said property line north thirty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes west one hundred and twenty-eight and ninety-six one-hundredths feet, more or less; thence continuing along said property line north twenty-eight degrees eighteen minutes west two hundred and fifty-six and fifty-nine one-hundredths feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; containing six hundred and twenty-one one-thousandths of an acre, more or less.

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[CHAPTER 722]

AN ACT

For the exchange of lands adjacent to the Pike National Forest in Colorado.

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[H. R. 5409]  
[Public Law 560]

Pike National Forest, Colo.  
Exchange of adjacent lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. L. 465; U. S. C., title 16, sec. 485), entitled "An Act to consolidate national forest lands", and the provisions of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. L. 1090; U. S. C., title 16, sec. 486), entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to consolidate national forest lands'", and Acts amendatory thereto, are hereby extended to include any suitable offered lands within township 11 south, range 69 west, sixth principal meridian, lying within the State of Colorado, adjacent to the Pike National Forest. Lands conveyed to the United States under this Act shall, upon acceptance of title, become parts of the national forest nearest to which they are situated, and shall thereafter be subject to the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to said national forest.

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[CHAPTER 723]

AN ACT

To permit construction, maintenance, and use of a tunnel for the purpose of carrying lines for petroleum products in the District of Columbia.

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[H. R. 5448]  
[Public Law 561]

District of Columbia.  
Tunnel for petroleum pipe lines.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and are hereby, authorized and empowered to grant permission to Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, a corporation, as owner of property in square 708, on the east side of South Capitol Street, between Q and R Streets, and property in square 660, on the west side of South Capitol Street, between Q and R Streets, all in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and use a tunnel not to exceed in cross-sectional area more than ninety-six square feet, for the purpose of installing therein pipe lines for the transmission of petroleum and petroleum products, from a point within said square 708, under and across South Capitol Street, to a point within said square 660.

SEC. 2. That all the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make and establish in connection therewith and all plans and specifications for such construction shall be subject to their approval. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have full authority to designate the location and to cause such repairs or relocation of said tunnel as the public necessity may require, any such repairs or relocation to be at the expense of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, its successors or assigns. The Standard Oil Company and any person, firm, or corporation using such tunnel, shall save harmless, indemnify and keep indemnified the District of Columbia from any and all injury, cost, loss, or damage to said District by reason of the construction, maintenance, and use of said tunnel.

Any repairs to streets, highways, or other public property necessitated by construction or alterations of said tunnel shall be made in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at the expense of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

SEC. 3. That no permission granted or enjoyed hereunder shall vest any title or interest in or to the land within South Capitol Street.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

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Regulations, rentals,  
etc.

Location and re-  
pairs.

Indemnification.

Repairs to public  
property.

Property rights.

[CHAPTER 724]

AN ACT

To amend section 119 of the Judicial Code.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 119 of the Judicial Code (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 215) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"For the purposes of this section, the District of Columbia shall be deemed to be a judicial circuit."

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[H. R. 5518]  
[Public Law 562]

Judicial Code,  
amendment.  
36 Stat. 1131.

[CHAPTER 725]

AN ACT

To amend section 502 (a) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 502 (a) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944 (Public Law 425, Seventy-eighth Congress) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 502. (a) Section 4 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U. S. C. 901-914), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. The Administrator is authorized and empowered, from the sums hereinbefore authorized, to make loans to persons, corporations, States, Territories, and subdivisions and agencies thereof, municipalities, peoples' utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations organized under the laws of any State or Territory of the United States, for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of generating plants, electric transmission and distribution lines or systems for the furnishing of electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service, and loans, from funds available under the provisions of sections 3 (d) and 3 (e) but without regard to the 10 per centum limitation therein contained, to cooperative associations for the purpose of enabling said

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[H. R. 5566]  
[Public Law 563]

Department of Agri-  
culture Organic Act of  
1944, amendment.  
*Ante*, p. 730.

49 Stat. 1365.  
7 U. S. C. § 904.  
Loans for electrical  
plants, etc.

Loans for discharg-  
ing or refinancing  
debts owed TVA.  
49 Stat. 1364.  
7 U. S. C. § 903  
(d), (e).  
*Ante*, p. 730.