

in the making of such survey, and shall be compensated for any work performed pursuant to this section out of such funds as may hereafter be appropriated for use by the International Joint Commission in carrying out this joint resolution.

Report.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of State shall report the results of such survey to the Congress of the United States.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. There is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$3,000,000 to carry out this joint resolution, and any sum appropriated pursuant to this section shall be included in any determination of the proportionate share of the cost of construction of the Passamaquoddy tidal power project to be borne by the United States.

Restriction.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this joint resolution or the survey authorized herein shall in any way commit the Congress or the Government of the United States as to future action on construction of any such project.

Approved January 31, 1956.

Public Law 402

CHAPTER 29

February 2, 1956
[H. R. 7871]

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act of 1953.

Small Business.

67 Stat. 233.
15 USC 633.

Revolving fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 204 of the Small Business Act of 1953, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(b) The Administration is authorized to obtain money from the Treasury of the United States for use in the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law, not to exceed a total of \$375,000,000 outstanding at any one time. For this purpose appropriations not to exceed \$375,000,000 are hereby authorized to be made to a revolving fund in the Treasury. Advances shall be made to the Administration from the revolving fund when requested by the Administration. This revolving fund shall be used for the purposes enumerated subsequently in section 207 (a), (b) (1), (b) (2), and (b) (3). Not to exceed an aggregate of \$150,000,000 shall be outstanding at any one time for the purposes enumerated in section 207 (a). Not to exceed an aggregate of \$125,000,000 shall be outstanding at any one time for the purposes enumerated in section 207 (b) (1). Not to exceed an aggregate of \$100,000,000 shall be outstanding at any one time for the purposes enumerated in section 207 (b) (2) and (b) (3). The Administration shall pay into miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury at the close of each fiscal year, interest on the net amount of the cash disbursements from such advances at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the current average rate on outstanding interest-bearing marketable public debt obligations of the United States of comparable maturities.”

Disaster loans.

69 Stat. 549.
15 USC 636.

SEC. 2. The proviso in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of section 207 of the Small Business Act of 1953, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: “*Provided*, That no such loan including renewals and extensions thereof may be made for a period or periods exceeding twenty years: *And provided further*, That the interest rate on the Administration's share of loans made under this paragraph shall not exceed 3 per centum per annum;”.

SEC. 3. (a) Subsection (b) of section 207 of the Small Business Act of 1953, as amended, is hereby further amended (1) by striking the word “and” which follows the semicolon at the end of paragraph (3);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and (3) by adding at the end of such subsection a new paragraph as follows:

“(5) to further extend the maturity of or renew any loan made pursuant to this section, beyond the periods stated therein, or any loan transferred to the Administration pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1954, for additional periods not to exceed ten years, if such extension or renewal will aid in the orderly liquidation of such loan.”

(b) Subsection (f) of section 207 of such Act is hereby repealed.
Approved February 2, 1956.

68 Stat. 1280.
5 USC 1332-15.

69 Stat. 547.

Public Law 403

CHAPTER 31

AN ACT

To increase the fee for executing an application for a passport.

February 10, 1956
[H. R. 5844]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of section numbered 1 of the Act entitled “An Act making an appropriation for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921”, approved June 4, 1920 (22 U. S. C., sec. 214), is amended by striking out “the retention by” and “of the fee of \$1” and by inserting after the word “officials” the following language: to collect and retain the sum of \$2 as the fee.

Approved February 10, 1956.

Passport fees.

41 Stat. 750.

Public Law 404

CHAPTER 32

AN ACT

Authorizing the completion of the initial stage of development for flood control and other purposes in the Russian River Basin, California.

February 10, 1956
[H. R. 7930]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the authorization of \$11,522,000 for accomplishment of the initial stage of the plan for flood control and other purposes in the Russian River Basin, California, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950, there is hereby authorized the completion of the initial stage at an estimated additional cost of \$1,165,000.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved February 10, 1956.

Russian River
Basin, Calif.

64 Stat. 177.

Appropriation.

Public Law 405

CHAPTER 33

JOINT RESOLUTION

To permit FHA Title I repair assistance to new homes damaged by major disasters.

February 10, 1956
[H. J. Res. 471]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following: “Provided, That this clause (iii) shall not be mandatory with respect to the period of occupancy or completion of new residential

Housing.
Repair assist-
ance.
68 Stat. 590.
12 USC 1703.