

ment for bids shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper or financial journal having recognized circulation among bidders for bonds of the type and character offered. The price to be paid for the bridge or bridges acquired hereunder shall not exceed the reasonable value thereof as determined by the commission at the time of acquisition. The cost of the bridge to be constructed as provided herein, together with the approaches and approach highways, shall be deemed to include interest during construction of the bridge and for twelve months thereafter, and all engineering, legal, financing, architectural, traffic-surveying, condemnation, and other expenses incident to the bridge and the acquisition of the necessary property, including the cost of acquiring existing franchises and riparian rights relating to the bridge. If the proceeds of the bonds shall exceed the cost as finally determined the excess shall be placed in the fund hereafter provided to pay the principal and interest of such bonds. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds the commission may, under like restrictions, issue temporary bonds or may, under like restrictions, issue temporary bonds or interim certificates without coupons, of any denomination whatsoever, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds that have been executed are available for delivery."

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 420]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the coinage of a medal in recognition of the distinguished services of Vice President Alben W. Barkley.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in recognition of the distinguished public service and outstanding contribution to the general welfare of Alben W. Barkley, Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck and presented to Vice President Alben W. Barkley a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$2,500 to carry out the purposes of this section.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be struck and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof (including labor). The proceeds of the sale of such bronze medals shall be reimbursed to the appropriation then current for the expenditure of the Bureau of the Mint chargeable for the cost of the manufacture of medals.

Approved August 12, 1949.

[CHAPTER 421]

AN ACT

To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 451; 16 U. S. C. 718b), as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 451; 16 U. S. C. 718b), as amended, is further amended by deleting "\$1" as it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2": *Provided*,

Items included in cost of bridge.

Issuance of temporary bonds.

Rights reserved.

August 12, 1949
[H. J. Res. 188]
[Public Law 221]

Alben W. Barkley.
Presentation of medal.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 879.
Sale of duplicate medals.

August 12, 1949
[S. 1076]
[Public Law 222]

Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, amendments.

That the moneys derived from the sale of such stamps shall be spent only upon specific appropriation by the Congress.

48 Stat. 451.
16 U. S. C. § 718d (a).

Wildlife manage-
ment area.

45 Stat. 1224.

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4 of said Act is further amended by deleting the period and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: "*Provided*, That in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior not to exceed 25 per centum at any one time, of any area acquired in accordance with the provisions of this Act, may be administered primarily as a wildlife management area not subject to the prohibitions against the taking of birds, or nests or the eggs thereof, as contained in section 10 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929 (45 Stat. 1222; 16 U. S. C. 715i), as amended, except that no such area shall be open to the shooting of migratory birds when the population of such birds frequenting the area or in the migrations utilizing such area is on a decline, nor prior to July 1, 1952, or the date upon which the same has been fully developed as a management area, refuge, reservation, or breeding ground, whichever is later."

Approved August 12, 1949.

[CHAPTER 422]

AN ACT

To amend the Canal Zone Code, and for other purposes.

August 12, 1949
[S. 1136]

[Public Law 223]

Canal Zone Code,
amendments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title 2 of the Canal Zone Code is amended by adding in chapter 1 thereof three new sections numbered 16 to 18, and reading as follows:

"16. ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND IMPROVEMENTS.—The Governor of the Panama Canal is authorized, within the limits of available funds, to purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, and within the Canal Zone to purchase or otherwise acquire, construct, repair, replace, alter, or enlarge any building, structure, or other improvement, when in his judgment such action is necessary for the operation, maintenance, sanitation, or civil government of the Panama Canal or Canal Zone.

"17. CLAIMS FOR LOSSES OF OR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY.—Authority is hereby conferred upon the Governor of the Panama Canal, or his designee for the purpose, to consider, adjust, determine, and settle claims for losses of or damages to property arising from the conduct by the Panama Canal of authorized business operations, or arising from the maintenance, operation, improvement, or enlargement of capacity of the Panama Canal or from the sanitation or civil government of the Canal Zone: *Provided, however*, That this section shall not apply to claims cognizable either under section 10 of this title, as amended, or under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

"Any award made to any claimant pursuant to this section shall be payable out of any moneys appropriated or made available for the maintenance and operation, sanitation, and civil government of the Panama Canal and Canal Zone; and the acceptance by the claimant of any such award shall be final and conclusive on the claimant, and shall constitute a complete release by the claimant of such claim against the United States.

"18. DISASTER RELIEF.—In the event of emergency arising because of disaster or calamity by flood, hurricane, earthquake, fire, pestilence, or like cause, not foreseen or otherwise provided for, and occurring in the Canal Zone, or occurring in the Republic of Panama in such circumstances as to constitute an actual or potential hazard to health, safety, security, or property in the Canal Zone, the Governor of the Panama Canal is authorized to expend available funds and to utilize

Nonapplicability.

60 Stat. 842.
U. S. C., Supp. II,
p. 1488.
Ante, pp. 62, 106,
107, 444.