

[CHAPTER 338]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Comptroller General of the United States to allow credits to and relieve certain disbursing and certifying officers of the War and Navy Departments in the settlement of certain accounts.

July 26, 1947
[S. 323]
[Public Law 248]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, through such officer as he may designate, and within two years from the passage of this Act, (a) to relieve disbursing and certifying officers, including special disbursing agents of the War and Navy Departments, from accountability or responsibility for losses, occurring between September 8, 1939, to July 1, 1946, of funds, or of accounts, papers, records, vouchers, or data pertaining to said funds, for which said officers or agents were accountable or responsible; and (b) to allow credits, in the settlement of accounts of said officers or agents, for payments made in good faith on public account during said period, notwithstanding failure to comply with the requirements of existing law or regulations pursuant thereto: *Provided*, That in cases of losses or payments involving more than \$2,500 the Comptroller General shall exercise the authority herein only upon the written recommendation of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, which recommendation shall be concurred in by the Attorney General if the amount exceeds \$10,000 and which recommendation shall also set forth the facts relative to such loss or payment and shall state that such transaction, expenditure, loss, or payment appears to be free from fraud or collusion and incurred or made in good faith: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General in all cases shall certify that such transaction, expenditure, loss, or payment appears to be free from fraud and collusion and incurred or made in good faith.

War and Navy Departments.
Relief of certain disbursing officers, etc.

Credit in accounts.

Losses or payments in excess of \$2,500.

Certification by Comptroller General.

Approved July 26, 1947.

[CHAPTER 339]

AN ACT

To extend provisions of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act and the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to the Virgin Islands.

July 26, 1947
[S. 512]
[Public Law 249]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sections of title IV of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, except insofar as they affect title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, are hereby amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (b) of section 41 is amended to read: "The Secretary may administer his power and duties under this Act through such area finance, State, and local offices in the United States and in the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as he determines to be necessary: *Provided*, That existing regional offices shall be liquidated on or before June 30, 1947. The Secretary may authorize one office to serve the area composed of two or more States (Territories or Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) if he determines that the volume of business in the area is not sufficient to justify separate State offices."

(b) Section 54 is amended to read: "The provisions of this Act shall extend to the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii and to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In the case of Alaska and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the term 'county' as used in this Act shall be deemed synonymous with 'Territory', or any subdivision thereof as may be designated by the Secretary, and payments under section 33

50 Stat. 527, 528.
7 U. S. C. §§ 1014-1029, 1010-1012.

50 Stat. 529.
7 U. S. C. § 1015 (b).

Liquidation of regional offices.

50 Stat. 532.
7 U. S. C. § 1028.

50 Stat. 526.
7 U. S. C. § 1012.

of this Act shall be made to the Governor of the Territory or to the fiscal agent of such subdivision."

16 U. S. C. § 590q
(a).

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (49 Stat. 1151), is amended to read as follows: "This Act shall apply to the United States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the possessions of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and, as used in this Act, the term 'State' includes Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands."

SEC. 3. All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved July 26, 1947.

[CHAPTER 340]

AN ACT

July 26, 1947
[S. 753]
[Public Law 250]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to defer the collection of certain irrigation construction charges against lands under the Flathead Indian irrigation project.

Flathead Indian ir-
rigation project.

25 U. S. C. §§ 389-
389e.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and adjust irrigation charges on irrigation lands within projects on Indian reservations, and for other purposes", approved June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1803), the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to defer the collection of irrigation construction charges on the Flathead Indian irrigation project until January 1, 1949.

Approved July 26, 1947.

[CHAPTER 341]

JOINT RESOLUTION

July 26, 1947
[H. J. Res. 250]
[Public Law 251]

To provide for the appointment of Robert V. Fleming as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Board of Regents of
Smithsonian Institution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, caused by the resignation of Frederic A. Delano, be filled by the appointment of Robert V. Fleming, a citizen of the District of Columbia, for the statutory term of six years.

Approved July 26, 1947.

[CHAPTER 342]

AN ACT

July 26, 1947
[H. R. 3864]
[Public Law 252]

To amend the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act with respect to contribution rates after termination of military service.

57 Stat. 106.
D. C. Code, Supp.
V, § 46-303 (c) (4).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (c) (4) of the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(iv) CONTRIBUTION RATES AFTER TERMINATION OF MILITARY SERVICE.—When the Board finds that the continuity of an employer's employment experience has been interrupted solely by reason of one or more of the owners, officers, managers, partners, or majority stockholders of such employer's employing enterprise having served in the armed forces of the United States of America or any of its allies during a time of war, such employer's employment experience shall be deemed to have been continuous throughout the period that such