

thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Connecticut River at or near Old Saybrook, Connecticut", are each amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The last sentence of section 4 of such Act of March 23, 1906, shall not be applicable to the bridge constructed pursuant to the provisions of this Act."

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as amending any provision of existing Federal law relating to the expenditure of Federal-aid highway funds.

Approved August 9, 1955.

34 Stat. 85.
33 USC 494.

Public Law 272

CHAPTER 632

AN ACT

To amend the Act known as the "Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946", approved August 14, 1946.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1757]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (h) of section 203 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1622 (h)) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Whoever knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit any official certificate, memorandum, mark, or other identification, or device for making such mark or identification, with respect to inspection, class, grade, quality, size, quantity, or condition, issued or authorized under this section or knowingly cause or procure, or aid, assist in, or be a party to, such false making, issuing, altering, forging, or counterfeiting, or whoever knowingly shall possess, without promptly notifying the Secretary of Agriculture or his representative, utter, publish, or use as true, or cause to be uttered, published, or used as true, any such falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited official certificate, memorandum, mark, identification, or device, or whoever knowingly represents that an agricultural product has been officially inspected or graded (by an authorized inspector or grader) under the authority of this section when such commodity has in fact not been so graded or inspected shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

Inspection cer-
tifications.
60 Stat. 1088.

SEC. 2. The farm produce inspection clause contained in various appropriation Acts (7 U. S. C. 414) and the second, third, and fourth sentences of section 1 of the Produce Agency Act of March 3, 1927 (7 U. S. C. 492) are hereby repealed.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Repeals.

44 Stat. 1355.

Public Law 273

CHAPTER 633

AN ACT

To amend the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, to modify, clarify, and provide additional authority for insurance of loans.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1758]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1000 and the following), is further amended as follows:

Title I of the Act is amended by the addition of the following new section 16:

"SEC. 16. (a) The Secretary is authorized to insure and to make commitments for the insurance of loans made for the purposes spec-

Farm tenant
loans.
Insurance au-
thority.
60 Stat. 1072.

63 Stat. 883.
7 USC 1006 a,
1006b.

ified in this title (including those made in accordance with the Act of October 19, 1949) and to take as security for the obligations entered into in connection with such loans first mortgages on the farms with respect to which such loans are made and such other security as may be required by the Secretary. Such mortgages shall create a lien running to the United States for the benefit of the fund, notwithstanding the fact that the note may be held by the lender or his assignee.

“(b) Loans insured under this section shall be subject to all the provisions of this title, except as otherwise provided in this section, and with respect to such loans, the terms used in this Act shall have the following meanings as the context requires:

“(1) ‘Mortgage’ shall mean ‘loan’ or ‘the instruments relating to a loan’;

“(2) ‘Insured mortgage’ shall mean ‘note endorsed for insurance’;

“(3) ‘Mortgagor’ shall mean ‘borrower’ or ‘obligor on the note’;

“(4) ‘Mortgagee’ shall mean ‘lender’ or ‘holder of insured note’.

“(c) Any mortgage insured or any loan made under this Act may be converted to an insured loan under this section at the discretion of the Secretary, and any expenses in connection with such conversion may be paid out of appropriations for administrative expenses.

“(d) In connection with loans insured or converted under this section (1) the holder of the insured note shall be entitled to receive the benefits of the insurance as provided in section 13 (a) only in accordance with an agreement pursuant to section 12 (j) or when the assignment of the note is required by the Secretary, and (2) notice of default to the lender under section 12 (f) shall not be required.”

7 USC 1005c.
7 USC 1005b.

60 Stat. 1077.
7 USC 1005b.

SEC. 2. Section 12 (f) (1) is amended by striking the word “promptly” in both the first and second sentences, by inserting after the word “default” in the second sentence the words “in the payment of principal or interest,” and by striking the word “it” in the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the word “him”.

62 Stat. 535.
7 USC 1005b.

SEC. 3. Section 12 (f) (2) is amended by striking the word “promptly”.

7 USC 1005c.

SEC. 4. Section 13 (a) is amended by striking the words “section 12” in the first sentence, inserting in lieu thereof the words “this title”, and by inserting the words “in the payment of principal or interest” after the word “default” where it first appears in the first sentence.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 274

CHAPTER 634

AN ACT

To authorize the improvement of the Amite River and its tributaries.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1899]

Flood control,
Amite River, La.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That improvements in the interest of flood control and drainage be undertaken in the Amite River, Bayou Manchac, and the Comite River, such work to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, substantially in accordance with a survey report entitled “Survey Report of Amite River and Tributaries La.”, of the district engineer, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, dated June 8, 1955, approved by the division engi-